

Statute Revision:

There are several recent revisions concerning insurance that will affect any construction project the Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ).

Effective January 1, 2004, it amends the exemption language to say that for construction classes, vendors can no longer get a Workers Compensation Insurance exemption as sole proprietor or partner. The exemption allowed for construction will be limited to three (3) corporate officers. It further restrict construction Workers Compensation Insurance exemptions to only three (3) officers on file with the Secretary of State with each one having a minimum of 10 percent stock ownership, and limits it to a maximum of three (3) exemptions regardless of the number of affiliated corporations.

Pursuant to Chapter 440, Florida Statutes:

During the contract term, the contractor at its sole expense shall provide commercial insurance of such a type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the Contract, which, as a minimum, shall be: Workers' Compensations and Employer's Liability insurance in accordance with Chapter 440 of the Florida Statutes, with a minimum employers' liability limits of \$100,000 per accident, and \$100,000 per person, and \$500,000 policy aggregate. Such policy shall cover all employees engaged in any contract work. (FSCJ requires a minimum of \$5,000,000 policy aggregate for major construction projects. A lower policy aggregate may be required for small construction projects; however, it will never be lower than the State minimum of \$500,000.)

Employers who have employees who are engaged in work in Florida must use Florida rates, rules, and classifications for those employees. Independent contractors, sole proprietors and partners in the construction industry cannot elect to be exempt and must maintain workers' compensation insurance.

