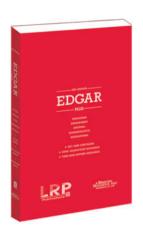
# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

## **RESOURCE MATERIALS**



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## SB 544 CHANGES TO PUBLIC ONTRACT CODE 20111

Renumbered to add the following subsection:

(c) Procurement bid solicitations and awards made by a school district approved to operate at least one **federal nonprofit child nutrition program** for purchases **in support of those programs** shall be consistent with the federal procurement standards in Sections 200.318 to 200.326, inclusive, of Part 200 of Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These awards shall be let to the most responsive and responsible party. The price shall be the primary consideration, but not the only determining factor.



#### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

June 20, 2018

M-18-18

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS AND HEADS OF SMALL EXECUTIVE AGENCIES

FROM:

Tim Soltis Smifa

Deputy Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management

SUBJECT:

Implementing Statutory Changes to the Micro-Purchase and the Simplified

Acquisition Thresholds for Financial Assistance

In accordance with recent statutory changes set forth in the National Defense Authorization Acts (NDAA) for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018, this memorandum raises the threshold for micro-purchases under Federal financial assistance awards to \$10,000, and raises the threshold for simplified acquisitions to \$250,000 for all recipients. Further, it implements an approval process for certain institutions that want to request micro-purchase thresholds higher than \$10,000. Agencies are required to implement these changes in the terms and conditions of their awards, and recipients of existing Federal financial assistance awards may implement them in their internal controls.

#### Background

This memorandum applies to all Federal agencies, as defined at 5 U.S.C. § 551(1), that award grants or cooperative agreements. It implements changes to the micro-purchase and simplified acquisition thresholds for financial assistance under the NDAAs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 and FY2018. The micro-purchase threshold refers to purchases of supplies or services using simplified acquisition procedures, not to exceed an established amount pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Governmentwide Guidance for Grants and Agreements ("Uniform Guidance") at 2 C.F.R. § 200.67 (Micro-purchase). The simplified acquisition threshold refers to purchases of property or services using small purchase methods not to exceed an established amount pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.88 (Simplified acquisition threshold). For Federal financial assistance awards, these purchases are acquired for use by a Federal program. The NDAA for FY2017 increased the micro-purchase threshold from \$3,500 to \$10,000 for institutions of higher education, or related or affiliated nonprofit entities, nonprofit research organizations or independent research institutes (41 U.S.C. § 1908). The NDAA for FY2018 increases the micro-purchase threshold to \$10,000 for all recipients and also increases the simplified acquisition threshold from \$100,000 to \$250,000 for all recipients.

#### Implementing the NDAA for FY2017

Section 217(b) of the NDAA for FY2017 raises the micro-purchase threshold to \$10,000 for procurements under grants and cooperative agreements for institutions of higher education, or related or affiliated nonprofit entities, nonprofit research organizations or independent research institutes. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pub. L. No. 114-328 (codified at 41 U.S.C. § 1902(a)(2)).

The NDAA for FY2017 also establishes an interim uniform process by which these recipients can request and Federal agencies can approve requests to apply a higher micro-purchase threshold. Specifically, the 2017 NDAA allows a threshold above \$10,000 if approved by the head of the relevant executive agency. For purposes of this approval, the institution's cognizant Federal agency for indirect cost rates will be the relevant executive agency as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.19 (Cognizant agency for indirect costs). To receive a higher threshold, the institution must either have "clean single audit findings" (i.e., in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.520 - Criteria for a low-risk auditee), have an acceptable internal institutional risk assessment, or the higher threshold must be consistent with State law for public institutions.

Agencies should reflect this change through policy or terms and conditions in awards for those institutions. The effective date for this change was when the NDAA for FY2017 was signed into law on December 23, 2016. OMB intends to revise the Uniform Guidance to conform with the law.<sup>2</sup>

#### Process for Requesting a Higher Threshold Under the NDAA for FY2017

Requests for approval should be submitted to the institution's cognizant Federal agency for indirect cost rates; however, institutions should contact the agency before sending the request to determine the correct point of contact. The cognizant Federal agency will assign review of the request to the appropriate office within the agency to determine whether to approve, and will maintain records and justification of all approvals. The request should include the threshold level being requested and the justification(s) for it based on the criteria above per Section 217(b) of the NDAA for FY2017.

#### Implementing the NDAA for FY2018

This memorandum also implements provisions of the NDAA for FY 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-91, which became law on December 12, 2017. Specifically, section 806 raised the micro-purchase threshold from \$3,500 to \$10,000, and section 805 raised the simplified acquisition threshold from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.67 (Micro-purchase) and 2 C.F.R. § 200.88 (Simplified acquisition threshold), these higher thresholds are not effective until implemented in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) at 48 C.F.R. Subpart 2.1 (Definitions). <sup>3</sup>

In order to allow maximum flexibility for grant recipients in light of the changes to the NDAA for FY2018, OMB is granting an exception allowing recipients to use the higher threshold of \$10,000 for micro-purchases and \$250,000 for simplified acquisitions in advance of revisions to the FAR at 48 C.F.R. Subpart 2.1 and the Uniform Guidance. Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.102 (Exceptions), OMB may allow exceptions to the Uniform Guidance when exceptions are not prohibited by statute. The exception takes effect upon the date of issuance of this memo. Agencies should apply this exception to all recipients. Recipients should document any change based on this exception in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.318 (General procurement standards).

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Mary Tutman at Mary.E.Tutman@omb.eop.gov or Gil Tran at Hai\_M.\_Tran@omb.eop.gov.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The American Innovation and Competitiveness Act, Pub. L. No. 114-329, § 207(b) (2017) states that the Uniform Guidance shall be revised to conform with the requirements concerning the micro-purchase threshold.

<sup>3</sup> Codified at 41 U.S.C. § 1902(f).

#### APPENDIX II CLAUSES

The following clauses shall apply to any Purchase Orders issued under declaration of emergency and/or where federal funds apply.

#### **ANY/ALL THRESHOLD AMOUNTS**

#### 1. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

- 1.1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
  - A. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
  - B. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
  - C. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR's legal duty to furnish information.
  - D. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR's commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
  - E. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
  - F. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
  - G. In the event of the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR's non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive

Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

H. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR as a result of such direction, the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

#### 2. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS:

- 2.1. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will keep and maintain adequate records and supporting documentation applicable to all of the services, work, information, expense, costs, invoices and materials provided and performed pursuant to the requirements of this agreement. Said records and documentation will be retained by the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of termination of this agreement, or for such period is required by law.
- 2.2. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR shall provide, when requested, access by the County, Federal granting agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers, and records of the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- 2.3. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- 2.4. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees to provide the GRANT AGENCY Administrator or his authorized representatives' access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.
- 2.5. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR shall retain all records associated with this solicitation and any agreements that are created in response to the solicitation for a period of no less than five (5) years after final payments and all other pending matters are closed.
- 2.6. The County and its authorized agents shall, with reasonable prior notice, have the right to audit, inspect and copy all such records and documentation as often as the County deems necessary during the period of this agreement, and during the period as set forth in the paragraphs above; provided, however, such activities shall be conducted only during normal business hours of the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR and at the expense of the County.

#### 3. DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS

3.1. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific GRANT AGENCY pre-approval.

#### 4. LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE EXCLUSION

4.1. Local Vendor Preference Ordinance has been waived for this service/purchase request and any and all references contained herein are non-applicable to this request and subsequent contract and/or purchase order(s).

#### 5. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS, and EXECUTIVE ORDERS

5.1. This is an acknowledgment that GRANT AGENCY financial assistance will be used only to fund the services requested. The ONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will comply with all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, GRANT AGENCY policies, procedures, and directives.

#### 6. NO OBLIGATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

6.1. The Federal Government is not a party to this solicitation and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the Solicitation.

#### 7. FRAUD and FALSE OR FRAUDULENT OR RELATED ACTS

7.1. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chapter 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDORs actions pertaining to this solicitation.

#### 8. SUBCONTRACTS

8.1. The selected firm require compliance with all federal must requirements sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDORs performing Prime work CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR under this Agreement, by including these federal requirements in all contracts with sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDORs.

#### 9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

9.1. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officers, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity must neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDORs or parties to subcontracts.

#### 10. EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM (E-VERIFY):

- 10.1. Statutes and Executive Orders require employers to abide by the Immigration laws of the United States and to employ only individuals who are eligible to work in the United States. The Employment Eligibility Verification System (E-Verify) operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in partnership with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to provides an internet-based means of verifying employment eligibility of workers in the united States; it is not a substitute for any other employment eligibility verification requirements.
- 10.2. Sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR requirement: Vendors shall require all subcontracted vendors to flow down the requirement to use E-Verify to sub-CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDORs.
- 10.3. It shall be the vendor's responsibility to familiarize themselves with all rules and regulations governing this program.
- 10.4. For additional information regarding the Employment Eligibility Verification System (E-Verify) program visit the following website: <a href="http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify">http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify</a>.

#### 11. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT

11.1. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR must follow any mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).

## 12. SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS:

- 12.1. Place qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists.
- 12.2. Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises <u>are solicited</u> whenever they are potential sources.
- 12.3. Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the <u>Small Business Administration</u> and the Minority Business Development Agency of the <u>Department of Commerce</u>.
- 12.4. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into <u>smaller tasks or quantities</u> to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises.

- 12.5. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises.
- 12.6. Requiring the prime CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the five previous affirmative steps.

#### 13. DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENT (2 C.F.R. § 200.322)

13.1. As appropriate and to the greatest extent consistent with law, state and non-state entities should, to the greatest extent practicable under its GRANT AGENCY award, provide a preference for the purchase of goods, products or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award. 2 C.F.R. § 200.322 also provides specific definitions for "Produced in the United States" and "manufactured products" that states should review.

## 14. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR SERVICES (2 C.F.R. § 200.216)

14.1. 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibits state and non-state entities from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to procure or obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain, or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain, equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as a critical technology as part of any system as identified in Section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019 NDAA), Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018) and 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.216, 200.327, 200.471, and Appendix II to 2 C.F.R. Part 200. See Prohibitions on Expending GRANT AGENCY Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services- Interim Policy for additional information.

