

PURCHASING AND ACQUISITION

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PURCHASING  
AUTHORITY

The Board delegates to the Superintendent or designee the authority to make budgeted purchases for goods or services. However, any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services that costs ~~\$250,000~~ \$50,000 or more, except as provided below, ~~regardless of whether the goods or services are competitively purchased~~, shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place.

The Superintendent is not required to obtain Board approval for the following types of budgeted purchases, regardless of cost:

1. A purchase made pursuant to a Board-approved inter-local contract or a cooperative purchasing program, in accordance with law;
2. A purchase made through a state purchasing program that satisfies the District's obligation for competitive purchasing [see CH(LEGAL)]; or
3. A continuing or periodic purchase under a Board-approved bid or contract.

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METHOD

The Board delegates to the Superintendent or designee the authority to determine the method of purchasing in accordance with CH(LEGAL).

COMPETITIVE  
BIDDING

If competitive bidding is chosen as the purchasing method, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare bid specifications. All bids shall be submitted in accordance with administrative regulations. All bidders shall be invited to attend the bid opening. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening. Bids received after the specified time shall not be considered.

The District may reject any and all bids.

COMPETITIVE  
SEALED  
PROPOSALS

If competitive sealed proposals are chosen as the purchasing method, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare the request for proposals and/or specifications for items to be purchased. All proposals shall be submitted in accordance with administrative regulations. Proposals received after the specified time shall not be considered. Proposals shall be opened at the time specified, and all proposers shall be invited to attend the proposal opening. Proposals may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time of opening. Changes in the content of a proposal, and in prices, may be negotiated after proposals are opened.

The District may reject any and all proposals.

ELECTRONIC BIDS  
OR PROPOSALS

The District shall accept bids or proposals through electronic transmission in accordance with administrative regulations. Such

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regulations shall safeguard the integrity of the competitive procurement process; ensure the identification, security and confidentiality of electronic bids or proposals; and ensure that the electronic bids or proposals remain effectively unopened until the proper time.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
DEBTS

The Board shall assume responsibility for debts incurred in the name of the District so long as those debts are for purchases made in accordance with adopted Board policy and current administrative procedures. The Board shall not be responsible for debts incurred by persons or organizations not directly under Board control. Persons making unauthorized purchases shall assume full responsibility for all such debts.

PURCHASE  
COMMITMENTS

All purchase commitments shall be made by the Superintendent or designee on a properly drawn and issued purchase order, in accordance with administrative procedures.

PERSONAL  
PURCHASES

District employees shall not be permitted to purchase supplies or equipment for personal use through the District's business office.