

BIDDING / PURCHASING PROCEDURES

The Superintendent shall be responsible for all purchasing, contracting, competitive bidding, and receiving and processing of all bid protests, in accordance with the Arizona school district procurement rules, including A.A.C. R7-2-1141 *et seq.* A contract shall not be awarded to an entity that does not verify employment eligibility of each employee through the E-verify program in compliance with A.R.S. 23-214 subsection A. Each contract shall contain the warranties required by A.R.S. 41-4401 relative to the E-verify requirements.

The Superintendent shall prepare regulations to assure the District conforms to proper procedures and practices.

Purchases Not Requiring Bidding

Purchases of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less may be made at the discretion of the Superintendent. Such procurements are not subject to competitive purchasing requirements, however reasonable judgment should be used to ensure the purchases are advantageous to the District.

Verbal price quotations will be requested from at least three (3) vendors for a transaction in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) but less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The price quotations should be shown on, or attached to, the related requisition form. If three (3) verbal quotations cannot be obtained, documentation showing the vendors contacted that did not offer price quotations, or explaining why price quotations were not obtained, shall be maintained on file in the District office.

Written price quotations will be requested from at least three (3) vendors for transactions of at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) but not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). If three (3) written price quotations cannot be obtained, documentation showing the vendors contacted that did not offer written price quotations, or explaining why written price quotations were not obtained, shall be maintained on file in the District office.

The District is not required to engage in competitive bidding in order to place a student in a private school that provides special education services if such placement is prescribed in the student's individualized education program and the private school has been approved by the Department of Education Division of Special Education pursuant to A.R.S. 15-765. The placement is not subject to rules adopted by the State Board of Education before November 24, 2009 pursuant to A.R.S. 15-213.

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The District may, without competitive bidding, purchase or contract for any products, materials and services directly from Arizona Industries for the Blind, certified nonprofit agencies that serve individuals with disabilities and Arizona Correctional Industries if the delivery and quality of the goods, materials or services meet the District's reasonable requirements.

Intergovernmental agreements and contracts between school districts or between the District and other governing bodies as provided in A.R.S. 11-952 are exempt from competitive bidding under the procurement rules adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to A.R.S. 15-213.

The District is not required to engage in competitive bidding to make a decision to participate in insurance programs authorized by A.R.S. 15-382.

The District is not required to obtain bid security for the construction-manager-at-risk method of project delivery.

Unless otherwise provided by law, contracts for materials or services and contracts for job-order-contracting construction services may be entered into if the duration of the contract and the conditions of renewal or extension, if any, are included in the invitation for bids or the request for proposals and if monies are available for the first fiscal period at the time the contract is executed. The duration of contracts for materials or services and contracts for job-order-contracting construction services shall be limited to no more than five (5) years unless the Board determines that a contract of longer duration would be advantageous to the District. Once determined, the decision should be memorialized in meeting minutes and in the contract/bid file. Payment and performance obligations for succeeding fiscal periods are subject to the availability and appropriation of monies. The maximum dollar amount of an individual job order for a job-order-contracting construction service shall be one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or as determined by the Board.

Online Bidding

Until such time as the State Board of Education adopts rules for the procurement of goods and information services by school districts and charter schools using electronic, online bidding, the District may procure goods and information services pursuant to A.R.S. 41-2671 through 2673 using the rules adopted by the Department of Administration in implementing 41-2671 through 2673.

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Purchases Requiring Bidding

Sealed bids and proposals shall be requested for transactions to purchase construction, materials, or services costing more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). All transactions must comply with the requirements of the Arizona Administrative Code and the Uniform System of Financial Records.

Registered Sex Offender Prohibition

All purchase orders, agreements to purchase, and contracts for services to be provided by personnel other than District employees must include the following statement on the document:

Registered Sex Offender Restriction. Pursuant to this order, the named vendor agrees by acceptance of this order that no employee of the vendor or a subcontractor of the vendor, who has been adjudicated to be a registered sex offender, will perform work on District premises or equipment at any time when District students are, or are reasonably expected to be, present. The vendor further agrees by acceptance of this order that a violation of this condition shall be considered a material breach and may result in a cancellation of the order at the District's discretion.

Required Scrutinized Business Operations Clause

All contracts for District purchase of goods or services shall include a clause requiring the contractor offering the goods or services to certify that the contractor does not have scrutinized business services in Sudan nor in Iran.

The District through the Superintendent shall:

- Verify that the offeror does not appear on the most recent list prepared by the Arizona Central Procurement Officer of parties excluded from Arizona contracts.
- Notify the State Central Procurement Officer of any contractor the District suspects has submitted a false certification.

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LEGAL REF.:	A.R.S. 11-952	15-382	38-503
	15-213	15-765	38-511
	15-213.01	15-910.02	39-121
	15-213.02	23-214	41-2632
	15-239	34-101 <i>et seq.</i>	41-2636
	15-323	35-391 <i>et seq.</i>	41-4401
	15-342	35-393 <i>et seq.</i>	
	A.G.O. I83-136	I87-035	I06-002
	A.A.C. R7-2-1001 <i>et seq.</i>		
	USFR VI-G-8 <i>et seq.</i>		

CROSS REF.: BCB - Board Member Conflict of Interest
 DJG - Vendor/Contractor Relations
 GBEEA - Staff Conflict of Interest
 JLIF - Sex Offender Notification

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