

NYS Finance Law Section 135: Separate Specifications For Contract Work For The State.

Section 135. Separate specifications for contract work for the state. Every officer, board, department, commission or commissions, charged with the duty of preparing specifications or awarding or entering into contracts for the erection, construction or alteration of buildings, for the State, when the entire cost of such work shall exceed fifty thousand dollars, must have prepared separate specifications for each of the following three subdivisions of the work to be performed:

1. Plumbing and gas fitting.
2. Steam heating, hot water heating, ventilating and air conditioning apparatus.
3. Electric wiring and standard illuminating fixtures.

Such specifications must be so drawn as to permit separate and independent bidding upon each of the above three subdivisions of work.

All contracts hereafter awarded by the State or a department, board, commissioner or officer thereof, for the erection, construction or alteration of buildings, or any part thereof, shall award the three subdivisions of the above specified work separately to responsible and reliable persons, firms or corporations engaged in these classes of work. A contract for one or more buildings in any project shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder for all the buildings included in the specifications.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the authorities in charge of any State building, from performing any such branches of work by or through their regular employees, or in the case of public institutions, by the inmates thereof.