



New Bill Brings Changes to State Procurement

The passage of Senate Bill 175 has created notable changes to the state's procurement practices. All changes became effective on July 1, 2008. The most noted changes are:

- **Public Bid Openings are now only offered online** – Sealed bids shall be opened no earlier than the due date and time designated in the RFx. After the Bid opening date expires, additional information will be available in the Notice of Intent to Award (NOIA) or Notice of Award (NOA) posted on the Georgia Procurement Registry (GPR) website and the [eQuote Public Site](#), if applicable.

- **Public Award Information** – Award information shall be posted for public display on the GPR, which will include the name of the successful vendor, the price for which the contract may be awarded, and the commodities or services to be covered by the contract. The names of all persons whose bids, offers, or proposals were rejected by the department, along with a statement detailing the reason for the rejection, will be displayed as well.

- **Non-Disclosure of Audited Financial Statements** – Audited financial statements not otherwise made publicly available must be clearly labeled as “Confidential Audited Financials”. Failure to do so will waive the right to withhold this information from public disclosure.

The abovementioned changes will be documented in the Georgia Procurement Manual, Georgia Vendor Manual and Georgia Procurement Registry in the near future. ■