#### **OVER \$10K ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE ABOVE**

#### 15. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE AND/OR CONVENIENCE:

- 15.1. The County, by written notice to the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, may terminate this Agreement with or without cause (for convenience), in whole or in part, when the County determines in its sole discretion that it is in the County's best interest to do so. In the event of termination the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR will not incur any new obligations for the terminated portion of the Agreement after the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR has received notification of termination.
- 15.2. If the Agreement is terminated before performance is completed, the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR shall be paid only for that work satisfactorily performed for which costs can be substantiated. Such payment, however, may not exceed an amount that is the same percentage of the Agreement price as the amount of work satisfactorily completed is a percentage of the total work called for by this Agreement. All work in progress shall become the property of the County and shall be turned over promptly by the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR.

#### OVER \$25K ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE ABOVE

#### 16. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

- 16.1. This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR is required to verify that none of the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. §180.935).
- 16.2. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

- 16.3. This of relied certification material representation fact the awarded is upon by a CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR. If is later determined that the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to Lee County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- 16.4. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

#### 17. RECOVERED MATERIALS

- 17.1. In the performance of this contract, the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR shall make maximum use of products containing recovered material that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired:
  - Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
  - Meeting contract performance requirements; or
  - At a reasonable price.
- 17.2. Information about this requirement is available EPA'S Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <a href="http://www.epa.gov/cpg/">http://www.epa.gov/cpg/</a> The list of EPA- designate items is available at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/cpg/">http://www.epa.gov/cpg/</a> The list of EPA- designate items is available at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/cpg/">http://www.epa.gov/cpg/</a> The list of EPA- designate items is available at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/cpg/">http://www.epa.gov/cpg/</a> The list of EPA- designate items is available at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/cpg/">http://www.epa.gov/cpg/</a> The list of EPA- designate items is available at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/cpg/">http://www.epa.gov/cpg/</a> The list of EPA- designate items is available at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/cpg/">http://www.epa.gov/cpg/</a> Products/htm</a>

#### OVER \$100K/SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE ABOVE

#### 18. REMEDIES

- 18.1. In the event the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR fails to satisfactorily perform or has failed to adhere to the terms and conditions under this Agreement, the County may, upon fifteen (15) calendar days written notice to the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR and upon the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR's failure to cure within those fifteen (15) calendar days, exercise any one or more of the following remedies, either concurrently or consecutively:
  - 18.1.1. Withhold or suspend payment of all or any part of a request for payment.
  - 18.1.2. Require that the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR refund to the County any monies used for ineligible purposes under the laws, rules and regulations governing the use of these funds.
  - 18.1.3. Exercise any corrective or remedial actions, to include but not be limited to:
  - 18.1.4. Requesting additional information from the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR to determine the reasons for or the extent of non-compliance or lack of performance;
  - 18.1.5. Issuing a written warning to advise that more serious measures may be taken if the situation is not corrected;
  - 18.1.6. Advising the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR to suspend, discontinue or refrain from incurring costs for any activities in question; or
  - 18.1.7. Requiring the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR to reimburse the County for the amount of costs incurred for any items determined to be ineligible.

#### 19. OTHER REMEDIES AND RIGHTS:

19.1. Pursuing any of the above remedies will not keep the County from pursuing any other rights or remedies, which may be otherwise available under law or in equity. If the County waives any right or remedy in this Agreement

or fails to insist on strict performance by the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR, it will not affect, extend or waive any other right or remedy of the County, or affect the later exercise of the same right or remedy by the County for any other default by the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR.

19.2. Unless otherwise provided by the Contract, all claims, counter-claims, disputes and other matters in question between the County and the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDOR arising out of or relating to the Agreement between the parties, or the breach of it, that cannot be resolved by and between the parties after conferring in good faith, will be decided by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to Florida law. If such dispute is in state court, venue shall be in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Lee County, Florida. If in federal court, venue shall be in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Ft. Myers Division.

#### 20. CONTRACT WORK HOURS & SAFETY STANDARDS (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708).:

- 20.1. Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- 20.2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.
- 20.3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.
- 20.4. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.

#### 21. CLEAN AIR ACT

- 21.1. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
- 21.2. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the GRANT AGENCY and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency and understands and agrees that the GRANT AGENCY and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the County, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- 21.3. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by GRANT AGENCY.

#### 22. FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

- 22.1. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
- 22.2. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the GRANT AGENCY and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency and understands and agrees that the GRANT AGENCY and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the County, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- 22.3. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by GRANT AGENCY.

#### 23. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT

23.1. CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR/VENDORs who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with nonfederal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

#### **VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION NO. 3311**

#### **Business and Non-instructional Operations**

#### BIDS/PROCUREMENT

# PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR ALL DISTRICT PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS (to included Child Nutrition Services, Special Education IDEA, Title Programs)

Procurement is the multistep process for acquiring the best possible goods and services at the lowest possible price. Vista Unified School District (District) will purchase items for use in the School Nutrition Programs (SNP) and in Federally funded programs in compliance with 2 CFR Part 200, State and District regulations, using the procedures outlined as follows and in the attached chart of procedures.

The primary purpose of this procurement plan is to ensure that open and free competition exists to the maximum extent possible. The Board believes that competition helps ensure that goods, equipment, and services will be obtained at the lowest possible cost. The procurement procedures used by the District will not unduly restrict or eliminate competition.

When making procurement decisions, the District will follow the subsequent four fundamentals principals:

- 1. Follow the Buy American provision.
- 2. Follow the more restrictive bid threshold, whether it be the federal, state or local threshold.
- 3. Ensure that full and open competition exists to the maximum extent possible.
- 4. Award contracts to the most responsible and responsive bidders.

Prior to beginning the procurement procedures outlined in this document, the District will:

- 1. Complete a needs assessment and an accurate forecast to the best ability of the District.
- 2. Determine that the item(s) are necessary and does not duplicate items and/or bid(s) the District already has in place.
- 3. With equipment, the District will determine the most economical approach lease vs. buy prior to preparing a solicitation.
- 4. Determine the bid threshold in order to determine what method of procurement will be used for the goods or services
- 5. Develop specifications for products needed including details such as product descriptions and requirements for goods or services. Descriptions must not unduly restrict competition. The description must describe the minimum essential characteristics and standards the product must conform to.
- Developing evaluation criteria if using a Request for Proposal (RFP) prior to releasing the bid document

7. All procurements will be handled by the Purchasing Department. No other Department is authorized to procure materials, goods, and services unless designated by the Assistant Superintendent, Business Services or designee.

#### **PROCUREMENT OPTIONS:**

#### Micro Purchase Procedures

Micro purchase process will be used to purchase goods and services that are needed on an emergency basis, for special or last minute catering events or for items needed only occasionally.

Micro purchasing procedures are used under the following conditions:

- a. The aggregate value of the *single* transaction is under \$3500.
- b. The District considers the price to be reasonable.
- c. The determination that the price is reasonable is documented and included in the procurement file (This file is located within the Purchasing Department). Prices found on the internet may be used to verify that the price the District is paying is reasonable.
- d. Micro purchases are equally distributed among qualified suppliers. A qualified supplier for items picked up by District personnel at the supplier location will be defined as a supplier who will accept a District purchase order and be within five miles of the District headquarters. For emergency equipment repair, repair work will be distributed amongst those suppliers who are familiar with the brand of equipment the District uses and is authorized to work on that brand by the manufacturer and can respond within 24 hours.

#### Small Purchase Procedures

Small purchase procedures will be used to purchase goods, equipment, office supplies, and services where the aggregate cost is less than \$88,300 and greater than \$3,500.

When small purchase procedures are used, the following conditions must be met:

- The goods, equipment, or services to be purchased will be adequately and consistently described for each prospective supplier so that each one can provide price quotes on the same merchandise or service. These specifications may be either verbal or written. It is not necessary to send price quotes in writing, but it is the preferred method. Both written and verbal methods must be documented.
- Specifications/food descriptions must be sent by fax or e-mail or communicated by telephone or in person to an adequate number of suppliers.
   A list of potential suppliers will be developed, maintained, and added to throughout the course of the school year. During the summer, the District will solicit potential suppliers to determine their interest level in being added to the

small purchase procurement list. The District will network with other appropriate personnel to obtain supplier contact information, as well as to obtain feedback regarding service and product quality. The list developed will be used to contact interested suppliers throughout the school year. Suppliers will be added to this list upon request. The list will be maintained by the Purchasing Department.

- Responses from suppliers may be in either the written or verbal form. Verbal
  quotes must be documented. The District's purchase documentation form
  and /or supplier contract form contained herein will be used for this purpose.
- Price quotation responses will be retained by the District in the Purchasing Department with other program documentation and records for a period of three years after the end of the fiscal year to which they pertain or until the findings of audits are resolved. The District will utilize its purchase documentation form and/or supplier contract form for this purpose.

#### **Competitive Formal Procurement**

Competitive Formal procurement procedures – Information for Bid (IFB) or Request for Proposal (RFP) - will be used to purchase goods, equipment, and services where the aggregate cost is more than \$88,300.

When competitive formal procurement procedures are used, the following conditions, stipulations, and terms must be met:

- The bid must be free of actions that might inhibit competition and allow the supplier adequate time to complete the bid.
- The bid must be advertised and include the general nature of the goods or services to be procured; method of procurement that will be used; how the supplier can obtain more information; and the due date for the responses to the bid. The bid must be publically advertised one week a part in a newspaper of general circulation per California PCC section 20112. The bid may also be advertised on the District website.
- Bids will be solicited from an adequate number of known suppliers in sufficient time prior to the date set for the opening of the bids. Bids will be mailed or emailed to those suppliers who have previously requested to do business with the District.
- The date that all addenda, changes, or answers to questions will be posted regarding the bid must be included in the original bid document as well as the website where the answers will be posted.
- The invitations for bid will clearly define the items or services needed in order for the bidders to be able to properly respond. This includes product

specifications and general purchasing conditions.

