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Prior law, relative to public contracts, provided for the time period for holding bids and the issuance of work orders to commence work.

New law retains prior law and requires that the contractor and public entity execute the contract not later than 45 days from the public entity's acceptance of the lowest responsible bid if the contractor has provided all necessary documents within ten days of bid opening and no bid challenge has been filed with the public entity.

Effective July 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 38:2215(C) and (D); adds R.S. 38:2215(E))