

BIDDING / PURCHASING PROCEDURES

The Superintendent shall be responsible for all purchasing, contracting, competitive bidding, **contract administration**, 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.*, **and the Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR)**.

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. District purchases shall also be in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.214 (Code of Federal Regulations Title 2).

The Superintendent shall ensure that all aspects of bidding and purchasing procedures conform to federal and state laws, rules and regulations. Administrative regulations shall be established to assure the District is in full compliance, including contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms. (2 C.F.R. 200.321).

Purchases Not Requiring Bidding

Purchases of less than ~~ten~~ **fifteen** thousand dollars (~~\$40~~**15**,000) may be made at the discretion of the Superintendent **or designated purchasing authority**. Such procurements are not subject to competitive purchasing requirements; however, reasonable judgment **and good business practices** should be used to ensure the purchases are advantageous to the District.

Written price quotations will be requested from at least three (3) vendors for transactions of at least ~~ten~~ **fifteen** thousand dollars (~~\$40~~**15**,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](#). **For all cooperative purchasing agreements, the District must verify and document in the procurement file that the originating entity awarded the underlying contract in compliance with school district procurement rules.**

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 provided 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 of 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.

Public Inspection and Rationale for Awarding a Contract

The Governing Board shall make available, for public inspection, all information, all bids, proposals and qualifications submitted, and all findings and other information considered in determining whose bid conforms to the District's invitation for bids. Documentation provided will include information regarding the most advantageous, with respect to price, conformity to the specifications, and other factors, or whose proposal for qualifications are to be used to select and award the bid. Included in this information will be the rationale for awarding a contract for any specified professional services, construction, construction service or materials to an entity selected from a qualified select bidders list or through a school purchasing cooperative. The invitation for bids, request for proposals or request for qualifications shall include a notice that all information and bids, proposals and qualifications submitted will be made available for public inspection.

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 or subcontractor of the vendor, who is required to register as a sex offender, pursuant to A.R.S. [13-3821](#), 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.A.C.

[R7-2-1001](#) *et seq.*

R7-2-1023

R7-2-1029

A.G.O.

I83-136

I87-035

I06-002

USFR: VI-G-8 *et seq.*

2 C.F.R. 200.214

2 C.F.R. 200.321

CROSS REF.:

[BCB](#) - Board Member Conflict of Interest

[DJ](#) - Purchasing

[DJG](#) - Vendor/Contractor Relations

[GBEAA](#) - Staff Conflict of Interest

[JLIF](#) - Sex Offender Notification