

Section 15. Procurement Code Cone of Silence

(1) Any verbal or written communication between a Proposer or its representatives, employees or agents and the Authority or any of its members, or the Manager or any of Manager's staff, consultants or agents regarding a solicitation is strictly prohibited from the date of advertisement of the solicitation through the award of a contract or the final ranking of respondents, whichever occurs first.

(2) The following exceptions apply to the cone of silence set forth in subsection (1):

(a) the written response to the solicitation, including bids, proposals and letters of interest;

(b) communications expressly allowed by the solicitation;

(c) any communication made pursuant to Sections 10, 11 or 12 of the Procurement Code;

(d) any communication made with Airport Legal Counsel; and

(e) any communications made on the record at a public noticed meeting of the Authority.

(3) Any person or entity that communicates with the Authority or any of its members, or the Manager or any of Manager's staff, consultants or agents regarding a solicitation during the cone of silence, and is not a Proposer at the time of such communication, but later becomes a Proposer with regard to the solicitation, shall be deemed to have violated the cone of silence.

(4) Any violation of the requirements of this Section shall immediately and permanently disqualify the violator from being considered for the solicitation pursuant to which the violation occurred.