- Suppliers wishing to bid on the contract may not assist the District in the development of the bid or the specifications for product/goods. This includes offering the services free of charge for the development of the specifications.
- The bid document must contain the following written requirement: "All rebates, discounts, and other applicable credits must be returned to the District".
- Any and all bids may be rejected when there is sound documented reasons rejecting is in the best interest of the District.
- Bid award will be based on low bid after verifying that the supplier with the low bid is responsive and responsible, meets the product specifications, and after performing a cost analysis.
- When using a Request for Proposal (RFP) in compliance with federal and state guidelines, the evaluation criteria must be included in the bid package and price must be the highest weighted factor. In addition to price, the evaluation criteria may include categories such as: Flavor & Quality, Past Performance, Minimums, Delivery Days and Times. A description of the Scoring System must be included in the RFP which will explain the scoring criteria for each category.
- During the evaluation phase, the evaluation criteria, other than price, must first be evaluated prior to evaluating price. There should be a committee of at least 2 persons who did not write the bid, evaluate the technical criteria of the RFP. The RFP is to be awarded to the most responsive, responsible supplier who submitted the lowest price as determined by the evaluation criteria.
- Responses from suppliers must be in writing; signed by the authorized authority to submit the bid, be returned in a sealed envelope on or before the date and time specified and to the place specified in the bid documents.
- Bids not received on time will be returned to the bidder unopened.
- Bid proposals will be retained by the District with other program documentation and records for a period of three years after the end of the fiscal year to which they pertain or until the findings of audits are resolved.
- The recommendation for bid award must be submitted to District's Board for the award of the bid.
- When the District chooses, purchases may be made through a cooperative agreement or piggybacking with other school districts when all legal procurement procedures are followed as required.

- For cooperative purchasing, District must maintain on file for the current year plus three additional years, a copy of the bid; proof of advertising; and bid award documents from the awarding District's Board.
- For piggybacking, District must obtain permission form the District awarding the bid and the supplier awarded the bid. A copy of the bid, including the piggyback clause, proof of advertising, and proof of award from the awarding District's Board must be kept on file for the current year plus three additional years.

#### Non-Competitive Proposal (Sole Source):

These types of proposals will be used only when procurement is not feasible under the small purchase procedures, sealed bid (formal advertising), or competitive proposals. The decision to use noncompetitive proposal will be justified in writing, approved by CDE, and be available for audit and review.

Circumstances under which procurement may be conducted by noncompetitive proposal will be limited to one of the following:

- The merchandise or service is available only from a single source. The Purchasing Department will provide documentation that the merchandise or service is not available from any other source.
- An emergency exists, and the urgency for the requirement will not permit the delay involved with sealed bids (formal advertising) or competitive proposal.
   Emergency conditions must be documented by the requesting Department.
- After solicitation from a number of sources, competition is found to be lacking.

#### **CHART OF PROCEDURES**

The District will purchase the following products or group of products and services as per the stated purchase period using the identified procurement method.

Price quote time frame period is defined as the time frame for which bids or quotes are obtained and awarded.

Product	Price Quote Time Frame	Procurement Method Used
Milk	Annually- with 2 year renewal option	Cooperative Competitive Sealed Bids (RFP)
Bread	Annually – with two year renewal option	Cooperative Competitive Sealed Bids (RFP)
Staples	Annually – with two year renewal option	Cooperative Competitive Sealed Bids (RFP)
Fresh Produce	Annually – with two year renewal option	Cooperative Competitive Sealed Bids (RFP)
Frozen Foods Pest Control	Annually- with two year renewal options Annually- with two year	Cooperative Competitive Sealed Bids (RFP) Small Purchase Procedure
rest Control	renewal option	Siliali Fulcilase Flocedule
Processed Commodities	Annually- with two year renewal option	Cooperative Competitive Sealed Bids
Paper products (disposables)	Annually – with two year renewal option	Cooperative Competitive Sealed Bid (RFP)
Snack Items	Annually- with three year renewal option	Cooperative Competitive Sealed Bid (RFP)
Armored Services	Annually – with four year renewal option	Small Purchase Procedure
Hood Cleaning and Fire Inspection	Annually- with two year renewal option	
Chemicals	Annually - with two year renewal option	Small Purchase Procedure
Small equipment	As Needed	Small Purchase Procedure
Large equipment	As Needed	Small Purchase Procedure or Competitive Sealed Bids
Vehicle Washing and Waxing	Annually- with two year renewal option	Small Purchase Procedure
Office supplies	As needed	Small purchase procedure Or cooperative bid
Grease Interceptor Pumping	Annually- with two year renewal option	Small Purchase Procedure
Supplies/Catering	As needed	Micro purchase
Laundry	Annually- with two year	Small Purchase Procedure

	renewal option	
Services	Annually—with two year	Dependent upon level of
	renewal option	Service to be provided
Public Works	As Needed	Dependent upon dollar
		amount. Any amount over
		\$1,000 will follow Labor
		Code Requirements. See
		Purchasing Overview
		Chart as Exhibit 1.
Materials and Equipment	As needed or through	Dependent upon dollar
not part of Child Nutrition	Cooperative Competitive	amount of Transaction.
Services, but Federally	Sealed Bids such as	
funded	NCEPC or appropriate	
	supplier.	

#### **Advertised Bids**

Whenever expenditures exceed the amount specified in Public Contract Code Section 20111 for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and certain services, the Chief Business Officer or designee shall call for bids by advertising in a local newspaper at least once a week for two weeks. Unless otherwise authorized by law, contracts shall be let to the lowest responsive bidder who shall give such security as the Board of Trustees requires, or else all bids shall be rejected. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids for any reason.

The District has adopted the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act procedures under Public Contract Code Section 22000 ET SEQ. ("CUPCCAA). Accordingly, the acquisition of maintenance work and public projects, as both are defined under Public Contract Code Section 22002, shall comply with CUPCCAA's bidding procedures.

1. Formal bids for public projects and maintenance projects:

Public Projects and maintenance projects involving expenditures of more than \$175,000, the current "formal bid limit" pursuant to CUPCCAA, shall be advertised and let by formal bidding procedures as required. Without further action, if the State of California revises this formal bid limit, the District shall comply with that new formal limit.

2. Informal bids for public projects and maintenance projects:

Public projects and maintenance projects involving expenditures of \$45,000 to \$175,000, the current "informal bid range" pursuant to CUPCCAA, shall be let by informal bidding procedures as required. Without further action if the State of California revises this informal bid range, the District shall comply with that new informal limit.

3. Public projects and maintenance projects less than the informal bid range:

Public projects and maintenance projects involving expenditures of less than \$45,000 may be let by negotiated contract, by purchase order, or by force account. Without further action, if the State of California revises this minimum threshold, the District shall comply with that new minimum threshold. The District shall seek quotes, when feasible, for public projects and maintenance work involving an expenditure of \$45,000 or less.

#### 4. Discretion to reject bids:

In accordance with Public Contract Code section 22038, the District may reject any bids presented, if, prior to rejecting all bids and declaring that the project can be more economically performed by District employees, the District furnishes a written notice to an apparent low bidder. The notice shall inform the bidder of the District's intention to reject the bid and shall be mailed at least two business days prior to the hearing at which the District intends to reject the bid. If after the first invitation of bids, all bids are rejected, after reevaluating its cost estimates of the project, the District may do either of the following:

- Abandon the project or re-advertise for bids in the manner described by CUPCCAA.
- (2) By passage of a resolution by four-fifths vote of the governing board declaring that the project can be performed more economically by District employees, may have the project done by force account without further complying with this article.

When letting a contract for the procurement and/or maintenance of electronic data processing systems and supporting software, the Board may contract with any one of the three lowest responsible bidders.

The Board shall secure bids for any transportation service expenditure of more than \$10,000 when contemplating that such a contract may be made with a person or corporation other than a common carrier, municipally-owned transit system, or a parent/guardian of students who are to be transported. The Board may let this contract to other than the lowest bidder.

The Board shall secure competitive bids for personal service contracts for non-instructional services when the justification for outsourcing personal services is based on cost savings as outlined in Education Code 45103.1.

#### Instructions and Procedures for Advertised Bids

Bid instructions and specifications shall include the following requirements and information:

- 1. All bidders, including bidders for printing contracts, may be requested to specify the minimum, if not exact, percentage of recycled product in the products offered, and both the post consumer and secondary waste content.
- 2. All bids for construction work shall be presented under sealed cover and shall be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security:
  - a. Cash
  - b. Cashier's Check
  - c. Certified Check
  - d. Bidder's Bond executed by an admitted surety insurer.
- 3. The security of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned in a reasonable period of time in no event any later than 60 days after the bid is awarded.
- 4. Under no condition shall bids be accepted after the advertised bid opening time, regardless of whether the bids are actually opened at that time.
- 5. When two or more identical bids are received, the Board may determine by lot which bid shall be accepted.
- 6. Any subsequent change or alteration of a contract shall be governed by the provisions of Public Contract Code 20118.4.
- After being opened, all advertised bids shall be made available for review by all interested parties in the Business Services or Purchasing Departments. Bids will not be removed by interested parties from the department maintaining the records.

Supplementary textbooks, library books, periodicals, educational films, audiovisual materials, text materials, workbooks, and instructional computer software packages may be purchased without advertised bidding.

The district may, upon a case-by-case determination of the Board, purchase, lease, or contract for equipment and supplies through a public corporation without advertised bids to the extent permitted by state law.

Perishable commodities such as foodstuffs can be purchased through bid or on the open market, depending on district preference. In its purchases, the district shall give preference to products grown, manufactured, or produced in California and to foods grown or processed in the United States.

Professional services, personal services, and advisory services as outlined in Government Code 53060 are exempt from competitive bids unless the contracts meet the criteria outlined in Education Code 45103.1. If the justification to provide the services is based on cost savings, then the district will be required to competitively bid for the services regardless of the contract amount.

#### **Prequalification**

For any contract for which bids are legally required, the Board may require that each prospective bidder complete and submit a standardized questionnaire and financial statement. For this purpose, the Chief Business Officer or the Director of Purchasing shall supply a form, which includes a complete statement of the bidder's financial ability and experience in performing public works. The questionnaire and financial statement shall be verified as prescribed by law. The questionnaires and financial statements shall not be public records and shall not be open to public inspection.

