

Lompoc Unified School District

Purchasing Services Update – January 2021

In accordance with requirements of the Public Contract Code Section (PCC §) 20111(a), the State Superintendent of Public Instruction adjusted the bid limit that governs competitive bid contracts.

The bid limit was increased by 1.57% to \$96,700, effective January 1, 2021. This higher bid limit only applies to (1) the purchase of equipment, materials, or supplies to be furnished, sold, or leased to the school district; (2) services, except construction services; and (3) repairs, including maintenance as defined in PCC § 20115, that are not public projects as defined in PCC § 22002(c). The \$15,000 threshold for construction contracts under PCC § 22002(c) remains unchanged.

Pursuant to PCC § 20111, the bid amount is increased to reflect the percentage change in the annual average value of the Implicit Price Deflator.

Keep in mind that the bid limit applies to the total, original (fixed) contract amount, though PCC § 20118.4 allows for subsequent change orders not to exceed a maximum of 10% of the original contract amount—not 10% of the change order. Bids cannot be split—whether across fiscal years or into smaller projects, for example—in order to fall under the bid limit.

A copy of the California Department of Education’s correspondence is posted to its website and can be found by clicking [here](#).

LINK TO CDE CORRESPONDENCE

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/ac/co/bidthreshold2021.asp>