

SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: FINANCES | POLICY NO. 610: PURCHASES SUBJECT TO BID/ QUOTATION

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 28, 2024

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<p>1. Authority 24 P.S. 751 24 P.S. 807.1</p>	<p>It is the policy of the Board to obtain competitive bids and price quotations for products and services where such bids or quotations are required by law or may result in monetary savings to the school district.</p>
<p>2. Guidelines 24 P.S. 751 24 P.S. 807.1 24 P.S. 120 62 Pa. C.S.A. 4601 et seq</p>	<p>The amounts contained in this policy regarding competitive bid and price quotation requirements are subject to adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index are published annually by the PA Department of Labor and Industry.</p> <p><u>Competitive Bids</u></p> <p>When seeking competitive bids, the Board shall advertise once a week for three (3) weeks in at least one newspaper of general circulation. After due public notice advertising for competitive bids, the Board shall be authorized to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Purchase furniture, equipment, school supplies and appliances costing a base amount of [\$23,200]¹ or more, unless exempt by law.2. Contract for construction, reconstruction, repairs, maintenance or work on any school building or property having a total cost or value of more than [\$23,200]¹, unless exempt by law. <p>The Board prohibits the practice of splitting purchases to avoid advertising and bidding requirements.</p> <p>With kind, quality and material being equal, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder meeting bid specifications shall be accepted upon resolution of the Board, unless the Board chooses to reject all bids.</p> <p>The Board recognizes that emergencies may occur when imminent danger exists to persons or property or continuance of existing school classes is threatened, and time for bidding cannot be provided because of the need for immediate action. Bidding decisions in the event of such emergencies shall be made in accordance with existing legal requirements.</p> <p><i>[¹ Indicates values for 2024]</i></p> <p><u>Price Quotations</u></p> <p>Unless exempt by law, at least three (3) written or telephonic price quotations shall be requested by the Board for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Furniture, equipment, school supplies and appliances costing a base amount of more than [\$12,600]¹ but less than [\$23,200]¹.2. All contracts for construction, reconstruction, repairs, maintenance or work on any school building or property, having a total cost or value of more than [\$12,600]¹ but less than [\$23,200]¹. <p>If it is not possible to obtain three (3) quotations, a memorandum must be kept on file showing that fewer than three (3) qualified vendors exist in the market area. The written price quotations, written records of telephonic price quotations and memoranda shall be kept on file for three (3) years.</p> <p><i>[¹ Indicates values for 2024]</i></p> <p><u>Work Performed by District Maintenance Personnel</u></p> <p>The Board may authorize district maintenance personnel to perform</p>

<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>construction, reconstruction, repairs or work having a total cost or value of less than [\$12,600]¹. ¹ <i>Indicates values for 2024</i></p> <p>The Board may grant the Board Secretary or Purchasing Agent the authority to purchase supplies and award contracts in the amount and manner designated by applicable law.</p> <p>The PA Department of Labor and Industry will publish notice, in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to January 1 of each calendar year of the annual percentage change and the unadjusted or final adjusted base amounts at which competitive bidding is required and written or telephonic price quotations are required, respectively, for the calendar year beginning the first day of January after publication of the notice. This policy will be adjusted annually based on the notice published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and changed without the necessity of further action by the Board of School Directors.</p>
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