

ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

In order to ensure safe construction and protect the investment of public funds, the Governing Board requires that a licensed and certified architect or structural engineer be employed to design and supervise the construction of district schools and other facilities.

The Superintendent or designee shall devise a competitive process for the selection of architects and structural engineers that is based on demonstrated competence and on the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required. For each project, he/she shall recommend specific architectural and engineering firms to the Board. The Board shall pay fair and reasonable amounts warranted by the provider's qualifications and competence. The Board need not select the lowest responsible bidder.

The vendor selection/award process shall:

1. Be based on pre-determined and publically available criteria; and,
2. Prohibit practices that might result in unlawful activities such as rebates, kickbacks, or other unlawful consideration; and,
3. Comply with Government Code 87100 by ensuring that district officials excuse themselves from participation in the process or decision to award a contract if he/she knows or has reason to know he/she has a financial interest in, or has a relationship with, the person or business entity seeking a contract.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17070.50 Conditions for apportionment

17280-17316 Approvals, especially:

17302 Persons qualified to prepare plans, specifications and estimates and supervise construction

17316 Contract provision re school district property

17371 Limitation on liability of governing board

GOVERNMENT CODE

4525-4529.5 Contracts with private architects, engineering, land surveying, and construction project management firms

14837 Definition of small business

87100 Public officials; financial interest

PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE

20111 School district contracts

Policy

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SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santee, California