The Chief Business Officer or the Director of Purchasing shall establish a uniform system for rating bidders on the basis of completed questionnaires and financial statements in order to determine the size of contracts on which each bidder is qualified to bid.

The Chief Business Officer or the Director of Purchasing shall furnish each approved qualified bidder with a standardized bid/proposal form. Bids not presented on the standard form shall be disregarded.

#### **Regulations Relative to the Bidding Activity**

- The Purchasing Department shall periodically estimate requirements of standard items or classes of items and make quantity purchases, thereby effecting economics.
- 2. Bid instructions and specifications should be clear and complete, setting forth all necessary conditions conductive to competitive bidding.
- 3. The Purchasing Department shall seek bids from those sources able to offer the best prices, consistent with quality, delivery, and service.
- 4. Competitive Pricing/Bidding:

Whenever practical, competitive quotes/bids from qualified suppliers handling the same or similar product will be secured. The Director of Purchasing may choose to bid any item that lends itself to competitive bidding/pricing.

Individual sites/departments may, for their own information, wish to secure inquiry pricing information on items they intend to purchase; however, it must be understood that these price quotations may not be usable at the time of purchase

due to time lapse, quantity changes, or incomplete information. Pricing quotations obtained by individual sites and departments are not binding on the district or the purchasing department. Requisitioners should allow sufficient time for the Purchasing staff to obtain quotes/bids, place the order, and receive shipment.

Competitive pricing/bids will be secured in accordance with the following guidelines:

#### Supplies, Equipment, and Services:

\$ - \$5,000 \$ - \$3,500	Pricing/quotations will not normally be solicited unless the items are of a price volatile nature, such as office supplies, software, and others.  Exception: Federally Funded Programs, purchasing staff will solicit at least 3 quotes in writing.
\$5,000 – up T	he Purchasing staff will solicit at least three quotes in writing.
\$88,300	Formal bidding including advertising and Board award of contracts as required under Public Contract Code 20111. Projects cannot be split into smaller orders to avoid bidding (Public Contract Code 20116) this amount is annually updated by the Superintendent of Public Instruction on January 1 of each year. Without further action, if the State of California revises the formal bid limit, the District shall comply with that new formal bid limit.

#### 5. Legal formal bids are required for:

Public Works/Services (each Public Works project/services) over \$45,000 (California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act procedures under Public Contract Code Section 22000 ET SEQ. ("CUPCCAA").

Supplies, equipment, and materials legal limit as prescribed by Public Contract Code 20111.

#### **Formal Bidding Procedures**

Formal bids will be requested in all cases required by law and will be accomplished as follows:

1. A notice inviting sealed bids shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and shall contain the time and place of opening of bids. Bids shall also be sought from those sources able to offer the best prices, consistent with quality, delivery, and service.

- 2. Bids will be opened by the Chief Business Officer or designee in advance of Board meetings to permit time for tabulating and evaluating the bids to make recommendations for Board acceptance, at least five days prior to the meeting date. The bid results will be provided to all companies participating in bid process within three working days after bids are opened. Bid documents will not be removed from either the Business Services or Purchasing Departments.
- 3. Bids will be received at the prescribed time and place indicated in the Notice to Bidders. No bid may be accepted after said advertised time unless bid opening time and place are changed through an authorized issued addendum. All authorized issued addenda will be issued no later than 72 hours prior to advertise bid opening date.
- 4. Bids will then be returned to the designated office at the prescribed time and place indicated on the Notice to Bidders for opening and evaluation. Review of submitted bids by interested parties will be allowed after issuance of bid results. Appointments will be made with the appropriate department, to review the documents.
- 5. Construction bids are advertised and opened in the same manner. However, the construction contract documents approved by the District's legal counsel are the bid documents used for all construction requiring bids.

#### 6. Formal Bid Review/Protest Procedure

- A. Any actual or prospective bidder may protest a bid award if he/she believes the award is not in compliance with the law, does not follow bid procedures, or does not meet bid specifications. A protest must be filed with the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. Such protests must be made in writing and received by the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services within five working days of bid award date and shall include all documents supporting or justifying the protest. The protesting party must mail or deliver copies of the protest to the District. A bidder's failure to file the protest documents in a timely manner shall constitute a waiver of his/her right to protest the award of the contract.
- B. In the event of a timely protest, the District shall not proceed further with the solicitation or award of the contract until the protest is resolved.
- C. The Assistant Superintendent of Business Services shall review the documents submitted with the bidder's claims and render a decision in writing within 30 working days. The Assistant Superintendent of Business Services may also convene a meeting with the bidder in order to attempt to resolve the problem.
- D. If the bidder is not satisfied with the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services' decision, the bidder may appeal to the District's Board. The District shall provide notice to the bidder the date and time for the Board consideration of

the protest at least three business days before the Board meeting. The Board's decision shall be final.

- E. A Formal protest must be sworn and contain:
  - 1. A specific identification of the statutory or regulatory provision that the protesting party alleges has been violated.
  - 2. A specific description of each action by the District that the protesting party alleges to be a violation of the statutory or regulatory provision that the protesting party has identified.
  - 3. A precise statement of the relevant facts.
  - 4. A statement of any issues of law or fact that the protesting party contends must be resolved.
  - 5. A statement of the argument and authorities that the protesting party offers in support of the protest.
  - A statement that copies of the protest have been mailed or delivered to the Assistant Superintendent of Business and all other identifiable interested parties.
- F. The District may settle and resolve the dispute over the solicitation or award of a contract at any time before the matter is submitted on appeal. The District may solicit written responses to the protest from other interested parties.
- G. If the protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, the District shall issue a written determination that resolves the protest.
  - 1. If the District determines that no violation of statutory or regulatory provisions has occurred, then the District shall inform the protesting party and other interested parties by letter that sets forth the reasons for the determination.
  - 2. If the District determines that a violation of any statutory or regulatory provisions has occurred in a situation in which a contract has not been awarded, then the District shall inform the protesting party and other interested parties of that determination by letter that details the reasons for the determination and the appropriate remedy.
  - 3. If the District determines that a violation of any statutory or regulatory provisions has occurred in a situation in which a contract has been awarded, then the District shall inform the protesting party and other interested parties of that determination by letter that details the reasons for the determination. This letter may include an order that declares the contract void.

H. The District shall maintain all documentation on the purchasing process that is the subject or a protest or appeal in accordance with the District's record retention schedule.

#### **Brand Name or equivalents**

- A. When a brand name and code is used in the product description, the description will always include an "or equal" clause
- B. The District will provide a copy of the specified brand/code upon request so suppliers may verify the product they are bidding is actually an equal. It is the supplier's responsibility to request the information.
- C. Suppliers bidding an item as "equal" product may be required to furnish to District a product specification sheet and sample case for testing and verification as an "or equal" product.

#### Alternative Bid Procedures for Technological Supplies and Equipment

Upon a finding by the Board that a particular procurement qualifies for the alternative procedure, the District may acquire computers, software, telecommunications equipment, microwave equipment, and other related electronic equipment and apparatus through competitive negotiation. This procedure shall not apply to contracts for construction or for the procurement of any product that is available in substantial quantities to the general public. (Public Contract Code 20118.2)

The competitive negotiation shall include, but not be limited to, the following requirements: (Public Contract Code 20118.1)

- 1. The Chief Business Officer or designee shall prepare a request for proposals (RFP) that shall be submitted to an adequate number of qualified sources, as determined by the District, to permit reasonable competition consistent with the nature and requirement of the procurement.
- 2. Notice of the RFP shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation, at least 10 days before the date for receipt of the proposals.
- The District shall make every effort to generate the maximum feasible number of proposals from qualified sources and shall make a finding to that effect before proceeding to negotiate if only a single response to the RFP is received.
- 4. The RFP shall identify all significant evaluation factors, including price, and their relative importance.
- The District shall provide reasonable procedures for the technical evaluation of the RFPs received, the identification of qualified sources, and the selection for the award of the contract.

- 6. An award shall be made to the qualified bidder whose proposal meets the evaluation standards and will be most advantageous to the District with price and all other factors considered.
- 7. If an award is not made to the bidder whose proposal contains the lowest price, then the District shall make a finding setting forth the basis for the award.
- 8. The District, at its discretion, may reject all proposals and request new RFPs.

#### **Rights of the Board Concerning Bids**

The Board shall reserve the right to reject any and all bids and waive any irregularities or informalities in any bid or in the bidding.

The Board also reserves the right to enter into a continuing contract with an accepted supplier as per Education Code 17596 which states, "Continuing contracts for work to be done, services to be performed, or for any apparatus or equipment to be furnished, sold, built, leased, installed, or repaired for the District, or for materials or supplies to be furnished or sold to the District may be made with an accepted supplier or lessor as follows: for work or service, or for apparatus or equipment, not to exceed five years; for materials or supplies not to exceed three years."

#### **Bids Not Required**

Without advertising for bids and upon a determination that it is in the best interest of the District, the Board may authorize, by contract, lease, requisition, or purchase order, another public corporation or agency to lease data-processing equipment or to purchase materials, supplies, equipment, automotive vehicles, tractors, and other personal property for the District in the manner that the other public corporation or agency is authorized to make the leases or purchases from a supplier ("piggyback"). (Public Contract Code 20118)

Alternatively, if there is an existing contract between a public corporation or agency and a supplier for the lease or purchase of personal property, the District may authorize the lease or purchase of personal property directly from the supplier by contract, lease, requisition, or purchase order and make payment to the supplier under the same terms that are available to the public corporation or agency under the contract. (Public Contract Code 20118)

Supplementary textbooks, library books, educational films, audiovisual materials, test materials, workbooks, instructional computer software packages, or periodicals may be purchased in any amount without taking estimates or advertising for bids. (Public Contract Code 20118.3)

Perishable commodities, such as foodstuffs, needed in the operations of cafeterias may be purchased through bid or on the open market. (Education Code 38083)

In an emergency when any repairs, alterations, work, or improvement to any school facility is necessary to permit the continuance of existing school classes or to avoid danger to life or property, the Board may, by unanimous vote and with the approval of the County Superintendent of Schools, contract for labor and materials or supplies without advertising for or inviting bids or may authorize the use of day labor or force account for the emergency purpose. (Public Contract Code 20113)

#### **Contract Management**

Suppliers will be monitored to ensure compliance with contract requirements. This can include:

- 1. PRODUCT INSPECTION: All items are subject to the inspection by the District. Defective items must be made good by the successful supplier, and unsuitable items may be rejected. Any item found to be defective must be corrected to District's satisfaction prior to payment.
- 2. RIGHT TO AUDIT: For contracts with fixed cost plus delivery fee, District shall audit a minimum of 10 awarded items at a minimum of twice yearly to verify supplier is charging the correct fixed pricing.
- 3. PRICING DISCREPANCY PENALTY: District shall verify all pricing on invoices with awarded bid pricing prior to payment. Should supplier overcharge District for any item, the District will request full reimbursement for the overcharge. The second time the supplier is notified of the overcharge, the District will access an additional two hundred percent (200%) penalty.

