

DATE OF MEETING: March 8, 2011

TITLE: Approval of Proposed Revisions to Policy DJE Regarding Bidding/Purchasing Procedures.

BACKGROUND: On February 8, 2011, Governing Board Policy DJE Regarding Bidding/Purchasing Procedures was presented for revision to reflect the new statutory increase in the sealed bid threshold from approximately \$32,000 to a flat rate of \$50,000.

The legislature recently passed HB2725 regarding additional procurements that do not require bidding by school districts. Revisions to the attached Policy and its accompanying Regulation reflect that new language.

Changes in state statute made recently by the Legislature clarify that certain procurements are not subject to normal procurement procedures, namely, placement of special education students in a program required by the student's IEP. In addition, although the exemption of intergovernmental agreements and contracts between school districts as well as between school districts and other governing bodies is already provided in regulation DJE-R, it is recommended that the exemptions also be acknowledged in Board policy. Also, the authority given for school districts to engage in online bidding by A.R.S. 41-2671 through 2673 is added to the document model to formalize that the Governing Board sanctions that authority.

Revisions to the Policy will become effective on July 1, 2011.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for the Board's approval, which is recommended by the administration.

NITIATED BY:

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Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: March 1, 2011

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