POLICY BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Related Entries: 405.02DE, DE-RA, DEB-RA Responsible Office: PURCHASING OFFICE

BIDDING PROCEDURES

A.____ PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to developprovide criteria and procedures for competitively procuring goods and services for Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS).

B. ___ISSUE

The procurement of goods and services for Anne Arundel County Public Schools<u>AACPS</u> should<u>shall</u> ensure the least restrictive<u>, legally compliant</u> bidding procedures that support the efficient and effective use of available fiscal and human resources<u>, and are legally</u> compliant<u>, are used at all times</u>.

C. POSITION

<u>1.</u> Bidding procedures used by <u>Anne Arundel County Public SchoolsAACPS</u> should <u>shall</u> encourage a highly competitive procurement environment that will attract active participation from all segments of the business community, thereby achieving best pricing, high quality, <u>and</u> timely delivery of all goods and services. Bidding procedures <u>should shall</u> recognize the need for a competitive procurement environment, yet maintain a balance with the efficient and effective use of fiscal and human resources for the purchase of goods and services.

D. ____DESIRED OUTCOME

2. To ensure that all purchases for goods and services are made in the most effective, efficient, and prudent manner possible, the most appropriate bidding procedure for the goods or services being procured should shall be used. All bidding procedures should shall be clear and complete, appropriately advertised, and timely disseminated, include reasonable submission requirements, and fairly evaluated. It is desirable that allAll bidding procedures are shall be easy to understand and appropriately communicated to ensure open competition for the products and services being procured.

<u>ED</u>. __IMPLEMENTATION **STRATEGIES**

The Superintendent will develop Bidding Procedures Regulations that are consistent with the intent of all of the _approved purchasing and purchasing related policies.is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

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