#### **Contractor involvement (Conflict of Interest)**

Potential suppliers may not be allowed to assist the District in developing the specifications, bid documents or contracts if they will be bidding on the specified item and/or project.

When possible, small and minority businesses, Women's business enterprises and labor surplus area firms maybe given preference if outlined in board policy.

Successful bidders must certify that they practice equal employment opportunity and that they do not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex or national origin. The successful bidder shall take affirmative actions to insure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated fairly during their employment, without regard to their race, religion, color, sex or national origin. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising, lay-off, termination; rates of pay or other form of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

The District will require the successful bidder to provide proof of having and maintaining during the life of any contract with the District, Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance to protect themselves and the District from all claims for personal injury, including accidental death, as well as from all claims for Property Damage arising from the operations of any contract the District enters into. The minimum amounts of such insurance shall be:

- Bodily Injury and Accidental Death Liability Insurance including auto (both owned and non-owned): Not Less Than \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000 Aggregate
- Property Damage Liability Insurance including auto (both owned and nonowned): Not Less Than \$1,000,000 Aggregate.
- Insurance certificate must name the District as additional insured.
- Certificate to be submitted by successful proposer to the District prior to start of deliveries.

The District will not enter into a contract with any company or individual that has been debarred or suspended.

Suppliers awarded contracts are required to submit a completed Affidavit of Noncollusion, Debarment and Suspension Certificate, Certification of Lobbying, and Disclosure of Lobbying activities (Federal Programs Only). These forms will be included in the proposal package and must be completed prior to commencement of work.

#### **Sole Sourcing**

Specifications for contracts for construction, alteration, or repair of school facilities may not limit bidding, either directly or indirectly, to any one specific concern. Specifications designating a specific material, product, thing, or particular brand name shall follow the description with the words "or equal" so that bidders may furnish any equal material, product, thing, or service. (Public Contract Code 3400)

However, specifications for such contracts may designate a product by brand or trade name (sole sourcing) if the Board has made a finding, described in the Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals (RFP), that a particular material, product, thing, or service is designated for any of the following purposes: (Public Contract Code 3400)

- 1. To conduct a field test or experiment to determine its suitability for future use
- 2. To match others in use on a particular public improvement that has been completed or is in the course of completion
- 3. To obtain a necessary item that is only available from one source
- 4. To respond to the Board's declaration of an emergency, as long as the declaration has been approved by four-fifths of the Board when issuing the Invitation for Bid or RFP.

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#### CERTIFICATION OF NON-DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION

In accordance with Executive Order 12549 and Executive Order 12689, entitled Debarment and Suspension, and any applicable implementing regulations, this certification must be completed by the Organization:

- 1. Under penalty of perjury, except as noted below, all persons or firms or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager:
  - a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency.
  - b. Have not, within the three (3) year period preceding this certification, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes, or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in subparagraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
  - d. Have not, within the three (3) year period preceding this certification, had one or more public transactions (Federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.
  - e. Will not subcontract with parties listed on the General Services Administration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs
- 2. If such persons or firms later become aware of any information contradicting the statements of paragraph (1), they will promptly provide that information to NACCHO.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
Organization	DATE SIGNED

#### CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS/LAWS

#### DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 7 CFR Part 3017, Section 3017.510.

- 1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
  - a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.
  - b) have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil
    judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with
    obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or
    contract under a public transaction: violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission
    of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false
    statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - c) are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal,
    - State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and;
  - d) have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- 2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

#### DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 7 CFR Part 3017, Subpart F, Section 3017.600 for grantees.

- 1) The grantee certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace by:
  - a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
  - b) Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about
    - i) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
    - ii) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
    - iii) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
    - iv) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
  - c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
  - d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:
    - i) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
    - ii) Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the

workplace no later than five days after such conviction;

- 2) Notifying the agency within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction;
- 3) Taking one of the following actions within 30 days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
  - Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination; or
  - ii) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- 4) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

The grantee shall insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance: (Street address, city, county, State, zip code):	

#### LOBBYING (Exhibit A-1 to Instruction 1940-Q)

As required by 7 CFR Part 3018 for persons entering into a grant, cooperative agreement or contract over \$100,000, or loan or loan guarantee over \$150,000, as defined at 7 CFR Part 3018, the undersigned certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- 1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, or Federal loan, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant or loan.
- 2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant or loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
  - a) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including contracts, subcontracts and subgrants, and loans) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this

transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

#### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AGREEMENT**

During the performance of this contract, the undersigned agrees as follows:

- 1) The undersigned will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The undersigned will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- 2) The undersigned agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this equal opportunity (federally assisted construction) clause. The undersigned will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the undersigned, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.
- 3) The undersigned will send to each labor union or representative of workers, with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the undersigned's commitment under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment. The undersigned will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- 4) The undersigned will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records and accounts by the administering agency of the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- 5) In the event of the undersigned's non-compliance with the equal opportunity (federally assisted construction) clause of this contract of with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part, and the undersigned may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts of federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order No 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rules, regulations, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as provided by law.
- 6) The undersigned will include this equal opportunity (federally assisted construction) clause in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order No 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provision will be binding upon each subcontract or vender. The undersigned will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor, as a result of such direction by the administering agency the undersigned may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the United States.

CERTIFICATION: As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify the applicant will comply with the above applicable certification(s) and the project is consistent with area wide

comprehensive development plans.	
(Date)	(Name of Applicant)
	(Signature of Authorized Entity Official)
ATTEST:	(Title of Authorized Entity Official)
(Signature of Attesting Official)	(Address)
(Title of Attesting Official)	(City, State and Zip Code)

#### PRICE ANALYSIS

Use for all procurements except micro purchases unless a cost analysis is required.

AGENCY	
ITEM BEING PROCURED	PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

A price analysis is needed to determine if the offers you received are fair and reasonable. The most common way to make this determination is to compare the offers to your Independent Cost Estimate (ICE). You may need to conduct additional analysis if your ICE is not consistent with the offers received.

**Step 1:** Determine if the offered prices received are Fair and Reasonable by comparing to your Independent Cost Estimate (ICE)

Fill in the following matrix: (Your ICE should be the same as you submitted with your verification form.)

Independent Cost	Vender A	Vendor B	Vendor C	Vendor D
Estimate	Offered Price	Offered Price	Offered Price	Offered Price

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

If your ICE is consistent with the offered prices, proceed to Step 3. If not, complete Step 2 and Step 3. Sign and date this form and submit with your procedure documents.

Step 2: Determine if offer is fair and reasonable (complete either a or b below)

- a. Explain how the above numbers show that the price is fair and reasonable
- b. If you cannot use your ICE to determine if the price is fair and reasonable, additional explanation is required. Please indicate how you determined the price is fair and reasonable.
  - 1. Prices set by law or regulation (e.g., utility rates);
  - 2. Established catalog prices;
  - 3. Comparison to previous purchases:
  - 4. Current published standards;
  - 5. Established market prices.

Please indicate your technique:

Prices are set by law or regulation. These are considered fair and reasonable. Grantees should acquire a copy of the rate schedules set by the applicable law or regulation and provide a copy. Once these schedules are obtained, verify that they apply to your situation and that you are being charged the correct price. For utility contracts, this policy applies only to prices prescribed by an effective, independent regulatory body.

Comparison with competing suppliers' prices or catalog pricing for the same item. (Provide documentation such as copies of the catalog pages, website screenshots, etc.) Established catalog prices require the following conditions:

- · Established catalog prices exist.
- The items are commercial in nature.
- They are sold in substantial quantities.
- They are sold to the general public.

Changes in quantity, quality, deli	with historical pricing from previous purchases of the ivery schedules, the economy, and inclusion of nonnt, etc. can cause price variations. Each differing sit	recurring costs
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catalog. A market price is a curr between buyers and sellers free are independent of the offeror. It	ased on the same principle as catalog prices except rent price established in the usual or ordinary course to bargain. These prices must be verified by buyers f you cannot determine other commercial buyers and offeror. (Provide documentation such as advertisem yers and sellers.)	of business and sellers who d sellers, you may
Other (provide explanation):		
Step 3: Negotiation – Required for A & E procuren	ments and may be appropriate for other RFP	
procurements For RFP procurements – were nego	stiations conducted with the selected vendor?	
For all A & E and other RFP procurements that con	nducted negotiations, describe the negotiations that	occurred.
NAME		DATE
SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE

# **Checklist for Reviewing Procurements by Federal Grant Recipients and Subrecipients**

#### PROCEDURES REVIEW CHECKLIST:

	YES	NO
Does the procurement comply with the non-federal entities' (NFE) own procurement		
laws, rules, and procedures? §200.318(a)		
Does the NFE maintain contract oversight to ensure that contractors perform in		
accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase		
orders? §200.318(b)		
Does the NFE have - §200.318(c)(1):		
Written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing		
the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts?		
2. Any employee, officer, or agent participating in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award that has an actual or apparent conflict of interest?		
3. Any employee, officer, or agent that has solicited and/or accepted		
gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts.		
<ol> <li>Written standards of conduct that provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the non-Federal entity.</li> </ol>		
Does the procurement comply with the requirement to make maximum use of		
recovered/recycled materials? § 200.317, § 200.322. (work does not involve the use of		
materials (e.g., debris removal or other services).		
Does the contract include the following clauses? (2 CFR Appendix II to Part 200)		
If the contract amount exceeds \$250,000, does it address administrative,		
contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach		
contract terms, and provide for sanctions and penalties?		
If the contract amount exceeds \$10,000, does it address termination for cause and for convenience, including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement?		
If the contract or subgrant amount exceeds \$250,000, does the contract include		
clauses addressing the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act?		
If the vendor is not in the business of manufacturing, or applying technological		
advances to current products, the Clean Air Act is not applicable.		
If the vendor is not in business of construction, manufacturing or waste		
storage/disposal, the FWPC is not applicable.		
Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. (Science & Technology)		
Applies to a governmental entity entering into a funding agreement with a small business form or non-profit organization who will perform experimental,		
developmental or research work.		
Does the contract include mandatory standards and policies relating to energy	+	
efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in		
compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. § 6201)?	1	
Does the contract include a Suspension and Debarment clause? (Contracts in equal to or in excess of \$25,000.)		
Does the contract include an Anti-Lobbying clause? (Contracts exceeding \$100,000.)		

