

Effective Date: February 9, 2009

**Policy Regarding
Requirement of Two (2) bids**

I. Purpose

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota ("HRA") has the power to engage in development and redevelopment activities under Minnesota Law, Chapter 469. To accomplish its objectives under Chapter 469, the HRA (i) awards financial assistance and contracts to profit and not-for-profit applicants, and (ii) contracts with community development corporations and other similar entities ("Conduit Organizations") to operate programs on behalf of the HRA.

The purpose of this policy is to require two (2) written bids for construction work by all recipients of HRA or Conduit Organizations Contracts and this requirement will also apply to single family residences. This policy is effective on the Effective Date for all new and pending requests for HRA or Conduit Organizations financial assistance and HRA Contracts not approved by the HRA Board of Commissioners. This Policy applies to the contracts for the entire project even though only a portion of the improvements are being funded with public assistance.

This policy does not apply to (i) those portions of a HRA or Conduit Organizations Contract that are self-performed by the recipient of the HRA or Conduit Organizations Contract or (ii) contracts involving 'soft costs' i.e. professional services.

II. Definitions

Contract(s) means any HRA or Conduit Organizations agreement or City STAR (i.e. sales tax) agreement involving financial assistance with a value of \$20,000 or more in any of the following forms: grant; contribution of personal or real property; with respect to a loan given by the HRA or Conduit Organizations, the present value of the difference in the interest rate given by the HRA or Conduit Organizations and that rate commercially available to the recipient; reduction or deferral of any tax, assessment or fee; guaranty of any loan, lease or other obligation; tax increment financing; tax credits; or other HRA or Conduit Organizations financial participation. Conduit bonds and bond host approval are excluded from this definition and this policy.

III. Minimum of 2 Bid requirement-All contracts.

For all Contracts, whether for single family residence or non single family residence, in any of the forms described in Section II above, each applicant and recipient of public financial assistance must request and obtain at least two (2) written bids for the construction work to be performed under the Contract by the general contractor/construction manager and subcontractors and award the contract or contracts to the lowest responsible bidder.

IV. Waiver/Exemption

1. The requirements of this Policy may be waived in whole or in part by the HRA Executive Director or his/her designee after consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of a waiver, and upon a showing by the applicant of a compelling public purpose.
2. Subcontracts with entities that are the sole providers of a product or service are exempt from the competitive bid requirements of this Policy.