§ 356.21 Noncompetitive bids. We award securities to noncompetitive bidders at the price equivalent to the weighted average yield or discount rate of accepted competitive bids.


§ 356.21 How are awards at the high yield or discount rate calculated?

(a) Awards to submitters. We generally prorate bids at the highest accepted yield or discount rate under §356.20(a)(2) of this part. For example, if 80.15% is the announced percentage at the highest yield or discount rate, we award 80.15% of the amount of each bid at that yield or rate. A bid for $100 million at the highest accepted yield or discount rate would be awarded $80,150,000 in this example. We always make awards for at least the minimum to bid, and above that amount we make awards in the appropriate multiple to bid. For example, Treasury bills may be issued with a minimum to bid of $100 and multiples to bid of $100. Say we accept an $18,000 bid at the high discount rate, and the percent awarded at the high discount rate is 88.27%. We would award $15,900 to that bidder, which is an upward adjustment from $15,888.60 ($18,000 × .8827) to the nearest multiple of $100. If we were to award 4.65% of bids at the highest accepted rate, for example, the award for a $100 bid at that rate would be $100, rather than $4.65, in order to meet the minimum to bid for a bill issue.

(b) Awards to customers. The same prorating rules apply to customers as apply to submitters. Depository institutions and dealers, whether submitters or intermediaries, are responsible for prorating awards for their customers at the same percentage that we announce. For example, if 80.15% is the announced percentage at the highest yield or discount rate, then each customer bid at that yield or rate must be awarded 80.15%.

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§ 356.22 Does the Treasury have any limitations on auction awards?

(a) Awards to noncompetitive bidders. The maximum award to any non-competitive bidder is $5 million. This limit does not apply to bidders bidding solely through TreasuryDirect® or Legacy Treasury Direct® reinvestment requests.

(b) Awards to competitive bidders. The maximum award is 35 percent of the offering amount less the bidder’s net long position as reportable under §356.13. For example, in a note auction with a $10 billion offering amount, and therefore a maximum award of $3.5 billion, a bidder with a reported net long position of $1 billion could receive a maximum auction award of $2.5 billion. When the bids and net long positions of more than one person or entity must be combined, as is the case with investment advisers and controlled accounts (See §356.15(c).), we will use this combined amount for the purpose of this 35 percent award limit.


§ 356.23 How are the auction results announced?

(a) After the conclusion of the auction, we will announce the auction results through a press release that is available on our Web site at http://www.treasurydirect.gov.

(b) The press release will include such information as:

(1) The amounts of bids we accepted and the amount of securities we awarded;
(2) The range of accepted yields or discount rates;
(3) The proration percentage;
(4) The interest rate for a note or bond;
(5) A breakdown of the amounts of noncompetitive and competitive bids we accepted from, and awarded to, the public;
(6) The amounts of bids tendered and accepted from the Federal Reserve Banks for their own accounts;
(7) The bid-to-cover ratio; and
(8) Other information that we may decide to include.

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