

003 AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT.
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SUBARTICLE 3-5.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

3-5.1 General Requirements of the Contract Bond: Upon award, furnish to the Department, and maintain in effect throughout the life of the Contract, an acceptable Contract Bond in a sum at least equal to the amount of the Contract. Execute such Contract Bond on Department Form 375-020-27. Obtain the Contract Bond from a Surety licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida, meeting all of the requirements of the laws of Florida and the regulations of the Department, and having the Department's approval. Ensure that the Surety's Florida Licensed Insurance Agent's name, address, and telephone number is clearly stated on the Contract Bond form.

The Department may waive the requirement for all or a portion of a Contract Bond if:

1. The Contract amount is \$250,000 or less, and the Department determines that the project is of a noncritical nature and that nonperformance will not endanger the public health, safety, or property;
2. The Contractor is a qualified nonprofit agency for the blind or for the other severely handicapped under Section 413.036(2), Florida Statutes; or,
3. The Contractor uses a subcontractor that is a qualified nonprofit agency for the blind or for the other severely handicapped under Section 413.036(2), Florida Statutes. However, the Department may not waive more than the amount of the subcontract.

The Department may require alternate means of security if it waives the requirement for a Contract Bond.