Does the contract include a clause requiring the contractor to maximize use of		
recovered/recycled materials?		
If the vendor's business is not engaged in the generating, treating, storing, or		
disposing of solid or hazardous waste, this provision is not applicable. (Trash		
services for CNS).		
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:	+	
The NFE must avoid acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Has the NFE	+	
considered consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more		
economical purchase? Where appropriate, has the NFE considered lease versus		
purchase alternatives? § 200.318(d)	+	
Is the contract being awarded to a responsible contractor possessing the ability to		
perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed procurement,		
giving consideration to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public		
policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources? §		
200.318(h)		
Is the NFE keeping records sufficient to detail the history of the procurement,		
including, but not limited to, records documenting the rationale for the method of		
procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the		
basis for the contract price? § 200.318(i)		
Is the contract a time-and-materials contract? § 200.318(j)	+	
If so, has the NFE documented why no other contract is suitable?	+	
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Done the contract include a calling union that the contractor according to the country		
Does the contract include a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own		
risk?		
Is the NFE alone responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and		
sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative		
issues arising out of procurements? §200.318(k)		
COMPETITION		
Note: A Yes answer to any of these is not in line with federal regulations.		
All procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner providing full and		
open competition consistent with the standards of this section. Does the		
procurement involve any of the following: (§ 200.319(a):		
Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do		
business?		
Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding?		
Noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated		
companies?		
Noncompetitive contracts to consultants that are on retainer contracts?		
Organizational conflicts of interest?		
Specifying only a "brand name" product instead of allowing "an equal" product		
to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of		
the procurement?		
Any arbitrary action in the procurement process?	+	
Was the contractor that is bidding on the contract also involved with developing or		
drafting the specifications, requirements, statement of work, invitation for bids or		
request for proposals? (If so, that contractor must be excluded from competing for		
such procurements) § 200.319(a)		
Does the contract include a state or local geographic preference for local		
contractors? § 200.319(b)		
Were any potential bidders precluded from qualifying during the solicitation period?	+ +	
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See Purchases Checklist for Micro, Simplified, and Formal Requirements.

# **Checklist for Reviewing Procurements by Federal Grant Recipients and Subrecipients**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS CHECKLIST:**

	YES	NO
If the contract is for construction, does it include the required Equal Employment		
Opportunity clause?		
For construction contracts exceeding \$2,000 awarded under a Federal grant, does the		
contract include a Davis-Bacon Act clause and Copeland "Anti- Kickback" Act clause		
addressing prevailing wage rates? [Note that Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation		
Grant Program contracts do NOT require these clauses.]		
If the contract amount exceeds \$100,000 and involves the employment of mechanics		
or laborers, does the contract include a Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards		
clause?		
Bonding requirements for construction or facility improvement contracts exceeding \$250,000:		
Note: For construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (i.e, \$250,000), the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the non-Federal entity provided that the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity has made a determination that the Federal interest is adequately protected.		
If such a determination (see above) has not been made, does the procurement include the following?		
A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price?		
A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price?		
A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price.		

# **Checklist for Reviewing Procurements by Federal Grant Recipients and Subrecipients**

#### **PURCHASES CHECKLIST:**

	YES	NO
Will there be any federal funds expended on the purchase of goods or services?		
Is the purchase less than \$10,000? (CFR 200.320(a))		
If yes, is this a one-time purchase?		
Is the price for the goods or service reasonable?		
Is the purchase being distributed equitably among eligible vendors?		
Is the purchaser greater than \$10,000 and less than the current state bid limit? CFR (200.320(b))		
If yes, is the price reasonable?		
Is there a complete detailed description of the goods or services being procured?		
<ul> <li>Descriptions/ specifications must be communicated equally among vendors,</li> </ul>		
and should include unit size (case, package) , measurement unit, brand name equivalent.		
Are there at least two vendors that can provide the goods or services?		
Is the cumulative total of the purchases in excess of the state's formal bid limit or the		
federal bid limit, whichever is most restrictive?		
Is there a complete, adequate, and realistic specification for the goods or services to be procured? (CFR 200.320 (c)(1)		
Are there at least two vendors that can provide the goods or services?		
Does the procurement lend itself to a firm fixed price contract?		
Can the award be made principally on the basis of price?		
If the procurement is being made on the basis of non-competitive proposals, does it		
meet one or more of the following criteria?		
The item is available only from a single source.		
<ol><li>The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation</li></ol>		
The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity		
4. After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.		

#### **SAMPLE MANUALS**

#### **Web Links**

Due to size of documents, the following are not being printed. These are sample comprehensive procedures manuals under federal guidelines.

#### **State & Federal Procedures Manual (Samples)**

https://4.files.edl.io/eaba/01/24/19/175617-66e0f593-6c40-49e1-b392-859e8dfce3bc.pdf

#### Federal Guidelines Procedural Manual – WASBO

https://www.wasbo.com/WASBO/Resources/Federal\_Funds\_Procedural\_Manual.aspx

### **Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) Requirements for Equipment & Real Property Management**

Applicability	Allowable use	Disposition	Record Keeping
Real Property	§74.32 The Secretary prescribes requirements	§74.32 (c) When the real property is no longer needed as provided in	§74.53 Retention and
- Non-profit	for recipients concerning the use and disposition	paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, the recipient shall request	access requirements
organizations	of real property acquired in whole or in part	disposition instructions from ED or its successor Federal awarding	for records.
§74.32	under awards. Unless otherwise provided by	agency. The Secretary observes one or more of the following	(a) This section
	statute, the minimum requirements provide the	disposition instructions:	establishes
	following:	(1) The recipient may be permitted to retain title without further	requirements for
	(a) Title to real property must vest in the	obligation to the Federal Government after it compensates the Federal	record retention and
	recipient subject to the condition that the	Government for that percentage of the current fair market value of the	access to records for
	recipient shall use the real property for the	property attributable to the Federal participation in the project.	awards to recipients.
	authorized purpose of the project as long as it is	(2) The recipient may be directed to sell the property under guidelines	The Secretary does
	needed and shall not encumber the property	provided by the Secretary and pay the Federal Government for that	not impose any other
	without approval of the Secretary.	percentage of the current fair market value of the property attributable	record retention or
	(b) The recipient shall obtain written approval by	to the Federal participation in the project (after deducting actual and	access requirements
	the Secretary for the use of real property in other	reasonable selling and fix-up expenses, if any, from the sales	upon recipients.
	federally-sponsored projects when the recipient	proceeds). When the recipient is authorized or required to sell the	(b) Financial records,
	determines that the property is no longer needed	property, proper sales procedures must be established that provide for	supporting
	for the purpose of the original project. Use in	competition to the extent practicable and result in the highest possible	documents, statistical
	other projects shall be limited to those under	return.	records, and all other
	federally sponsored projects (i.e., awards) that	(3) The recipient may be directed to transfer title to the property to the	records pertinent to
	have purposes consistent with those authorized	Federal Government or to an eligible third party. The recipient is	an award shall be
	for support by the Secretary.	entitled to compensation for its attributable percentage of the current	retained for a period
		fair market value of the property.	of three years from
Equipment -	§74.34 (a) Title to equipment acquired by a	§ 74.34 (g) When the recipient no longer needs the equipment, the	the date of
Non-profit	recipient with Federal funds shall vest in the	equipment may be used for other activities in accordance with the	submission of the
organizations	recipient, subject to conditions of this section.	following standards:	final expenditure
§74.34	(b) The recipient may not use equipment	(1) For equipment with a current per unit fair market value of \$5000 or	report or, for awards
	acquired with Federal funds to provide services	more, the recipient may retain the equipment for other uses provided	that are renewed
	to non-Federal outside organizations for a fee	that compensation is made to ED or its successor. The amount of	quarterly or annually,
	that is less than private companies charge for	compensation shall be computed by applying the percentage of	from the date of the
	equivalent services, unless specifically	Federal participation in the cost of the original project or program to the	submission of the
	authorized by Federal statute, for as long as the	current fair market value of the equipment.	quarterly or annual
	Federal Government retains an interest in the	(2) If the recipient has no need for the equipment, the recipient shall	financial report, as
	equipment.	request disposition instructions from the Secretary. The Secretary shall	authorized by the
	(c) The recipient shall use the equipment in the	determine whether the equipment can be used to meet ED	Secretary. The only
	project or program for which it was acquired as	requirements. If no requirement exists within ED, the availability of the	exceptions are the

