

Frequently Asked Questions for Alabama Builds Website

- Q: If the Awarding Authority advertises for bids for public works involving an amount more than \$100,000.00 on the Alabama Builds website, is it also required to advertise in the newspaper?**
- A: Yes, Advertisement for Bids shall still be in accordance with Code of Alabama 1975, Section 39-2-2 (a) (2) in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which the improvements or some part thereof is to be made. Advertising simultaneously on Alabama Builds increases transparency, expands competition, and assists with coordinating bid openings for your public works projects, but is not required except for municipalities advertising on a bulletin board in lieu of in a local newspaper in accordance with 39-2-2(a)(2)b. Note also, in accordance with Section 39-2-2(b)(2), as a safe harbor, an awarding authority can still enter into a contract for public works if the advertisement was submitted to the newspaper in accordance with Section 39-2-2 (a) (2) and to Alabama Builds.
- Q: Who can submit an Advertisement for Bids to be posted on the Alabama Builds website?**
- A: Awarding Authorities and Lead Design Professionals.
- Q: What is the process for submitting an Advertisement for Bids to be posted on the Alabama Builds website?**
- A: Awarding Authorities and Lead Design Professionals must set up an account on the Alabama Builds website. Only one account can be set up per email address. Please see the "How It Works" for step-by-step instructions.
- Q: What types of documents can be submitted for the Advertisement for Bids?**
- A: Microsoft Word or an accessibility compliant Adobe PDF. Scanned documents will not be accepted.
- Q: How long before the required posting date should an Advertisement for Bids be submitted for posting?**
- A: Five (5) days to allow for review and resubmission of the advertisement.
- Q: What is the length of time that an Advertisement for Bids will be posted on the Alabama Builds website?**
- A: The advertisement will be posted from the approved posting date through the bid due date stated on the advertisement.
- Q: Can an Advertisement for Bids be revised after the advertisement has been posted?**
- A: Once the advertisement has been posted, it cannot be modified by the submitter. If the advertisement contains errors or omissions, or the bid due date needs to be updated, please send a written request to alabamabuilds@rpm.alabama.gov.
- Q: How can an Advertisement for Bids be cancelled or removed from the Alabama Builds website?**
- A: Contact alabamabuilds@rpm.alabama.gov with a written request.
- Q: Where can a sample Advertisement for Bids be obtained?**
- A: A sample Advertisement for Bids can be obtained from https://dcm.alabama.gov/PDF/forms/C-1_Adv_Bids.pdf.
- Q: Will the submitter receive a Proof of Publication?**
- A: Yes.
- Q: Which projects advertised on Alabama Builds are required to have plans and specifications submitted to [DCM for plan review](#), and receive a DCM Plan Review Comment Letter with an Approved status, prior to receiving bids?**
- A: Municipal and County-owned/funded projects (for ADA Standards only), Public K-12, Public Universities, and State Agencies.