

Bidding Requirements

The Board declares its intention to purchase competitively without prejudice and to seek maximum educational value for every dollar expended.

All public contracts for goods or services shall be based upon applicable competitive procurement provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes and adopted public contracting rules except:

1. Contracts between contracting agencies or between contracting agencies and the federal government;
2. Insurance and services contracts as provided for under state law;
3. Contracts for the procurement or distribution of textbooks;
4. Energy savings performance contracts;
5. Contracts made with qualified nonprofit agencies providing employment opportunities for disabled individuals;
6. Public improvement contracts exempted by the Local Contract Review Board (LCRB) upon findings that the award would not encourage favoritism or substantially diminish competition and would result in substantial cost savings and other substantial benefits to the contracting agency;
7. Special procurements exempted by the LCRB upon findings that the award would not encourage favoritism or substantially diminish competition and would result in substantial cost savings to the contracting agency;
8. Emergency contracts;
9. Any other public contract specifically exempted from the code by another provision or law.

The Board will serve as the LCRB for the district. All district purchasing shall be conducted in accordance with the Board's adopted rules.

The Board, acting as its own LCRB, will adopt the *Oregon Attorney General's Model Public Contract Rules* OAR Chapter 137, Division 046 through 049 in effect at the time this policy is adopted. These rules govern purchasing procedures other matters subject to competitive procurement provisions of law.

The district shall procure the construction manager/general contractor services in accordance with model rules the Attorney General adopts under ORS 279A.065(3).

Additionally, the Board may include as part of its rules portions of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services rules governing Public Contract Exemptions, OAR Chapter 125, Divisions 246 through 249 in effect at the time this policy is adopted.

Where necessary, the Board has made the written findings required by law for exemptions from competitive bidding. Such findings shall be maintained by the district and made available on request.

The district shall review its rules each time the Attorney General adopts a modification of the model rules, as required by ORS 279A.065 (5)(b), to determine whether any modifications need to be made to district rules to ensure compliance with statutory changes. Modifications will be made only following review by the district's legal counsel. New rules, as necessary, will be adopted by the Board. In the event it is unnecessary to adopt new rules, Board minutes will reflect that the review process was completed as required. The Board recognizes that a public contracting agency that has not established its own rules of procedure as required by ORS 279A.065 (5) is subject to the model rules adopted by the Attorney General, including all modifications to the model rules that the Attorney General may adopt.

Public contracts, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder or the best, responsive and responsible proposer consistent with solicitation document provisions. The Board may reject in whole or in part, any bid or proposal not in compliance with all prescribed procedures and requirements and may reject for good cause any bid or proposal upon a written finding that it is in the public interest to do so. Such findings shall conform with criteria as specified by the *Oregon Attorney General's Model Contract Rules Manual*.

Opportunity will be provided to all responsible suppliers to do business with the district.

Procurements estimated to be in excess of \$245,000 shall go through the cost analysis and feasibility process described in ORS 279B.

Records of bids, proposals and specifications will be kept in the district administration office and will conform with Oregon Revised Statute and applicable provisions of the *Oregon Attorney General's Model Contract Rules Manual*.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS Chapters 279A, 279B and 279C](#) [OAR Chapter 125](#), Divisions 246-249

OR. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OR. ATT'Y GENERAL'S MODEL PUBLIC CONTRACT RULES MANUAL.

Cross Reference(s):

DJ - District Purchasing
DJCA - Personal Services Contracts
FEF/FEFB - Construction Contracts - Bidding and Awards