

Business/Non-Instructional Operations

Relations with Vendors

The Board of Education desires good working relationships with vendors who supply materials, supplies and services to the school system. Constructive efforts by the administration, and other district employees, to seek the advice and counsel of vendors about how to continue and to improve such relationships are encouraged.

Cooperative Purchasing

The Board of Education authorizes the ~~Business Manager~~ Director of Business Services / Operations to participate in cooperative purchasing of materials, equipment, supplies, and services with other school districts or municipal sub-divisions where the participation will serve the best interests of the school system.

Requisitions

A requisition, duly signed, must be completed prior to issuance of a purchase order. Exceptions may be made in emergency situations.

Purchase Orders

A purchase order is required for all purchases and must be approved by the ~~Business Manager~~ Director of Business Services / Operations or Superintendent.

Routine purchases (such as fuel, some equipment repair, and some maintenance services, and other items of a repetitive nature) do not require a purchase order.

Estimates

Where no firm price is obtainable, an estimate shall be made prior to placing a purchase order.

Soliciting Prices

Whenever possible and/or practical, competitive pricing will be secured on all materials, equipment, supplies, and services needed by the school system. Competitive pricing may consist of formal bidding, negotiations or informal pricing such as by letter or telephone, and by price quotations.

Expenditures up to \$1,000

Quotations, verbal or written, should be obtained prior to placing an order, except in emergencies or when specialized equipment or products are involved.

Expenditures from \$1,000 - \$10,000

Quotations based on general specifications FOR A SINGLE ITEM must be obtained from at least two (2) suppliers before placing an order.

Expenditures in Excess of \$10,000

Formal written bids, based on specific written specifications, shall be invited by advertising in area newspapers or by mailing to a bid list, if one exists, and shall be received sealed at a specified date, time, and place and publicly opened.

Award of Orders

In general, the lowest responsible bidder will be awarded the order. Consideration shall be given to quality, delivery, terms, and other conditions required by the order.

State Bids

When Connecticut state bids are available for services and materials, such services and materials may be purchased without additional quotes or bids from suppliers who have been awarded the state bids.

Exceptions

Professional and consulting services, specialty items, repetitive services and supplies, equipment service contracts, and other non-competitive categories may be exempted from above procedures if it can be demonstrated that such an exception is favorable to the Town of Woodbridge and the Woodbridge School District.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

4a-60 Nondiscrimination and affirmative action provisions in contracts of the state and political subdivisions rather than municipalities

4a-60a Contracts of the state and political subdivisions, other than municipalities, to contain provisions re nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation

46a-58 through 46a-81 re discriminatory practices

Title VII, Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq. as amended by Title IX, Equal Employment Opportunity Act

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; 42 U.S.C. 1134n et seq. (Higher Education Act)

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