

Administrative Resolution No. (116) of 2025
Determining the Controls, Requirements, and Cases for
Adopting Limited Tenders, and
the Cases for Adopting Negotiation as Procurement Methods¹

The Director General of the Department of Finance,

After perusal of:

Law No. (5) of 1995 Establishing the Department of Finance;

Law No. (12) of 2020 Concerning Contracts and Warehouse Management in the Government of Dubai (the "**Law**"); and

Decree No. (20) of 2009 Appointing the Director General of the Department of Finance,

Does hereby issue this Resolution.

Definitions
Article (1)

The words and expressions mentioned in this Resolution will have the same meaning assigned to them in the Law.

Controls for Adopting Limited Tenders
Article (2)

Limited tender will be adopted as a Procurement Method subject to the following controls:

1. Limited tender must be adopted in the cases specified in Article (4) of this Resolution.

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¹Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict, the Arabic text will prevail.

2. Invitations to the limited tender must be sent to the Suppliers on the list of pre-qualified Suppliers who meet the conditions set out in paragraph (b) of Article (3) of this Resolution.
3. The competent Committee's recommendation to adopt the limited tender Procurement Method for contracting with a Supplier must state its reasons.
4. The decision to adopt the limited tender Procurement Method for contracting with a Supplier must be issued by the Director General.

Lists of Pre-qualified Suppliers for Limited Tenders Article (3)

- a. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article (13) of the Law, a Government Entity will create a list of pre-qualified Suppliers whose activities are relevant to its business, and who may be contracted with through a limited tender.
- b. To be included on the list referred to in paragraph (a) of this Article, a Supplier must:
 1. possess technical competence commensurate with the subject matter of the Procurement;
 2. demonstrate adequate financial solvency commensurate with the scope of the Procurement; and
 3. maintain a good reputation and sound commercial standing.

Cases for Adopting Limited Tenders Article (4)

Limited tender will be adopted as a Procurement Method in any of the following cases:

1. where the Purchases are available from a limited number of Suppliers due to their highly specialised nature;
2. where the value of the Purchases is limited or modest, such that it would be disproportionate to expend the time and cost required to review and evaluate a large number of Bids;
3. where restricting participation in the Procurement to a limited number of Suppliers is necessary to support the Emirate's economy; or
4. where the nature of the Purchases requires limiting participation to a specified number of pre-qualified Suppliers.

Cases for Adopting Negotiation Article (5)

In addition to the cases stipulated in Article (48) of the Law, negotiation will be adopted as a Procurement Method in any of the following cases:

1. where the subject of the Contract involves the execution of works or the provision of technical or consultancy services that require specialised technical expertise or particular professional knowledge;
2. where the Purchases relate to animals of any kind;
3. where the subject of the Contract involves the implementation of works or the provision of services outside the Emirate;
4. where the subject of the Contract involves the leasing of real property;
5. where a natural disaster, an emergency, or a force majeure event requires expedited Procurement; or
6. where Purchases or contracting are carried out for the purposes of piloting or testing projects.

Publication and Commencement Article (6)

This Resolution will be published in the Official Gazette and will come into force on the day on which it is published.

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