



Louisiana Legislative Auditor *Audit Risk Alert*

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SUBJECT: Updates to Public Bid Law Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Legal Services Section periodically updates the legal assistance documents on its website to reflect changes in the law. [The Public Bid Law Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) document is updated annually for the current amount at which public works contracts and material and supplies contracts must be bid out, as well as any other changes in the law that affects public procurement.

For example, the FAQ document was updated in 2018 for these matters:

- Attorney General (AG) Opinion No. 17-0152 relative to an alternative method that a parish, municipality, or political subdivision may use to “piggyback” off of a contract procured by another political subdivision; and AG Opinion No. 16-0082 relative to contracts for routine and preventative maintenance dredging.
- [Act 49 of the 2017 Legislative Session](#) relative to contractors providing licensing certifications on bid envelopes.
- [Act 399 of the 2017 Legislative Session](#), which provides that a local auditee that is noncompliant with the audit law (Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513) cannot enter into a contract subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq) that will be financed with public funds provided directly or indirectly by the state of Louisiana, including federal funds passed through the state.

Related practice aids in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* are also updated annually to reflect changes in the public bid law.

We advise the CPAs on the Legislative Auditor's approved list to review the revised [Public Bid Law FAQ](#) at least annually, and share the information with their local auditee clients.

If you have any questions about the Public Bid Law FAQ, please call the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Legal Services section at (225) 339-3871. If you have any questions about the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* revisions, please contact Gayle Fransen at gfransen@lla.la.gov or (225) 339-3874; or Diane Allison at dallison@lla.la.gov or (225) 339-3812.