

Sec. 10-287c-21. Approval of plans and site. (Reference: Section 10-291)

(a) **Final Plans.** The applicant shall file with the Commissioners of Education and Construction Services, in such manner as the Commissioner of Construction Services may prescribe, final plans including: (1) one copy of the final plans and specifications for the project, or a phase of the project, as prepared for bidding and which specify the choice of site for the project; (2) A professional cost estimate of such project or phase and of any site acquisition; and (3) certification that the documents described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection have been approved by the applicant and building committee.

(b) **Review of Plans.** The Commissioners of Education and Construction Services shall review final plans and specifications to ensure that such plans and specifications comply with applicable statutes, regulations, and codes for school construction, and with the educational specifications for the project.

(c) **Grant Commitment and Authorization to Seek Bids.** No phase of site development or construction or purchase order in connection with a school building project for which state assistance is sought shall go out to bid until the applicant has received written notification from the Commissioner of Construction Services that: (1) the Commissioner of Construction Services has approved the final plans and specifications for such phase of the project for conformity with the requirements of (A) the State Fire Marshal (B) the Department of Public Health, (C) the life-cycle cost analysis approved by the Commissioner of Construction Services, and (D) the standards adopted by the State Building Inspector for design and construction of public buildings to meet the needs of disabled persons; (2) the final plans and specifications for such phase of the project comply with the educational specifications for the project; and (3) the Commissioner of Construction Services has approved the site of the project.

(d) **Cause for Withholding of Grant Payments and Repayment of Grants.** All school building projects may be subject to inspection by the Commissioner of Construction Services. Such inspection may determine that a project has not met the conditions of the original application if: (1) the project does not satisfy fire, safety, health or other applicable codes; (2) the project deviates materially from the final plans and specifications as approved by the applicant and the Commissioners of Education and Construction Services; (3) the project is found to have violated any other provision of Chapter 173 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Commissioner of Construction Services shall notify the applicant in writing within 60 days of the results of an inspection. Such notice shall specify those violations which may result in withholding of payments and shall specify how the applicant shall respond in order to meet the conditions of the original application. Failure of the applicant to respond adequately shall be cause for the Commissioner of Construction Services to withhold payments for such projects or order the repayment of grant amounts already paid for such project.

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