Each bid proposal for a public works project must include a "public copy" to be available for public inspection upon the opening of bids. Bid proposals that do not include a copy for public inspection will be deemed nonresponsive.

For further information on how to comply with this statutory requirement, see R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 37-2-18(b) and (j). Also see Procurement Regulation 5.11, and in addition, for highway and bridge projects, also see Procurement Regulation 5.13, accessible at www.purchasing.ri.gov.