

8. Nothing in this Section is intended to affect the existing powers of the Authority to settle actions pending before the courts.

F. BID PROTEST PROCEDURES.

1. In a protest to an invitation to bid or request for proposals procurement, no submissions made after the bid or proposal opening which amend or supplement the bid or proposal shall be considered.
2. In a protest to an invitation to negotiate procurement, no submissions made after the Authority announces its intent to award a contract, reject all replies, or withdraw the solicitation which amend or supplement the reply shall be considered.
3. Unless otherwise provided by statute, the burden of proof shall rest with the party protesting the proposed Authority action.
4. The standard of proof for such proceedings shall be whether the proposed action was clearly erroneous, contrary to competition, arbitrary, or capricious.
5. Prior to the commencement of a formal protest proceeding, the Authority may take informal disposition of any bid protest by unilateral corrective action, stipulation, agreed settlement, or consent order.