

CHAPTER 81

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5180]

STATE PURCHASES—COMPETITIVE BID REVISIONS—DOLLAR THRESHOLD
ADJUSTED EACH BIENNIUM

AN ACT Relating to competitive bids; and amending RCW 43.19.1906.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 43.19.1906, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 1, chapter 342, Laws of 1985 and RCW 43.19.1906 are each amended to read as follows:

Insofar as practicable, all purchases and sales shall be based on competitive bids, and a formal sealed bid procedure shall be used as standard procedure for all purchases and contracts for purchases and sales executed by the state purchasing and material control director and under the powers granted by RCW 43.19.190 through 43.19.1939, as now or hereafter amended. This requirement also applies to purchases and contracts for purchases and sales executed by agencies, including educational institutions, under delegated authority granted in accordance with provisions of RCW 43.19.190 as now or hereafter amended. However, formal sealed bidding is not necessary for:

(1) Emergency purchases made pursuant to RCW 43.19.200 if the sealed bidding procedure would prevent or hinder the emergency from being met appropriately;

(2) Purchases not exceeding ~~((twenty-five hundred dollars, or purchases not exceeding))~~ five thousand dollars ~~((when the purchases are made by colleges and universities and are limited to the acquisition of equipment and materials to be used for research purposes)),~~ or subsequent limits as calculated by the office of financial management: PROVIDED, That the state director of general administration shall establish procedures to assure that purchases made by or on behalf of the various state agencies shall not be made so as to avoid the ~~((twenty-five hundred dollar or the))~~ five thousand dollar bid limitation, or subsequent bid limitations as calculated by the office of financial management: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the state purchasing and material control director is authorized to reduce the formal sealed bid limits of ~~((twenty-five hundred dollars and))~~ five thousand dollars, or subsequent limits as calculated by the office of financial management, to a lower dollar amount for purchases by individual state agencies, including purchases of specialized equipment, instructional, and research equipment and materials by colleges and universities, if considered necessary to maintain full disclosure of competitive procurement or otherwise to achieve overall state efficiency and economy in purchasing and material control. Quotations from four hundred dollars to ~~((twenty-five hundred dollars or))~~ five thousand dollars, ~~((whichever is applicable,))~~ or subsequent

limits as calculated by the office of financial management, shall be secured from enough vendors to assure establishment of a competitive price and may be obtained by telephone or written quotations, or both. Immediately after the award is made, the bid quotations obtained shall be recorded and open to public inspection and shall be available by telephone inquiry. A record of competition for all such purchases from four hundred dollars to ~~((twenty-five hundred dollars or))~~ five thousand dollars, ~~((whichever is applicable;))~~ or subsequent limits as calculated by the office of financial management, shall be documented for audit purposes on a standard state form approved by the forms management center under the provisions of RCW 43.19.510. Purchases up to four hundred dollars may be made without competitive bids based on buyer experience and knowledge of the market in achieving maximum quality at minimum cost: PROVIDED, That this four hundred dollar direct buy limit without competitive bids may be increased incrementally as required to a maximum of eight hundred dollars with the approval of at least ten of the members of the state supply management advisory board, if warranted by increases in purchasing costs due to inflationary trends;

(3) Purchases which are clearly and legitimately limited to a single source of supply and purchases involving special facilities, services, or market conditions, in which instances the purchase price may be best established by direct negotiation;

(4) Purchases of insurance and bonds by the risk management office under RCW 43.19.1935 as now or hereafter amended;

(5) Purchases and contracts for vocational rehabilitation clients of the department of social and health services: PROVIDED, That this exemption is effective only when the state purchasing and material control director, after consultation with the director of the division of vocational rehabilitation and appropriate department of social and health services procurement personnel, declares that such purchases may be best executed through direct negotiation with one or more suppliers in order to expeditiously meet the special needs of the state's vocational rehabilitation clients; ~~((and))~~

(6) Purchases by universities for hospital operation or biomedical teaching or research purposes made by participating in contracts for materials, supplies, and equipment entered into by cooperative hospital service organizations as defined in section 501(e) of the Internal Revenue Code, or its successor; and

(7) Beginning on July 1, 1989, and on July 1 of each succeeding odd-numbered year, the five thousand dollar limit specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be adjusted as follows: The office of financial management shall calculate such limit by adjusting the previous biennium's limit by the appropriate federal inflationary index reflecting the rate of inflation for the

previous biennium. Such amounts shall be rounded to the nearest one hundred dollars.

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CHAPTER 82

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 5199]

TAXING DISTRICTS' OFFICIAL BOUNDARIES

AN ACT Relating to taxing district boundary changes; and amending RCW 84.09.030.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 84.09.030, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 9, chapter 203, Laws of 1984 and RCW 84.09.030 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purposes of property taxation and the levy of property taxes the boundaries of counties, cities and all other taxing districts shall be the established official boundaries of such districts existing on the first day of March of the year in which the levy is made, and no such levy shall be made for any taxing district whose boundaries were not duly established on the first day of March of such year: ~~PROVIDED, That ((for the year 1981 only the boundaries of library districts shall be the established official boundaries existing on the first day of October. PROVIDED FURTHER, That for the year 1984 only, boundaries of public hospital districts shall be the established official boundaries existing on the first day of April))~~ boundaries for port districts newly formed by election, with boundaries coterminus with other taxing district boundaries established prior to the first day of March, shall be the established official boundaries existing on the first day of October following formation. In any case where any instrument setting forth the official boundaries of any newly established taxing district, or setting forth any change in such boundaries, is required by law to be filed in the office of the county auditor or other county official, said instrument shall be filed in triplicate. The officer with whom such instrument is filed shall transmit two copies to the county assessor.

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