



BOARD POLICIES

DIVISION	REFERENCE NO.
VIII. Business Services	8.5.3
CATEGORY	DATE
8.5 Purchasing Policy	Adopted 1988 Revised 12/89, 4/96, 11/99, 8/07, 6/09

8.5.3 RESPONSIBLE BIDDER

The Board of Trustees will exercise its discretion in determining the responsibility of the bidders and will award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder considering conformity with specifications, terms of delivery, quality and serviceability.

In the event of tie bids, preferences will be given to persons or firms located within the confines of the college district if they are recognized as qualified and can provide the needed services of materials on a substantially equal basis with persons located outside of the college district. At all times, Business Services will seek to purchase goods and services in line with officially approved policies of the educational institution in a manner that will be in the best interests of the students attending the college and in the best interests of the taxpayers of the district.

In addition to all other requirements bidders must comply with the “Responsible Bidder Ordinance” minimum legal requirements:

1. The bidder must be a duly organized legal entity in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State and in compliance with all laws prerequisite to doing business in Illinois.
2. The bidder must have a valid Federal Employer Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number.
3. The bidder must be an equal opportunity employer.
4. The bidder must provide certificates of insurance indicating the following coverage’s if called for in the bid solicitation: general liability, workers compensation, completed operations, automobile, hazardous occupation and product liability.
5. The bidder must comply with all provisions of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS130), including wages, medical and hospitalization insurance and retirement for those trades covered in the Act.
6. For construction projects over \$25,000, the bidder must provide an apprenticeship and training program that is registered with the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training or is reasonably equivalent to such programs.
7. The bidder must be compliant with the Illinois Drug-Free Workplace Act 30 ILCS 580/.