

BP 7210 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Upon approval by the School Board, the Superintendent or Designee may contract for the services of an architect, engineer or land surveyor for any approved project in accordance with law.

(cf. 3312 - Contracts)

Note: 4 AAC 31.065 requires that contracts for consultant services funded by state aid of more than \$50,000 be advertised and awarded to the most qualified offeror, and mandates district procedures for administrative review of complaints by aggrieved offerors.

The Superintendent or Designee shall:

1. Develop criteria for the selection of professional consultants.
2. Recommend a list of professional consultants for Board approval.
3. Provide pertinent information to facilitate Board approval on contracts for professional services.
4. Provide a procedure for an administrative hearing for unsuccessful contractors in accordance with law.

Note: AS 36.90.300 requires an indemnification clause protecting school districts who enter into construction-related professional services contracts. The clause must read substantially as follows: The consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the contracting agency from and against any claim of, or liability for, negligent acts, errors, and omissions of the consultant under this agreement. The consultant is not required to indemnify, defend, or hold harmless the contracting agency for a claim of, or liability for, the independent negligent acts, errors, and omissions of the contracting agency. If there is a claim of, or liability for, a joint negligent act, error, or omission of the consultant and the contracting agency, the indemnification, defense, and hold harmless obligation of this provision shall be apportioned on a comparative fault basis. In this provision, "consultant" and "contracting agency" include the employees, agents, and contractors who are directly responsible, respectively, to each. In this provision, "independent negligent acts, errors, and omissions" means negligence other than in the contracting agency's selection, administration, monitoring, or controlling of the consultant, or in approving or accepting the consultant's work.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 31.065 Selection of designers and construction managers

ALASKA STATUTES

36.90.300 Indemnification, defense, and hold harmless provision in certain construction-related contracts

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