

**BIDS AND QUOTATIONS
(REGULATIONS)**

The superintendent or designee shall secure bids on all items purchased, either by oral price quotations, formal quotations, or advertised bids. In the interest of economy of time, informal quotations by telephone may be secured on purchases of less than \$500.00. In determining whether formal quotations shall be obtained, the superintendent or designee shall weigh the necessity for speed of securing supplies or equipment and the possible savings that may be realized. If savings from quotations are insignificant, prices given by reliable vendors may be used.

All contracts for, and purchases of supplies, materials, equipment, and contractual services in the amount of \$500.00 or more may be based on at least three competitive bids. All purchases made in the open market shall be consummated after careful pricing.

When bidding procedures are used, bids shall be advertised appropriately. Suppliers shall be invited to have their names placed on mailing lists to receive invitations to bid. When specifications are prepared, they will be mailed to all merchants and firms who have indicated an interest in bidding. The Oklahoma Department of Corrections will be placed on the mailing list and will be sent invitations to bid for all goods and services the department may provide and for which this district has a specific need.

All proposals to award public construction contracts shall be made as follows:

1. Notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation and published in the county where the work or the major part of the work is to be done. The notice shall be published in two consecutive weekly issues of the newspaper with the first publication at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date set for opening bids; and
2. Notice shall be sent to one in-state trade or construction publication for their use and information whenever the estimated cost of the contract exceeds Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000).

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes, addressed to the administrative office of the school district and plainly marked with the name of the bid and the time of the bid opening. Bids shall be opened at the time and place specified and all bidders and other persons shall be invited to be present.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid which appears to be in the best interest of the school district. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part of any bid, or to waive any informality, and to accept the bid which appears to be in the best interest of the school district. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

The bidder to whom the award is made may be required to enter into a written contract with the school district.

The superintendent or designee shall maintain a bid list. Any vendor shall be placed on the bid list upon written request. As an objective, the superintendent or designee will normally seek out sufficient bidders to have an uncontested low bid by virtue of having several bona fide bids.

All bidders shall be given an equal opportunity to qualify for school business.

Where two or more bidders are the same on quality and price, preference shall be given to the bidder whose business establishment is within the boundaries of the school district. Where the tie bidders are from outside the district, preference may be given to the firm that has given the best sustained service to the district.