

The agency selection committee shall evaluate each of the persons or firms interviewed on the basis of the following criteria:

- (1) Past performance.
- (2) The ability of professional personnel.
- (3) Willingness to meet time and budget requirements.
- (4) Location, with higher priority given to firms headquartered in North Dakota.
- (5) Recent, current, and projected workloads of the persons or firms.
- (6) Related experience on similar projects.
- (7) Recent and current work for the agency.
- (8) Fees and expenses, which must be identified on a standard information submission form approved by the director of the office of management and budget and issued by the agency selection committee for the project. This subdivision (8) does not apply to section 24-02-07.3, unless the project is on the state capitol grounds and only involves state funds. This subdivision also does not apply to any state agencies utilizing federal funds, when the use of such funds prohibit this type of criteria.

Based upon these evaluations, the agency selection committee shall select the three which, in its judgment, are most qualified, ranking the three in priority order. The agency selection committee's report ranking the interviewed persons or firms must be in writing and must include data substantiating its determinations. This data must be available to the public upon written request.