

CHAPTER 4

PURCHASES EXEMPT FROM COMPETITION

- 4-1 Purchases which may be exempt from the competitive process are as follows:
- A. Any purchase below the bid threshold, currently \$50,000 for formal competition and \$5,000 for informal competition or quotes.
 - B. Educational Services from a recognized educational institution.
 - C. Copyrighted Materials such as educational tests, textbooks, printed instructional materials, computer software, and library or reference books where such materials are purchased directly from the producer or publisher, the owner of the copyright, an exclusive agent within the state or a governmental agency.
 - D. Professional Services to include artistic services, academic program reviews, lectures by individuals, training, auditing services, legal services, and health services.
 - E. Purchases made from PRIDE (Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc.) or RESPECT (Florida's preferential purchasing program for individuals with disabilities).
 - F. Purchases where state or federal law, a grant, or state or federal agency prescribes with whom the School Board must contract with if the rate of payment is established during the annual appropriation process.
 - G. Emergency Purchases made in accordance with Board Policy 6.14.
 - H. Purchases for maintenance and/or service contracts on various types of technical equipment that are offered and/or supplied only by the original manufacturer or its representative, or that are required to maintain the integrity of the manufacturer's warranty or that are part of the manufacturer's rental/lease/lease purchase agreement terms and conditions.
 - I. Information Technology may be exempt from competition when in the best interest of the School District and approved by the Director of Purchasing.
 - J. Regulated Utilities or government franchise services.
 - K. Insurance, other than employee group insurance, risk management programs, or contracting with third party administrators when in the best interest of the School District.
 - L. Food products in compliance with Rule 5P-1.003, Florida Administrative Code, and Policy 6.17, except milk unless in accordance with Board Policy 6.14 paragraph 5.
 - M. Purchases of goods or services available only from a single source in accordance with Board Policy 6.14 paragraph 5.

If you have any questions regarding the above exemptions, contact the Purchasing General Manager.

Please note that these exemptions do not waive other threshold requirements.