

It will be the policy of this district to conduct its purchasing program in a manner to assure the best utilization of district funds. The board, or its designee, reserves the right to determine what is in the best interest of the district.

PURCHASING CONTRACTS OF \$15,000 OR MORE

Before entering into a contract that entails the expenditure of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or more, the board will call for bids; this provision applies to the following:

1. Construction, repair or improvement of any real property;
2. Acquisition, purchase or repair of any equipment;
3. Other personal property necessary for the operation of the district.

The board will give notice of the call for bids by publishing twice in the manner required by subsections g and h of Idaho Code section 33-402.

This board may let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, or reject any bid, or reject all bids and publish notice for bids, as before. If, thereafter, no satisfactory bid is received, the board may proceed under its own direction, subject to the approval of the state board of education.

An exception to the call for bids for purchases of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or more applies to the purchase of curricular materials. Curricular materials is defined as textbook and instructional media including software, audio/visual media and Internet resources.

Before entering into a contract that entails the expenditure of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or more, the board or its designee will have the contract reviewed by legal counsel to ensure that the school district's interests are protected.

PURCHASING CONTRACTS OF LESS THAN \$15,000

Wherever practical in purchasing programs involving less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), the district may call for competitive price quotations.

PUBLIC CALAMITY RESOLUTION

If there is a great public calamity, such as an extraordinary fire, flood, storm, epidemic, or other disaster, or if it is necessary to do emergency work to prepare for national or local defense, or it is necessary to do emergency work to safeguard life, health or property, the board may pass a resolution declaring that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health or property. Upon adoption of the resolution, the board may

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expend any sum required in the emergency without compliance with the bidding requirements.

EXEMPTION FROM BIDDING FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONALS

The district may contract with professional engineers, architectural and land surveying services, and certain professionals without requiring a bid for the following reasons:

1. *Professional engineers and architectural and land surveying services are exempt from bidding under Idaho Code 67-2320;*
2. *Some professionals, including but not limited to lawyers and accountants, may not ethically submit a bid for professional services.*



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections

33-118A

33-402

33-601

67-2320

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**Language in text set forth in italics is optional.*