FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEW REGULATION

17.001 Lease Authority

- (1) The Board of Trustees or designee may enter into leases for space in a building or any part of a building for use by a university or university direct-support organization, including those leases in a research and development park with which the university is affiliated. Leases subject to s. 1010.62 F.S. must be approved by the Board of Governors, in accordance with the Board of Governors Debt Management Guidelines.
- (2) No university shall enter into a lease for 5,000 square feet or more of space in a privately owned building, except upon advertisement for and receipt of competitive bids or proposals as determined by the University. In the case of invitations to bid, the award shall be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. In the case of competitive proposals, the award shall be made to the responsive and responsible proposor whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the University, taking into consideration the price and other criteria set forth in the request for proposals. If the University elects to enter into a negotiation with responding proposers, the President or designee must specify why negotiation will assist the University in achieving the best leasing value for the University. Cost savings related to the University's procurement process are not sufficient justification for negotiation.
 - (a) Exceptions to Competitive Solicitation Requirements:
 - 1. Competitive solicitations shall not be required for renewal of leases as providedhnsidesginwal leas.s

- educational facilities in a research and development park with which the university is affiliated. The university board of trustees or designee must certify in writing that the leasing of such educational facilities is in the best interests of the university and that the exemption from competitive bid requirements is not detrimental to the state, pursuant to s. 1013.17, F.S.
- 6. Competitive solicitations shall not be required when leasing specialized research, medical or educational facilities, if the President or the President's designee certifies in writing that said facility is available from a single source and that compliance with competitive bid requirements would be detrimental to the University.
- 7. Competitive solicitations shall not be required in an emergency, when leasing space is necessary because an existing state-owned or leased space is destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by an act of God, fire, malicious destruction, or structural failure, or by legal action, upon certification by the President or his designee that other University controlled space is not available and the term of any such lease does not exceed 18 months, provided the University may modify the lease to extend it on month to month basis for up to 6 additional months to allow completion of such construction or renovations.
- 8. Competitive solicitations shall not be required when leasing facilities in a hospital or other medical facilities, such as a medical office building, with which the University is affiliated.
- (3) The measurement of leased space shall be based on the method of measurement used by the State University System for gross square feet as described in the current Physical Facilities Space File. A copy of this document is incorporated in this regulation by reference.

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