

SECTION 103

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

Delete Subsection 103-1.05 and replace with the following:

103-1.05 PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS. The successful bidder shall furnish all required Performance and Payment Bonds on forms provided by the Department for the sums specified in the Contract. If no sum is specified, the successful bidder shall comply with AS 36.25.010. The Surety on each bond may be any corporation or partnership authorized to do business in the state as an insurer under AS 21.09 or two individual sureties approved by the Contracting Officer.

If individual sureties are used, two individual sureties must each provide the Department with security assets located in Alaska equal to the penal amount of each bond. Any costs incurred by the Contractor and the individual Surety are subsidiary and shall be borne by the Contractor or the individual Surety. In no event will the Department be liable for these costs.

Individual sureties shall provide security by one, or a combination, of the following methods:

1. Escrow Account, with a federally insured financial institution, in the name of the Department. Acceptable securities include, but are not limited to, cash, treasury notes, bearer instruments having a specific value, or money market certificates.
2. Irrevocable letters of credit, with a financial institution approved by the Contracting Officer.
3. Cashier's or certified check made payable to the State of Alaska issued by financial institutions approved by the Contracting Officer.

These bonds and security assets, as applicable, shall remain in effect for 12 months after the date of final payment or, if longer, until all obligations and liens under this Contract are satisfied, including, but not limited to, obligations under Subsection 107-1.19.

The Department may, in its discretion, notify the bonding company or Surety of any potential default or liability.

The Contractor shall substitute, within five working days, another bond or surety acceptable to the Department if an individual Surety or the Surety on any bond furnished in connection with the Contract:

1. Becomes insolvent or is declared bankrupt;
2. Loses its right to do business in any state affecting the work;
3. Ceases to meet Contract requirements;
4. Fails to furnish reports of financial condition upon request; or
5. Otherwise becomes unacceptable to the Department.

When approved by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor may replace:

1. An individual surety with a corporate surety; or
2. Posted collateral with substitute collateral.

Failure to maintain the specified bonds or to provide substitute bonds when required under this section may be grounds for withholding contract payments until substitute bonding is obtained, and may, in the Department's discretion, be grounds for declaring the Contractor in default.