

Subject: Procurement: Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards

The District will follow all applicable requirements in the Uniform Grant Guidance (2 CFR Part 200) whenever it procures goods or services using federal grant funds awarded through formula and/or discretionary grants, including funds awarded by the United States Department of Education as grants or funds awarded to a pass-through entity, such as the New York State Education Department, for subgrants.

Uniform Grant Guidance Requirements

Under the Uniform Grant Guidance, the District will, among other things:

- a) Maintain and use its own documented procedures for procurement transactions under a federal award or subaward, including for acquisition of property or services. These documented procurement procedures must be consistent with state, local, and tribal laws and regulations and the standards identified in law.
- b) Establish, document and maintain effective internal control over the federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the District is managing the federal award in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. Internal controls means a process, implemented by the District, designed and implemented to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives in the following categories:
 1. Effectiveness and efficiency of operations;
 2. Reliability of reporting for internal and external use; and
 3. Compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- c) Comply with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal awards.
- d) Evaluate and monitor the District's compliance with statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal award.
- e) Take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified including noncompliance identified in audit findings.
- f) Take reasonable cybersecurity and other measures to safeguard information including protected personally identifiable information (PII) and other types of information. This also includes information the federal agency or pass-through entity designates as sensitive or other information the District considers sensitive and is consistent with applicable federal, state, local, and tribal laws regarding privacy and responsibility over confidentiality.

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- g) Maintain oversight to ensure contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.
- h) Maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts.
- i) Have procurement procedures in place to avoid the acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Consideration should be given to consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more economical purchase.
- j) Award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed contract. Consideration will be given to matters such as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, proper classification of employees, past performance record, and financial and technical resources when conducting a procurement transaction.
- k) Maintain records that sufficiently detail the history of procurement including, but not limited to:
 - 1. Rationale for the procurement method;
 - 2. Contract type selection;
 - 3. Contractor selection or rejection; and
 - 4. The basis for the contract price.
- l) Use time and material contracts, only after a determination that no other contract is suitable and the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk.
- m) Conduct all procurement transactions in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with the standards of the Uniform Grant Guidance.
- n) Have written procedures for procurement to ensure that all solicitations:
 - 1. Incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the property, equipment, or service being procured; and
 - 2. Identify any additional requirements which the offerors must fulfill and all other factors that will be used in evaluating bids.

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- o) Ensure that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products used in procurement transactions are current and include enough qualified sources to ensure maximum open competition.
- p) Use one of the following methods of procurement, which include:
 - 1. Micro-purchases;
 - 2. Simplified acquisitions;
 - 3. Sealed bids;
 - 4. Proposals; and
 - 5. Noncompetitive proposals.
- q) Have written procedures for conducting technical evaluations and making selections.
- r) When possible, ensure that small businesses, minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses and labor surplus area firms are considered.
- s) To the greatest extent practicable and consistent with law, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).
- t) To the greatest extent practicable and consistent with law, purchase, acquire, or use products and services that can be reused, refurbished, or recycled; contain recycled content, are biobased, or are energy and water efficient; and are sustainable.
- u) Include in all contracts made by the District the applicable provisions contained in Appendix II of the Uniform Grant Guidance -- Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.
- v) Perform a cost or price analysis for every procurement transaction, including contract modifications, in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold.
- w) Comply with the non-procurement debarment and suspension standards which prohibit awarding contracts to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM).

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2 CFR Sections 200.61, 200.303, 200.318, 200.319, 200.320, 200.321, 200.322, 200.323, 200.324, 200.326, and 200.327

2 CFR Part 200, App. II

34 CFR Parts 76 and 77

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #5410 -- Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering
#5411 -- Procurement of Goods and Services
#5570 -- Financial Accountability
#5670 -- Records Management
#6110 -- Code of Ethics for Board Members and All District Personnel
#6161 -- Conference/Travel Expense Reimbursement