

**MONTGOMERY
COUNTY
INTERMEDIATE
UNIT #23**

SECTION: FINANCES

TITLE: PURCHASES SUBJECT TO
BID/QUOTATION

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610. PURCHASES SUBJECT TO BID/QUOTATION	
<p>1. Authority</p> <p>SC 751, 807.1, 914-A</p>	<p>It is the policy of the Board to obtain competitive bids and price quotations for products and services where such bids or quotations are required by law or may result in monetary savings to the Intermediate Unit.</p>
<p>2. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 120, 751, 807.1</p>	<p>The dollar amounts contained in this policy regarding competitive bid and price quotation requirements are subject to annual adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index. Therefore, before any purchase or construction contract is approved, the Consumer Price Index should be checked to confirm the competitive bidding and price quotation amounts for that year.</p>
<p>2 CFR Part 200 Sec. 317 – 326</p>	<p>For purchases of products and services applicable to federal programs, the Intermediate Unit will comply with the procurement standards and procedures, including implementation dates, related to federal programs required by the Uniform Grant Guidance and any other applicable federal laws and regulations.</p>
<p>SC 751, 807.1</p>	<p><u>Competitive Bids</u></p> <p>When seeking competitive bids, the Board shall advertise once a week for three (3) weeks in not less than two (2) newspapers of general circulation.</p> <p>After due public notice advertising for competitive bids, the Board shall be authorized to:</p>
<p>SC 807.1</p>	<p>1. Purchase furniture, equipment, school supplies and appliances costing a base amount of \$19,700 or more, unless exempt by law.</p>
<p>SC 751</p>	<p>2. Contract for construction, reconstruction, repairs, maintenance or work on any school building or property having a total cost or value of more than \$19,700, unless exempt by law.</p>
<p>SC 751, 807.1</p>	<p>The Board prohibits the practice of splitting purchases to avoid advertising and bidding requirements.</p>
<p>SC 751, 807.1</p>	<p>With kind, quality and material being equal, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder meeting bid specifications shall be accepted upon resolution of the Board, unless the Board chooses to reject all bids.</p>
<p>SC 751</p>	<p>The Board recognizes that emergencies may occur when imminent danger exists to</p>

	<p>persons or property or continuance of existing school classes is threatened, and time for bidding cannot be provided because of the need for immediate action. Bidding decisions in the event of such emergencies shall be made in accordance with existing legal requirements.</p>
<p>62 PA.CSA 4602, 4603</p>	<p><u>Electronic Bidding</u></p> <p>The Board may receive bids electronically for competitive contracts, except for construction and design services, in compliance with applicable laws and Board policy.</p>
<p>62 PA.CSA 4603</p>	<p>If Electronic Bidding is conducted then the Intermediate Unit shall electronically maintain the confidentiality of the bid until the bid opening.</p>
	<p><u>Competitive Electronic Auction Bidding</u></p>
<p>62 PA.CSA 4602, 4604</p>	<p>The Board may adopt a resolution approving the use of competitive electronic auction bidding for contracts for supplies or services, but not for construction or design services.</p>
<p>62 PA.CSA 4604</p>	<p>Electronic Auction Bidding requirements are as follows:</p> <p>An invitation for bids shall be issued and shall include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procurement description. 2. All contractual terms, when practical. 3. Conditions applicable to procurement, including a notice that bids will be received in an electronic auction manner. <p>Public notice and advertisement of the invitation for bids shall be given in the manner required for non-electronic bidding.</p> <p>Bids shall be accepted electronically at the time and in the manner designated in the invitation for bids.</p> <p>During the auction, bidders shall be able to review their bid rank or the low bid price, and may reduce their bid prices during the auction.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the auction, the record of the bid prices received and the name of each bidder shall be open to public inspection.</p> <p>After the auction period has expired, the Intermediate Unit shall grant in writing withdrawal of a bid when the bidder requests relief and presents credible evidence of a clerical mistake due to reasons permitted by law, within the time period established by the Intermediate Unit.</p> <p>The contract shall be awarded within sixty (60) days of the auction by written notice to the lowest responsible bidder, or all bids may be rejected. Extensions of the award</p>

<p>SC 751, 807.1</p> <p>SC 807.1</p> <p>SC 751</p> <p>SC 751</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>SC 751, 807.1</p>	<p>date may be made by written, mutual consent of both parties.</p> <p><u>Price Quotations</u></p> <p>Unless exempt by law, at least three (3) written or telephonic price quotations shall be requested by the Board for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Furniture, equipment, school supplies and appliances costing a base amount of more than \$10,700 but less than \$19,700. 2. All contracts for construction, reconstruction, repairs, maintenance or work on any school building or property, having a total cost or value of more than \$10,700 but less than \$19,700. <p>If it is not possible to obtain three (3) quotations, a memorandum must be kept on file showing that fewer than three (3) qualified vendors exist in the market area. The written price quotations, written records of telephonic price quotations and memoranda shall be kept on file for three (3) years.</p> <p><u>Work Performed by Intermediate Unit Maintenance Personnel</u></p> <p>The Board may authorize Intermediate Unit maintenance personnel to perform construction, reconstruction, repairs or work having a total cost or value of less than \$10,700.</p> <p>The Board may grant the Board Secretary or Purchasing Agent the authority to purchase supplies and award contracts in the amount and manner designated by applicable law.</p> <p>NOTES:</p> <p>The Department of Labor and Industry shall publish notice, in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to January 1 of each calendar year, of the annual percentage change and the unadjusted or final adjusted base amounts at which competitive bidding is required and written or telephonic price quotations are required, respectively, for the calendar year beginning the first day of January after publication of the notice.</p> <p>Act 4 of 1974 – Withdrawal of Bids – 73 P.S. Sec. 1602</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 751, 756, 757, 807.1, 914-A</p> <p>Local Government Unit Electronic Bidding Act – 62 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 4601 et seq.</p> <p>Uniform Grant Guidance – 2 CFR Sec. 200.317 – 200.326</p>
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