

SECTION: FINANCES

TITLE: PURCHASES SUBJECT TO BID

ADOPTED: November 9, 1995

REVISED: August 11, 2005,  
June 13, 2013

# Palmyra Area School District

610. PURCHASES SUBJECT TO BID	
1. Purpose	It is the policy of the Board to obtain competitive bids for products and services where such bids are required by law or where such bids may be believed to bring about a cost saving to the school district.
2. Authority SC 807.1	Furniture, equipment, textbooks, school supplies and other appliances (herein called "supplies") to be purchased by the district, unless exempt by statute, costing a base amount of more than \$10,000 (as adjusted annually in accordance with Act 97 of 2011) but less than \$18,500 (as adjusted annually in accordance with Act 97 of 2011), require three written or telephonic quotations. However, if it is not possible to obtain three (3) quotations, a memo must be kept on file for three (3) years showing that fewer than three (3) qualified contractors exist in the market area.
SC 751	All contracts for construction, reconstruction, repairs, maintenance or work on any school building as property (herein called "work"), unless exempt by statute, having a cost or value of a base amount more than \$10,000 but less than \$18,500 require three written or telephonic quotations. However, if it is not possible to obtain three (3) quotations, a memo must be kept on file for three (3) years showing that fewer than three (3) qualified contractors exist in the market area.
	Less than \$10,000 (as adjusted annually in accordance with Act 97 of 2011) worth of work may be done with district employees.
3. Responsibility	Bid specifications shall be prepared by the Business Manager.  S/He shall combine like items of supply and material whenever it is feasible, and permissible under statute, and not split purchases to avoid these requirements for bidding.

610. PURCHASES SUBJECT TO BID

SC 807.1	<p>The Secretary or responsible administrator is authorized to advertise for bids in accordance with statutory procedures without prior approval of the Board, but shall inform the Board of such action at the meeting next following. Records shall be kept in sufficient detail to show that a reasonable number of qualified vendors were invited to bid.</p> <p>Bids shall be opened publicly before one or more witnesses at a previously designated time and place. Contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder upon resolution of the Board, unless the Board chooses to reject all bids.</p>
SC 751	<p>The board also recognizes that emergencies may occur when imminent danger exists to persons or property or the continuance of existing school classes is threatened, and time for bidding cannot be provided because of the need for immediate action.</p>
Act 4 of 1974	<p>Whenever a contractor shall submit a bid for the performance of work and the contractor later claims a mistake, error or omission in preparing said bid, the contractor shall, before the bids are open, make known the fact and in such case the bid shall be returned unopened.</p>