

CONTRACTS

The board shall make all purchases from responsible vendors, at fair prices, and in a manner such as to eliminate favoritism, partiality, and corruption, all in accordance with state laws and rules and regulations of the department of education.

Contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder upon resolution of the board unless the board chooses to reject all bids, to readvertise, or to purchase under a state contract. A responsible bidder shall be one who meets all of the qualifications and specifications as mandated in the bid document unless disqualified by the attorney general.

Whenever two or more proposals or bids of equal amounts are the lowest proposals or bids submitted by responsible bidders, the board of education may award the contract to whichever one of the lowest bidders it may determine.

This school district shall not enter into any contract with a person, agency or organization if it has knowledge that such person, agency or organization discriminates on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, national origin, age, social or economic status, or non-job related handicap or disability, either in employment practices or in the provisions of benefits or services to pupils or employees.

Each contract or purchase order shall contain a statement in which the vendor certifies he/she does not discriminate in employment in public contracts.

The board shall consider the advantages of entering into a contract for more than one year when and as the law permits.

Date: April 23, 2009

Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-36 through -39	Awarding contracts
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42	Duration of certain contracts
N.J.A.C. 6:4-1.6(c)	Employment/contract practices

Cross References:

3320 Purchasing procedures