1 01 NCAC 05B .0503 is amended as published in 34:18 NCR 1707 as follows: 2 3 01 NCAC 05B .0503 **NEGOTIATION** 4 (a) If the Purchasing Agency does not receive a Responsive Offer to a Solicitation and determines that soliciting Offers 5 again would not yield a different result, the The Purchasing Agency may negotiate with one or more Responsive 6 Vendors Vendors in the Competitive Range or reject all Offers under the provisions of Rule .0501 of this Subchapter 7 and negotiate with one or more sources of supply that may be capable of satisfying the requirement. Negotiations may 8 also be conducted under conditions that merit a waiver of Competition pursuant to Rule .1401 of this Section. 9 (b) Negotiations shall be conducted by the Purchasing Agency if the Solicitation is under its Bid Value Benchmark or 10 General Delegation. A Purchasing Agency may request the participation of the Division in any Negotiation. 11 (c) Negotiations shall be memorialized by a written agreement executed by the parties and issued by the Division. 12 (d) All Negotiation results shall be documented in writing for public record. 13 14 Authority G.S. 143-52; 143-53; 143-60; History Note: 15 Eff. February 1, 1996; Amended Eff. April 1, 1999; 16 Readopted Eff. October 1, 2019; 17 18 Amended Eff. August 1, 2020. 19

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