

38. A procuring entity may:

Rejection of bids

- (a) reject all bids at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid, without incurring thereby any liability to the bidders; and
- (b) cancel the procurement proceedings in the public interest, without thereby incurring any liability to the bidders.

39. (1) The period of validity for a bid shall be the period specified in the tender documents.

Validity period of bids, modification and withdrawal of tender

(2) A procuring entity may request suppliers or contractors to extend the period of validity for an additional specified period of time.

(3) A supplier or contractor may refuse the request for the extension of bid, in which case the effectiveness of its bid will terminate upon the expiration of the un-extended period of effectiveness.

(4) A supplier or contractor may modify or withdraw its bid prior to the deadline for the submission of bids.

(5) The modification or notice of withdrawal is effective if it is received by the procurement entity before the deadline for the submission of tenders.

40. All bids shall be submitted before the deadline or date specified in the tender documents or any extension of the deadline for submission and the procuring entity shall:

Bid opening

- (a) permit attendees to examine the envelope in which the bids have been submitted to ascertain that the bids have not been tampered with;
- (b) cause all bids to be opened in public, in the presence of the bidders or their representatives and any interested members of the public;