

BIDS

REVISED/PROPOSED POLICY

The Governing Board is committed to promoting public accountability and ensuring prudent use of public funds. When leasing, purchasing, or contracting for equipment, materials, supplies, or services for the district, including when contracting for public projects involving district facilities, the Board shall explore lawful opportunities to obtain the greatest possible value for its expenditure of public funds. When required by law, or if the Board determines that it is in the best interest of the district, such contracts shall be made using competitive bidding.

No work, project, service, or purchase shall be split or separated into smaller work orders or projects for the purpose of evading legal requirements regarding contracting after competitive bidding. (Public Contract Code 20116, 22033)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish comprehensive bidding procedures for the district in accordance with law. The procedures shall include a process for advertising bids, instructions and timelines for submitting and opening bids, and other relevant requirements.

For award of contracts which ~~by law or Board policy,~~ require prequalification, the procedures shall identify a uniform system for rating bidders and shall address the issues covered by the standardized questionnaire and model guidelines developed by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Public Contract Code 20101.

When calling for bids, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the bid specification ~~clearly~~ describes in appropriate detail the quality, delivery, and service required, ~~and includes all information which the district knows, or has in its possession,~~ that is relevant to the work to be performed or that may impact the cost of performing the work.

Except as authorized by law and specified in the administrative regulation, contracts shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder who shall give such security as the Board requires, or else all bids shall be rejected. (Public Contract Code 20111)

When the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the district, the district may piggyback onto the contract of another public agency or corporation to lease or purchase equipment or supplies to the extent authorized by law. (Public Contract Code 20118)

As a means of tracking how effective district efforts are at reaching out to historically underrepresented groups and encouraging them to submit bids, the Superintendent or designee shall monitor the fairness and diversity of bids and contracts awarded to women-and minority-owned and local business by collecting related data on vendors/contractors during the bidding process.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has embarked on a multi-million dollar school construction facility improvement program to improve health, safety and classroom instruction. In recognition that the school construction program will require a large pool of qualified contractors and in order to strengthen the local economy, the Board deems it imperative that local, small, and women- and minority-owned businesses compete for these economic opportunities.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17070.10-17079.30 Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act

17250.10-17250.55 Design-build contracts

17406 Lease-leaseback contract
17595 Purchase of supplies through Department of General Services
17602 Purchase of surplus property from federal agencies
38083 Purchase of perishable foodstuffs and seasonable commodities
38110-38120 Apparatus and supplies
39802 Transportation services
CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE
446 Verification of pleadings
GOVERNMENT CODE
4217.10-4217.18 Energy conservation contracts
4330-4334 Preference for California-made materials
6252 Definition of public record
53060 Special services and advice
54201-54205 Purchase of supplies and equipment by local agencies
PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE
1102 Emergencies
2000-2002 Responsive bidders
3000-3010 Roofing projects
3400 Bids, specifications by brand or trade name not permitted
3410 United States produce and processed foods
6610 [Bid visits](#) [Mandatory prebid conferences](#)
12200 Definitions, recycled goods, materials and supplies
20101-20103.7 Public construction projects, requirements for bidding
20103.8 Award of contracts
20107 Bidder's security
20110-20118.4 Contracting by school districts
20189 Bidder's security, earthquake relief
22002 Definition of public project
22030-22045 Alternative procedures for public projects (UPCCAA)
22050 Alternative emergency procedures
22152 Recycled product procurement
COURT DECISIONS
McGee v. Balfour Beatty Construction, LLC, et al. (4/12/16, No. B262850)
Davis v. Fresno Unified School District, (2015) 237 Cal.App.4th 261
Los Angeles Unified School District v. Great American Insurance Co., (2010) 49 Cal.4th 739
Great West Contractors Inc. v. Irvine Unified School District, (2010) 187 Cal.App.4th 1425
Marshall v. Pasadena Unified School District, (2004) 119 Cal.App.4th 1241
Konica Business Machines v. Regents of the University of California, (1988) 206 Cal.App.3d 449
City of Inglewood-Los Angeles County Civic Center Authority v. Superior Court, (1972) 7 Cal.3d 861
ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS
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Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

Cost Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual

Frequently Asked Questions

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Association of School Business Officials: <http://www.casbo.org>

California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission: http://www.sco.ca.gov/ard_cuccac.html