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1 AN ACT Relating to school district competitive bidding; and
2 amending RCW 28A.335.190.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.335.190 and 1990 c 33 s 362 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) When, in the opinion of the board of directors of any school
7 district, the cost of any furniture, supplies, equipment, building,
8 improvements, or repairs, or other work or purchases, except books,
9 will equal or exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars, complete plans
10 and specifications for such work or purchases shall be prepared and
11 notice by publication given in at least one newspaper of general
12 circulation within the district, once each week for two consecutive
13 weeks, of the intention to receive bids therefor and that
14 specifications and other information may be examined at the office of
15 the board or any other officially designated location: PROVIDED, That

1 the board without giving such notice may make improvements or repairs
2 to the property of the district through the shop and repair department
3 of such district when the total of such improvements or repair does not
4 exceed the sum of (~~seventy-five hundred~~) fifteen thousand dollars.
5 The cost of any public work, improvement or repair for the purposes of
6 this section shall be the aggregate of all amounts to be paid for
7 labor, material, and equipment on one continuous or interrelated
8 project where work is to be performed simultaneously or in close
9 sequence. The bids shall be in writing and shall be opened and read in
10 public on the date and in the place named in the notice and after being
11 opened shall be filed for public inspection.

12 (2) Every purchase of furniture, equipment or supplies, except
13 books, the cost of which is estimated to be in excess of (~~seventy-five~~
14 ~~hundred~~) fifteen thousand dollars, shall be on a competitive basis.
15 The board of directors shall establish a procedure for securing
16 telephone and/or written quotations for such purchases. Whenever the
17 estimated cost is (~~from seventy-five hundred~~) more than fifteen
18 thousand dollars (~~up to~~) and less than twenty thousand dollars, the
19 procedure shall require quotations from at least three different
20 sources to be obtained in writing or by telephone, and recorded for
21 public perusal. Whenever the estimated cost is equal to or in excess
22 of twenty thousand dollars, the public bidding process provided in
23 subsection (1) of this section shall be followed.

24 (3) Every building, improvement, repair or other public works
25 project, the cost of which is estimated to be in excess of (~~seventy-~~
26 ~~five hundred~~) fifteen thousand dollars, shall be on a competitive bid
27 process. All such projects estimated to be less than twenty thousand
28 dollars may be awarded to a contractor on the small works roster. The
29 small works roster shall be comprised of all responsible contractors
30 who have requested to be on the list. The board of directors shall

1 establish a procedure for securing telephone and/or written quotations
2 from the contractors on the small works roster to assure establishment
3 of a competitive price and for awarding contracts to the lowest
4 responsible bidder. Such procedure shall require that a good faith
5 effort be made to request quotations from all contractors on the small
6 works roster who have indicated the capability of performing the kind
7 of public works being contracted. Immediately after an award is made,
8 the bid quotations obtained shall be recorded, open to public
9 inspection, and available by telephone inquiry. The small works roster
10 shall be revised at least once each year by publishing notice of such
11 opportunity in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the
12 district. Responsible contractors shall be added to the list at any
13 time they submit a written request. Whenever the estimated cost of a
14 public works project is twenty thousand dollars or more, the public
15 bidding process provided in subsection (1) of this section shall be
16 followed.

17 (4) The contract for the work or purchase shall be awarded to the
18 lowest responsible bidder as defined in RCW 43.19.1911 but the board
19 may by resolution reject any and all bids and make further calls for
20 bids in the same manner as the original call. On any work or purchase
21 the board shall provide bidding information to any qualified bidder or
22 the bidder's agent, requesting it in person.

23 (5) In the event of any emergency when the public interest or
24 property of the district would suffer material injury or damage by
25 delay, upon resolution of the board declaring the existence of such an
26 emergency and reciting the facts constituting the same, the board may
27 waive the requirements of this section with reference to any purchase
28 or contract: PROVIDED, That an "emergency", for the purposes of this
29 section, means a condition likely to result in immediate physical
30 injury to persons or to property of the school district in the absence

1 of prompt remedial action.