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AWARD OF CONTRACT

RECOMMENDATION:

Architects should encourage earliest possible award of contract after receipt of bids. Maximum delay should be clearly noted in "Instructions to Bidders" and should be held to thirty (30) days or less.

COMMENTS:

- A. Contractors should take special care to insure that sub-bidders' quotations will be effective for the specified delay.
- B. "Time for Completion" should be computed from the date of signing the contract, ten days after receipt of "Notice to Proceed" or issuance of the building permit, whichever is later.
- C. Extended delay in award of contract ties up bidder's staff, bonding, etc., which adversely affects construction costs (and bids).
- D. Architects should UNOFFICIALLY keep bidders posted as to progress of Owners toward award of contract. (Architect should not place himself in the position of being responsible for the premature ordering of materials, etc. by the Contractor.)