Applicability	Allowable use	Disposition	Record Keeping
	long as needed, whether or not the project or	equipment shall be reported to the General Services Administration by	following:
	program continues to be supported by Federal	the Secretary to determine whether a requirement for the equipment	(1) If any litigation,
	funds and may not encumber the property	exists in other Federal agencies. The Secretary issues instructions to	claim, or audit is
	without approval of the Secretary. When no	the recipient no later than 120 calendar days after the recipient's	started before the
	longer needed for the original project or	request and the following procedures govern:	expiration of the 3-
	program, the recipient shall use the equipment in	(i) If so instructed or if disposition instructions are not issued within 120	year period, the
	connection with its other federally sponsored	calendar days after the recipient's request, the recipient shall sell the	records shall be
	activities, in the following order of priority:	equipment and reimburse ED an amount computed by applying to the	retained until all
	(1) Activities sponsored by the Federal awarding	sales proceeds the percentage of Federal participation in the cost of	litigation, claims, or
	agency which funded the original project; and	the original project or program. However, the recipient shall be	audit findings
	then	permitted to deduct and retain from the Federal share \$500 or ten	involving the records
	(2) Activities sponsored by other Federal	percent of the proceeds, whichever is less, for the recipient's selling	have been resolved
	awarding agencies.	and handling expenses.	and final action taken.
	(d) During the time that equipment is used on	(ii) If the recipient is instructed to ship the equipment elsewhere, the	(2) Records for real
	the project or program for which it was acquired,	recipient is reimbursed by ED by an amount which is computed by	property and
	the recipient shall make it available for use on	applying the percentage of the recipient's participation in the cost of the	equipment acquired
	other projects or programs if other use will not	original project or program to the current fair market value of the	with Federal funds
	interfere with the work on the project or program	equipment, plus any reasonable shipping or interim storage costs	shall be retained for 3
	for which the equipment was originally acquired.	incurred.	years after final
	First preference for other use shall be given to	(iii) If the recipient is instructed to otherwise dispose of the equipment,	disposition.
	other projects or programs sponsored by the	the recipient is reimbursed by ED for costs incurred in its disposition.	
	Federal awarding agency that financed the	(iv) The Secretary may reserve the right to transfer the title to the	
	equipment; second preference shall be given to	Federal Government or to a third party named by the Federal	
	projects or programs sponsored by other	Government when the third party is otherwise eligible under existing	
	Federal awarding agencies. If the equipment is	statutes. This transfer shall be subject to the following standards:	
	owned by the Federal Government, use on other	(A) The equipment must be appropriately identified in the award or	
	activities not sponsored by the Federal	otherwise made known to the recipient in writing.	
	Government shall be permissible if authorized by	(B) The Secretary issues disposition instructions within 120 calendar	
	the Federal awarding agency. User charges shall be treated as program income.	days after receipt of a final inventory. The final inventory must list all equipment acquired with grant funds and federally-owned equipment. If	
	(e) When acquiring replacement equipment, the	the Secretary does not issue disposition instructions within the 120	
	recipient may use the equipment to be replaced	calendar day period, the recipient shall apply the standards of this	
	as trade-in or sell the equipment and use the	section, as appropriate.	
	proceeds to offset the costs of the replacement	(C) When the Secretary exercises the right to take title, the equipment	
	equipment subject to the approval of the	is subject to the provisions for federally-owned equipment.	
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	Secretary.		

Applicability	Allowable use	Disposition	Record Keeping
Direct Grants	§75.533 Acquisition of real property;		
Part 75	construction.		
	No grantee may use its grant for acquisition of		
	real property or for construction unless		
	specifically permitted by the authorizing statute		
	or implementing regulations for the program.		
State	§76.533 Acquistion of real property;		
Administered	construction.		
Programs	No State or subgrantee may use its grant or		
Part 76	subgrant for acquisition of real property or for		
	construction unless specifically permitted by the		
	authorizing statute or implementing regulations		
	for the program.		
Real Property	§ 80.31 Real property.	§80.31 (c) Disposition. When real property is no longer needed for the	§80.42 Retention and
- State and	(a) Title. Subject to the obligations and	originally authorized purpose, the grantee or subgrantee will request	access requirements
Local	conditions set forth in this section, title to real	disposition instructions from the awarding agency. The instructions will	for records.
Governments	property acquired under a grant or subgrant will	provide for one of the following alternatives:	(a) Applicability. (1)
Part 80	vest upon acquisition in the grantee or	(1) Retention of title. Retain title after compensating the awarding	This section applies
	subgrantee respectively.	agency. The amount paid to the awarding agency will be computed by	to all financial and
	(b) Use. Except as otherwise provided by	applying the awarding agency's percentage of participation in the cost	programmatic
	Federal statutes, real property will be used for	of the original purchase to the fair market value of the property.	records, supporting
	the originally authorized purposes as long as	However, in those situations where a grantee or subgrantee is	documents, statistical
	needed for that purposes, and the grantee or	disposing of real property acquired with grant funds and acquiring	records, and other
	subgrantee shall not dispose of or encumber its	replacement real property under the same program, the net proceeds	records of grantees or
	title or other interests.	from the disposition may be used as an offset to the cost of the	subgrantees which
		replacement property.	are:
		(2) Sale of property. Sell the property and compensate the awarding	(i) Required to be
		agency. The amount due to the awarding agency will be calculated by	maintained by the
		applying the awarding agency's percentage of participation in the cost	terms of this part,
		of the original purchase to the proceeds of the sale after deduction of any actual and reasonable selling and fixing-up expenses. If the grant	program regulations
		1. 3	or the grant
		is still active, the net proceeds from sale may be offset against the original cost of the property. When a grantee or subgrantee is directed	agreement, or (ii) Otherwise
		to sell property, sales procedures shall be followed that provide for	reasonably
		competition to the extent practicable and result in the highest possible	considered as
		return.	pertinent to program
		(3) Transfer of title. Transfer title to the awarding agency or to a third-	regulations or the
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Applicability	Allowable use	Disposition	Record Keeping
		party designated/approved by the awarding agency. The grantee or	grant agreement
		subgrantee shall be paid an amount calculated by applying the grantee	(b) Length of retention
		or subgrantee's percentage of participation in the purchase of the real	period. (1) Except as
		property to the current fair market value of the property.	otherwise provided,
		(d) The provisions of paragraph (c) of this section do not apply to	records must be
		disaster assistance under 20 U.S.C. 241–1(b)–(c) and the construction	retained for three
		provisions of the Impact Aid Program, 20 U.S.C. 631–647.	years from the
Equipment -	§80.32 Equipment.	§80.32 (e) Disposition. When original or replacement equipment	starting date specified
State and	(a) Title. Subject to the obligations and	acquired under a grant or subgrant is no longer needed for the original	in paragraph (c) of
local	conditions set forth in this section, title to	project or program or for other activities currently or previously	this section
governments	equipment acquired under a grant or subgrant	supported by a Federal agency, disposition of the equipment will be	(c) Starting date of
	will vest upon acquisition in the grantee or	made as follows:	retention period —(1)
	subgrantee respectively.	(1) Items of equipment with a current per-unit fair market value of less	General. When grant
	(b) States. A State will use, manage, and	than \$5,000 may be retained, sold or otherwise disposed of with no	support is continued
	dispose of equipment acquired under a grant by	further obligation to the awarding agency.	or renewed at annual
	the State in accordance with State laws and	(2) Items of equipment with a current per unit fair market value in	or other intervals, the
	procedures. Other grantees and subgrantees will	excess of \$5,000 may be retained or sold and the awarding agency	retention period for
	follow paragraphs (c) through (e) of this section.	shall have a right to an amount calculated by multiplying the current	the records of each
	(c) Use. (1) Equipment shall be used by the	market value or proceeds from sale by the awarding agency's share of	funding period starts
	grantee or subgrantee in the program or project	the equipment.	on the day the
	for which it was acquired as long as needed,	(3) In cases where a grantee or subgrantee fails to take appropriate	grantee or subgrantee submits to the
	whether or not the project or program continues	disposition actions, the awarding agency may direct the grantee or	
	to be supported by Federal funds. When no	subgrantee to take excess and disposition actions	awarding agency its
	longer needed for the original program or	(h) The provisions of paragraphs (c), (d), (e), and (g) of this section do	single or last expenditure report for
	project, the equipment may be used in other	not apply to disaster assistance under 20 U.S.C. 241–1(b)–(c) and the	that period
	activities currently or previously supported by a	construction provisions of the Impact Aid Program, 20 U.S.C. 631–647.	(2) Real property and
	Federal agency. (2) The grantee or subgrantee shall also make		equipment records.
	equipment available for use on other projects or		The retention period
	programs currently or previously supported by		for real property and
	the Federal Government, providing such use will		equipment records
	not interfere with the work on the projects or		starts from the date of
	program for which it was originally acquired.		the disposition or
	First preference for other use shall be given to		replacement or
	other programs or projects supported by the		transfer at the
	awarding agency. User fees should be		direction of the
	considered if appropriate.		awarding agency.
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Applicability	Allowable use	Disposition	Record Keeping
	(3) Notwithstanding the encouragement in		
	§80.25(a) to earn program income, the grantee		
	or subgrantee must not use equipment acquired		
	with grant funds to provide services for a fee to		
	compete unfairly with private companies that		
	provide equivalent services, unless specifically		
	permitted or contemplated by		
	Federal statute.		
	(4) When acquiring replacement equipment, the		
	grantee or subgrantee may use the equipment to		
	be replaced as a trade-in or sell the property and		
	use the proceeds to offset the cost of the		
	replacement property, subject to the approval of		
	the awarding agency.		

#### § 77.1 Definitions that apply to all Department programs.

Equipment (§74.2) (§80.3) Equipment means tangible nonexpendable personal property including exempt property charged directly to the award having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit. However, consistent with recipient policy, lower limits may be established.

Real property (§74.2) (§80.3) Real property means land, including land improvements, structures and appurtenances thereto, but excludes movable machinery and equipment.

#### PERKINS INVENTORY MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

#### **INVENTORY PROCEDURES**

The following information explains the policies and procedures governing equipment and nonconsumable supplies purchased in whole or in part with Carl D. Perkins funds and state funded grants provided by the California Department of Education

The eligible grant recipient is required to maintain a local inventory of equipment and non-consumable supplies. The local education agency is also responsible for maintaining the equipment/non-consumable supplies and for exercising reasonable care and safe keeping of the items.

If your district is a member of a Perkins Consortium, then your consortium (eligible recipient) is responsible for maintaining an inventory at the consortium level, but it is also strongly encouraged to also maintain an inventory at the district level for reconciliation purposes with the consortium.

