

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- reported and referred to the Committee on Rules -- Rules Committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to contracts awarded by the New York city transit authority and the metropolitan commuter transportation authority

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 8 of section 1209 of the  
2 public authorities law, as added by chapter 929 of the laws of 1986, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (b) The authority may designate any officer or employee to open the  
5 bids at the time and place bids are to be opened and may designate an  
6 officer to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Such  
7 designee shall make a record of all bids in such form and detail as the  
8 authority shall prescribe. All bids received shall be publicly opened  
9 and read at the time ~~[and]~~, place and in the manner specified in the  
10 advertisement or specified at the time of solicitation, or to which the  
11 opening and reading or posting have been adjourned by the authority,  
12 provided that any sealed bid may be received and secured through an  
13 electronic platform as permitted by the authority, and that any sealed  
14 bid received electronically is made public at the same time as any  
15 competing paper bid. The authority shall, at minimum, provide the same  
16 opportunity and time for submitting sealed bids physically as for sealed  
17 bids submitted electronically, and shall provide the opportunity for  
18 bidders to submit sealed bids physically any time that it provides the  
19 opportunity to submit sealed electronic bids. In addition, the authority  
20 shall establish a process for accommodating force majeure events that  
21 prevent the submission of a sealed electronic bid, including but not  
22 limited to internet and power outage events, and for automatically

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 confirming receipt of any sealed electronic bid received. All bidders  
2 shall be notified of the time and place of any such adjournment.

3 § 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 1265-a of the public  
4 authorities law, as added by chapter 929 of the laws of 1986, is amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 (b) The authority may designate any officer or employee to open the  
7 bids at the time and place bids are to be opened and may designate an  
8 officer to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Such  
9 designee shall make a record of all bids in such form and detail as the  
10 authority shall prescribe. All bids received shall be publicly opened  
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24 internet and power outage events, and for automatically confirming  
25 receipt of any sealed electronic bid received. All bidders shall be  
26 notified of the time and place of any such adjournment.

27 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.