

## **11. ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING CONTRACTS**

### **11.01 INTRODUCTION**

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There are statutory requirements governing the State's process for selecting the professional services of private architectural, landscape architectural, engineering, environmental, land surveying, and construction management firms. The contracts for these professional services are commonly referred to as A&E agreements. DGS approval is not required for A&E agreements awarded pursuant to Government Code section 4525 et seq. and as each agency will need to identify their authority for these agreements, including regulations unique to the agency, DGS/OLS does not review these contracts.

Legal authorities include: Article XXII, California Constitution; GC §§ 4525 et seq.; and PCC § 6106. However, some agencies are subject to alternative statutory authority for specific types of projects. Therefore, it is essential for contracting staff to consult their department's attorneys to ensure the correct statutory process and regulations are followed.