

Regulation of Smithville Independent School District
Approving Self-Certification of Increased Micro-Purchase Threshold for FY 2023-2024

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Board Policy CH (Local), the Smithville Independent School District (the “District”) Board of Trustees has authorized the Superintendent to develop purchasing procedures to implement the requirements of state and federal law. Further, the District’s Board of Trustees has delegated authority to the Superintendent to make budgeted purchases for goods and services, but any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services that costs \$50,000 or more, regardless of whether the goods or services are competitively purchased, shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.320(a)(1)(iv), a non-Federal entity, including the District, may self-certify a Micro-Purchase Threshold up to \$50,000 on an annual basis and must maintain documentation to be made available to the Federal awarding agency and auditors in accordance with 2 CFR 200.334.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.320(a)(1)(iii), a non-Federal entity is responsible for determining and documenting an appropriate micro-purchase threshold based on internal controls, an evaluation of risk, and its documented procurement procedures.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to guidance promulgated by the Texas Education Agency (“TEA”) dated April 22, 2021, local education agencies (“LEA”), including the District, may self-certify a micro-purchase threshold higher than \$10,000 and below \$50,000 if the LEA is either (1) a low-risk auditee for its most recent federal audit; or (2) conducts an annual internal risk assessment to identify, mitigate, and manage financial risk.

WHEREAS, the District is a low-risk auditee for its most recent federal audit and therefore, is eligible to increase its micro-purchase threshold pursuant to TEA guidance.

THEREFORE, Smithville ISD self-certifies that effective September 1, 2023 for fiscal year 2023-2024, its Micro-Purchase Threshold, as defined in 2 CFR 200.320(a)(1)(ii), is hereby increased to \$49,999.99, in the aggregate. Unless otherwise required by the District’s internal purchasing regulations or controls, purchases up to the Micro-Purchase Threshold may be made without soliciting competitive price or rate quotations if the District considers the price to be reasonable based on research, experience, purchase history or other information and documents it files accordingly. In accordance with Policy CH (Local), any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services that costs \$50,000 or more, regardless of whether the goods or services are competitively purchased, shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place.

This self-certification is based on the following justification, as recognized and authorized by 2 CFR 200.320(a)(1)(iv)(c): Texas law generally permits public school districts to make non-competitive purchases for goods or services valued less than \$50,000 in the aggregate, as set forth in Texas Education Code § 44.031(a).

In any instance where Texas or other federal law imposes a requirement to competitively procure any good or service costing less than \$50,000, or where Texas or other federal law imposes more stringent purchasing standards or procedures set forth in 2 CFR Part 200, the District shall follow the more restrictive legal requirement.

APPROVED BY:

Cheryl Burns, Superintendent
Smithville Independent School District

Date: _____