

PURCHASING AND ACQUISITION

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PURCHASING AUTHORITY	The Board delegates to the College President or designee the authority to determine the method of purchasing, in accordance with CF(LEGAL), and to make budgeted purchases. Any purchases not included in the budget shall be taken to the Board for approval.
SIGNATURE AUTHORITY	The Board delegates signature authority to the College President or designee in accordance with CF(LEGAL) for all procurements and acquisitions for the College District.
COMPETITIVE BIDDING	<p>If competitive bidding is chosen as the purchasing method, the College President or designee shall prepare bid specifications. All bids shall be in accordance with administrative regulations, and the submission of any electronic bids shall also be in accordance with Board-adopted rules. All bidders shall be invited to attend the bid opening. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening. Bids received after the specified time shall not be considered.</p> <p>The College District may reject any and all bids.</p>
COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS	<p>If competitive sealed proposals are chosen as the purchasing method, the College President or designee shall prepare the request for proposals and/or specifications for items to be purchased. All proposals shall be in accordance with administrative regulations, and the submission of any electronic proposals shall also be in accordance with Board-adopted rules. Proposals received after the specified time shall not be considered. Proposals shall be opened at the time specified, and all proposers shall be invited to attend the proposal opening. Proposals may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening. Changes in the content of a proposal, and in prices, may be negotiated after proposals are opened.</p> <p>The College District may reject any and all proposals.</p>
ELECTRONIC BIDS OR PROPOSALS	Bids or proposals that the College District has chosen to accept through electronic transmission shall be administered in accordance with Board-adopted rules. Such rules shall safeguard the integrity of the competitive procurement process; ensure the identification, security, and confidentiality of electronic bids or proposals; and ensure that the electronic bids or proposals remain effectively unopened until the proper time.
BID PROTEST	The College District has established procedures for a bid protest if the bid award is over \$50,000 in the aggregate. [See CF(REGULATION)]
RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEBTS	The Board shall assume responsibility for debts incurred in the name of the College District so long as those debts are for purchases made in accordance with the adopted budget, state law,

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Board policy, and the College District's purchasing procedures.
[See CC] The Board shall not be responsible for debts incurred by persons or organizations not directly under Board control; persons making unauthorized purchases shall assume full responsibility for all such debts.

PURCHASE
COMMITMENTS

All purchase commitments shall be made by the College President or designee, in accordance with administrative procedures, including the College District's purchasing procedures.

PERSONAL
PURCHASES

College District employees shall not be permitted to make purchases for personal use through the College District's business office.

DELINQUENT
FRANCHISE TAXES

Each corporation contracting with the College District shall certify that its franchise taxes are current. If the corporation is exempt from payment of franchise taxes or is an out-of-state corporation not subject to Texas franchise tax, it shall certify a statement to that effect. Making a false statement as to corporate franchise tax status shall be considered a material breach of the contract and shall be grounds for cancellation of the contract.

PURCHASES FROM
EMPLOYEE'S
RELATIVES

Goods and services shall not be purchased from a full-time or part-time employee or an employee's spouse, child, parent, or parent-in-law unless this provision is specifically waived by the College President.