

Design / Build Project Delivery Method

The design / build procurement system is not allowed under Iowa's competitive bidding laws unless the criteria to be used to select the successful bidder is lowest price, assuming bidder responsibility.²⁷ Design/build projects are rarely, if ever, structured to award the project to the lowest bidder. While some other states allow this method of project delivery system for public projects, design/build has not been utilized to any real extent in the public sector in Iowa because of the competitive bidding requirements.

²⁷ *Id.*