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The Board of Trustees is committed to promoting public accountability and ensuring prudent use of public funds. In leasing or purchasing equipment, materials, supplies, or services for the District and 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 leases and purchases shall be made using competitive bidding.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

- (cf. 3000 Concepts and Roles)
- (cf. 3300 Expenditures and Purchases)

No work, project, service, or purchase shall be split or separated into smaller work orders or projects for the purpose of evading the legal requirements of Public Contract Code 20111-20118.4. (Public Contract Code 20116)

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 that, by law or Board policy, require prequalification, the procedures shall identify a uniform system for rating bidders on the basis of a completed questionnaire and financial statements.

(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

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 that 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)

Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE 17070.10-17079.30 Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act Business

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