

# PNRC updates requirements for government bid notices

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The Public Notice Resource Center has completed a compilation of state statutes that require counties, townships/cities, and schools to publish bid notices in newspapers. Within the past five years, some states have replaced newspaper publication with Internet posting for certain notices, but newspaper publication dominates. Some key observations include:

- Almost all states have statutes that require local governments to publish some types of bid notices in newspapers.
- A few statutes require the bid to be published in a newspaper only if the

estimated cost exceeds an amount set by statute.

- The information that is required in bid notices is not always specific in statutes.
- Some of the statutes are project specific.
- Nevada appears to be the state that has passed the most changes to include Internet posting of bids if the local government maintains an Internet website, in addition to newspaper publication. The new law allows prospective bidders to submit their proposals to sell property or services valued at more than \$50,000 to a website.

The results of the PNRC study can be found at [www.pnrc.net](http://www.pnrc.net).