#### I. Definitions

#### 1. Acquisition Cost

Acquisition cost of equipment or non-capitalized equipment items purchased means the net invoice price of the units, including any attachments, accessories or auxiliary apparatus necessary to make the equipment usable for the purpose for which it was acquired. Auxiliary charges such as duty or taxes, protective in-transit insurance, freight or installation may be included as part of the acquisition cost if payment of charges is approved by the Division of Career and Technical Education when reimbursement is made for such items. (2 C.F.R. Part 200.2)

#### 2. Capitalized Equipment

Includes machinery and other items of tangible property having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$5,000 at time of acquisition, or exceeds the capitalization level established by the non-federal entity for financial statement purposes. (2

C.F.R. Part 200.33)

#### 3. Eligible Recipient

Eligible recipients include:

- a. Local Educational Agency or a consortium
- b. An eligible institution or consortium of eligible institutions eligible under Perkins Act, Section 132. (Perkins Sec.3(14))

#### 4. Equipment

For purposes of this document, equipment will collectively refer to both capitalized equipment and non-capitalized equipment unless identified more specifically as capitalized versus non-capitalized.

#### 5. Federal Interest

For purposes of 2 C.F.R. 200.329 reporting on real property or when used in

connection with the acquisition or improvement of real property, equipment, or supplies under a federal award, the dollar amount that is the product of the:

- c. Federal share of total project costs; and
- d. Current fair market value of the property or cost of acquiring the property as project costs (2 C.F.R. Part 200.41)

#### 6. Non-Capitalized Equipment

Supplies and materials which are not consumable. The acquisition cost is less than the LEA's capitalization policy threshold. This category generally includes the purchase of smaller computer and technology equipment that will not be capitalized.

#### 7. Supplies and Materials

Items of an expendable nature that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated by use or items that lose their identity through fabrication or incorporation into different or more complex units or substances.

#### 8. State Office

Department of Education, Division of Career and Technical Education (DCTE).

#### 9. Subrecipient

A non-federal entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity (State) to carry out part of a Federal program. This is a consortium or local education agency eligible to receive funds under the Perkins Act, Section 131, or a postsecondary institution eligible to receive funds under the Perkins Act, Section 132 (2 C.F.R. Part 200.93)

#### 10. Useful Life

The period of time for which an item can be used for the purposes for which it was purchased. Useful life is not defined by a depreciation schedule.

#### II. Title

1. The title to equipment acquired under a Federal award will vest upon acquisition in the subrecipient. That is, equipment becomes the property of the eligible recipient. DCTE may reserve the right to transfer the title to other eligible subrecipients.

#### III. Purchasing

- 1. The subrecipient is responsible for purchasing equipment, supplies and materials approved by DCTE for use in career and technical education programs. All local and state laws, regulations and procedures must be followed in the purchase of equipment, supplies and materials. (For example, if the subrecipient's policies require formal bids, then formal bids must be obtained.) After the subrecipient has been notified that equipment, supplies and materials have been approved for purchase, such items must be purchased or a signed purchase order should be executed as soon as possible. DCTE may specify a deadline for purchases.
- 2. The subrecipient must attain three unrelated bids for any supplies or services that exceed the micro-purchase threshold of \$3,000. Bids must be from unrelated companies.

- Equipment purchased by subrecipients with funds provided by DCTE must meet all federal and state occupational safety and health administration rules and regulations. Subrecipients must require compliance of all rules and regulations by the vendor before purchase is made.
- 4. The subrecipient is encouraged to plan a systematic method for continually updating equipment to avoid obsolescence and fluctuating budgets from year to year.
- 5. Equipment, supplies and materials must be received and be operational in sufficient time to make an impact on the program(s) during the current school year.
- 6. All purchased equipment must have adequate insurance coverage.
- 7. All equipment must be identified as Perkins-purchased equipment with a permanent label or other identification system supplied by the subrecipient. The assigned identification tag must be attached or the inventory number engraved on the equipment.
- 8. Rebates or coupons must be deducted to the original item cost in order to determine the eligible cost for federal funding.

### IV. <u>Use of Equipment Purchased with Funds Provided by the Career and Technical Education Grants</u>

- 1. Equipment Purchase
  - Equipment and non-consumable items purchased for a specific career and technical education program must be located in that program. Career and technical education equipment and non-consumable items may be used for other instructional programs if the other use of the equipment/non- consumable items is outside of regular school hours.
- 2. Repair and/or Replacement of Equipment Lost, Damaged, Stolen or Destroyed The subrecipient shall be solely responsible for the repair and/or replacement of any item lost, damaged, stolen or destroyed. No reimbursement will be made by DCTE to the subrecipient for any loss, damage, theft or destruction of the equipment. The outcome of the item that was lost, damaged, stolen or destroyed must be documented in subrecipient's inventory. Records for items disposed of must be retained for 5 years.
- 3. Inventory Control System
  - A control system for all equipment (capitalized and non-capitalized) and non-consumable items shall be in effect by the subrecipient to ensure adequate safeguards for the prevention of loss, damage, theft or destruction of the equipment.
    - a. The subrecipient will be responsible for replacing or repairing (with non-federal funds) equipment that is lost, damaged, destroyed or stolen.
    - b. A physical inventory must be taken and the results reconciled with property records at least once every two years.
- 4. Maintenance of Equipment Adequate maintenance procedures, such as maintenance contracts, shall be

implemented by the subrecipient to keep the equipment in good working condition. The cost of maintaining equipment must be paid by the subrecipient and is not the responsibility of DCTE.

#### 5. Inventory Tags

All equipment must be tagged upon receipt of equipment. Tags or other means of identification that are different from local inventory will be provided by the subrecipient.

#### 6. Property Records

Property records shall be maintained accurately for each item of equipment. The records shall include the following information:

- a. A description of the property
- b. A serial number or other identification number
- c. The source funding for the property (Including Federal Award Identification Number)
- d. Name of entity that holds title
- e. The acquisition date
- f. The cost of the property
- g. The percentage of federal participation in the cost of the property
- h. The location of the item
- i. Use and condition of the property
- j. Any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property. Records must be retained for 5 years post disposition per records retention rules.

#### V. <u>Disposition</u>

1. When there is no longer a need for a specific piece of equipment to accomplish the purpose of the career and technical education program, or if the equipment becomes worn out or obsolete, the subrecipient will dispose of the equipment using the following process:

#### 2. Disposition of equipment

- a. Subgrantees may use equipment for other approved CTE programs within the subrecipient's district or member district (if subrecipient is a consortium) if the use is for the same purpose for which the item was purchased.
- b. Non-Capitalized Equipment Disposition Procedure
  - (1) Offer the equipment to other approved CTE programs, as appropriate for relevant purposes.
    - a) If District is the subrecipient Offer to other appropriate CTE programs within the district.
    - b) If Consortium is the subrecipent Offer to programs at a member district within the consortium.
  - (2) Notify DCTE Grants Specialist of items to be surplused.
  - (3) DCTE will notify all other eligible subrecipients about the surplused

- equipment. DCTE will determine who will receive the equipment. Shipping or other costs incurred in transferring the equipment will be paid by the receiving school.
- (4) If no other subrecipient wants the surplused non-capitalized equipment, DCTE will notify the subrecipient that they may surplus the non-capitalized equipment per subrecipient disposition policies.
- c. Capitalized Equipment Disposition Procedure
  - (1) Offer the equipment to other approved CTE programs, as appropriate for relevant purposes.
    - a) If District is the subrecipient Offer to other appropriate CTE programs within the district.
    - b) If Consortium is the subrecipent Offer to programs at a member district in the consortium.
- d. Notify DCTE Grants Specialist of items to be surplused or sold.
  - (1) If subrecipient wants the capitalized equipment to be transferred to another subrecipient, DCTE will notify all other eligible subrecipients about the capitalized equipment. DCTE will determine who will receive the equipment. Shipping or other costs incurred in transferring the equipment will be paid by the receiving school.
    - a) If subrecipient wants to sell the property:
      - Fair market value must be determined and a Perkins
         Disposition Form must be completed. Fair market value is the
         value of the item on the open market. A copy of the sales
         receipt must be submitted with the disposition form.
      - ii. The federal interest in the equipment is determined by the proportion of the federal share in the acquisition cost. The percentage of the federal share is then multiplied by the amount received by the sale to determine the federal interest.
      - iii. The federal interest must be used to purchase more equipment and a Perkins Federal Interest Transfer Worksheet must be submitted and approved by DCTE for new purchases.
      - Inventory records must document the sale of the item(s) sold and new records created for items purchased with the federal interest.
    - b) If the subrecipient trades the equipment in, the amount of the credit must be deducted from the sales price in order to determine the eligible cost of the new equipment. Federal funds cannot be used to pay the original price prior to the rebate deduction. Coupons and rebates must be properly documented in the transaction.
- 3. Broken Equipment If a piece of equipment is broken and no longer usable, the subrecipient must document the disposal of the item and indicate the condition in the inventory at time of disposition. These records must be kept for 5 years per records retention rules.

#### VI. <u>Termination of Program</u>

- Upon receiving notification from the subrecipient of the termination of an approved career and technical education program, DCTE will determine the time and method of disposition of the equipment. It is the sole responsibility of DCTE to determine whether the equipment is to be transferred to another subrecipient, sold, traded or retained by the subrecipient.
- 2. The actual disposition of the equipment may be accomplished by moving it to another approved career and technical education program. Actual physical transfer of equipment shall be determined by DCTE.

#### VII. Programs That Do Not Accept Perkins Funds

- 1. If a program chooses to not accept Perkins funds, but continues to offer approved CTE programs:
  - a. LEA must return any inventory that has federal interest, any item with a current fair market value greater than \$5,000, to the state.
  - LEA may retain any supplies, materials and non-capitalized equipment as long as they continue to have an approved CTE program for which the items were purchased.
- 2. If program chooses to not accept Perkins funds and does not offer approved CTE programs
  - a. LEA must return all items purchased with Perkins that have value

#### VIII. Records Retention

- 1. All items that have value must be kept in the subrecipient's inventory.
- 2. Items that were disposed of must continue to be listed in the inventory 5 years following the date of disposition and must list the outcome of the disposition (i.e. broken and disposed, transferred to [Name] consortium, stolen, etc.)