

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 less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) 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 transactions of at least ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) but less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). 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 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) but not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). 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.

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 provide 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 or 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.

Purchases Requiring Bidding

Sealed bids and proposals shall be requested for transactions to purchase construction, materials, or services costing more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). All transactions must comply with the requirements of the Arizona Administrative Code and the Uniform System of Financial Records.

The Superintendent, the chief financial officer, or purchasing manager may award individual contracts in amounts not exceeding the annual State Board limit. Exceptions

to this limitation may be made for contracts for the following which may be awarded for the amount(s) necessary to satisfy the requirements of the District:

- U.S. Postal Service postage;
- Utilities, including telephone, water and sewage, electric and natural gas;
- National School Board Association; and
- Arizona School Board Association.

The authority granted by this section cannot be further delegated or expanded without Governing Board approval.

Competitive Sealed Proposals

The Governing Board delegates authority to the Superintendent or chief financial officer to determine when it is in the best interest of the District to solicit competitive sealed proposals for the supply of materials and/or services and to subsequently solicit the sealed proposals if necessary. The Superintendent or chief financial officer may delegate this authority to the purchasing manager. Determinations made pursuant to this delegated authority shall be made in accordance with the following procedures. Solicitations of proposals and awards of contracts following receipt of proposals shall be made in accordance with Arizona Department of Education Procurement Rules.

If it is determined in writing that the use of competitive sealed bidding is either not practicable or not advantageous to the District, a contract may be entered into by competitive sealed proposals.

Contracts in excess of the annual State Board limit which occur as a result of competitive sealed proposals shall be awarded through Governing Board action.

Cooperative Purchasing Agreements

Bidding/proposal requirements are waived if purchases or services are obtained through the Arizona State Procurement Office, the Mohave Educational Services Cooperative, or through another purchasing cooperative or cooperative purchasing agreement among public procurement units.

Further Delegations and General Terms of Delegation

The Superintendent or chief financial officer are delegated authority to make determinations as required by the Arizona Department of Education Procurement Rules prior to issuing solicitations for multi-step sealed bidding, multi-year contracts (not to exceed five [5] contract years) or nonconstruction contracts requiring bonds or security.

The delegation of authority for these three (3) determinations may be further delegated to the purchasing manager.

The chief financial officer shall serve as the District representative for protests and claims on solicitations and contracts.

No further delegation of any delegation of authority by the Board which is contained in this policy is authorized unless expressly stated herein.

The several delegations of authority set forth in this policy shall be in effect from the date of adoption of this policy until such time as the Governing Board may, in a public meeting, revoke or otherwise modify the delegations.

No person delegated authority by this policy may participate in any aspect of a specific procurement if that person would receive any benefit directly or indirectly from a contract for such procurement.

Emergency Purchases

An exception to the above procedures for price competition may be made in the event of an emergency involving the health, safety, or welfare of school personnel or students, or in the event of a condition which seriously threatens the functioning of the School District or the preservation or protection of property. In such an emergency, declared by the Superintendent in consultation with the Board President or any other available Board member, emergency purchase action may be taken without price competition, if necessary. The Superintendent shall report the emergency to the Board as soon as possible. When possible, an emergency meeting of the Governing Board shall be held to determine whether an emergency exists and to authorize an emergency purchase. Even under emergency conditions, price competition should be sought if it will not unacceptably delay the correction of the condition requiring emergency procedures. If emergency purchases are made without price competition, a complete written description of the circumstances should be maintained on file in the District office.

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.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 11-952
15-213
15-213.01
15-213.02
15-239
15-323
15-342
15-382
15-765
15-910.02
23-214
34-101 *et seq.*
35-391 *et seq.*
35-393 *et seq.*
38-503
38-511
39-121
41-2632
41-2636
41-4401
A.G.O. 183-136
187-035
106-002
A.A.C. R7-2-1001 *et seq.*
USFR VI-G-8 *et seq.*
CROSS REF.: BCB - Board Member Conflict of Interest
DJG - Vendor/Contractor Relations
GBEAA - Staff Conflict of Interest
JLIF - Sex Offender Notification