

**RCW 28A.335.190 Advertising for bids—Competitive bid procedures—Purchases from inmate work programs—Emergencies—Exceptions—**

**Definitions. (Effective until July 1, 2024.)** (1) When, in the opinion of the board of directors of any school district, the cost of any furniture, supplies, equipment, building, improvements, or repairs, other construction work by a contractor who meets the criteria in RCW 39.04.350, or other purchases, except books, will equal or exceed the threshold levels specified in subsections (2) and (4) of this section, complete plans and specifications for such work or purchases shall be prepared and notice by publication given in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the district, once each week for two consecutive weeks, of the intention to receive bids and that specifications and other information may be examined at the office of the board or any other officially designated location. The cost of any public work, improvement, or repair for the purposes of this section shall be the aggregate of all amounts to be paid for labor, material, and equipment on one continuous or interrelated project where work is to be performed simultaneously or in close sequence. The bids shall be in writing and shall be opened and read in public on the date and in the place named in the notice and after being opened shall be filed for public inspection.

(2) Every purchase of furniture, equipment, or supplies, except books, the cost of which is estimated to be in excess of forty thousand dollars, shall be on a competitive basis. The board of directors shall establish a procedure for securing telephone and/or written quotations for such purchases. Whenever the estimated cost is from forty thousand dollars up to seventy-five thousand dollars, the procedure shall require quotations from at least three different sources to be obtained in writing or by telephone, and recorded for public perusal. Whenever the estimated cost is in excess of seventy-five thousand dollars, the public bidding process provided in subsection (1) of this section shall be followed.

(3) Any school district may purchase goods produced or provided in whole or in part from class II inmate work programs operated by the department of corrections pursuant to RCW 72.09.100, including but not limited to furniture, equipment, or supplies. School districts are encouraged to set as a target to contract, beginning after June 30, 2006, to purchase up to one percent of the total goods required by the school districts each year, goods produced or provided in whole or in part from class II inmate work programs operated by the department of corrections.

(4) The board may make improvements or repairs to the property of the district through a department within the district without following the public bidding process provided in subsection (1) of this section when the total of such improvements or repairs does not exceed the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars. Whenever the estimated cost of a building, improvement, repair, or other public works project is one hundred thousand dollars or more, the public bidding process provided in subsection (1) of this section shall be followed unless the contract is let using the small works roster process in \*RCW 39.04.155 or under any other procedure authorized for school districts. One or more school districts may authorize an educational service district to establish and operate a small works roster for the school district under the provisions of \*RCW 39.04.155.

(5) The contract for the work or purchase shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder as described in RCW 39.26.160(2) but the

board may by resolution reject any and all bids and make further calls for bids in the same manner as the original call. On any work or purchase the board shall provide bidding information to any qualified bidder or the bidder's agent, requesting it in person.

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

(7) This section does not apply to the direct purchase of school buses by school districts and educational services in accordance with RCW 28A.160.195.

(8) This section does not apply to the purchase of Washington grown food.

(9) At the discretion of the board, a school district may develop and implement policies and procedures to facilitate and maximize to the extent practicable, purchases of Washington grown food including, but not limited to, policies that permit a percentage price preference for the purpose of procuring Washington grown food.

(10) As used in this section, "Washington grown" has the definition in RCW 15.64.060.

(11) As used in this section, "price percentage preference" means the percent by which a responsive bid from a responsible bidder whose product is a Washington grown food may exceed the lowest responsive bid submitted by a responsible bidder whose product is not a Washington grown food.

(12) For purposes of this section, "construction work" does not include the following services: (a) Construction management services; (b) value engineering; (c) constructability review; (d) building commissioning; and (e) other construction-related professional and personal services.

(13) Beginning January 1, 2023, requests for proposals or qualifications, advertisements, bids, or calls for bids pursuant to this section for the services listed under subsection (12) of this section, must include the standard clauses required under RCW 39.19.050.

(14) Beginning January 1, 2023, requests for proposals or qualifications, advertisements, bids, or calls for bids pursuant to this section for the services listed under subsection (12) of this section, are subject to the procurement requirements of chapter 39.10 or 39.80 RCW, as applicable to the method of project delivery.

(15) Beginning January 1, 2023, school districts may use interlocal agreements under chapter 39.34 RCW to procure the services listed under subsection (12) of this section only if the agreements are executed following a competitive, qualification-based procurement process for these services pursuant to chapter 39.10 or 39.80 RCW.

[2023 c 4 § 1; 2013 c 223 § 1; 2008 c 215 § 6. Prior: 2005 c 346 § 2; 2005 c 286 § 1; 2000 c 138 § 201; 1995 1st sp.s. c 10 § 3; 1994 c 212 § 1; 1990 c 33 § 362; 1985 c 324 § 1; 1980 c 61 § 1; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 26 § 1; 1969 ex.s. c 49 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 223 § 28A.58.135; prior: 1961 c 224 § 1. Formerly RCW 28A.58.135, 28.58.135.]

**\*Reviser's note:** RCW 39.04.155 was repealed by 2023 c 395 § 37, effective July 1, 2024.

~~Findings—Intent—Short title—Captions not law—Conflict with federal requirements—2008 c 215:~~ See notes following RCW 15.64.060.

~~Purpose—Part headings not law—2000 c 138:~~ See notes following RCW 39.04.155.

*Alternative public works contracting procedures: Chapter 39.10 RCW.*

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**Reviser's note:** This section was amended by 2023 c 4 § 1 and by 2023 c 395 § 17, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section under RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

**Effective date—2023 c 395 §§ 1-30, 32-34, 36, and 37:** See note following RCW 39.04.010.

**Findings—Intent—2023 c 395:** See note following RCW 39.04.010.

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