

Policy Title:

Bids & Awards for Construction Grants

Code No. **705.0**

The Cedar Falls Board of Education supports economic development in Iowa, particularly in the Cedar Falls School District. Construction contracts will be made in the school district or in Iowa from Iowa-based companies if the bids submitted are comparable in quality and can be received without additional cost in comparison to those submitted by other bidders. The board will have the authority to approve or retain construction contracts.

Public, competitive sealed bids are required for construction projects, including renovation and repair, with a cost exceeding the statutory minimums required by law. The public, competitive sealed bid requirement is waived in the case of emergency repairs when the repairs are necessary to prevent the closing of a school. The AEA administrator will certify that the emergency repairs are necessary to prevent the closing of a school. The superintendent will comply with the competitive quote process for those projects subject to the competitive quote law. The superintendent will determine the process for obtaining quotes for projects below the competitive quote limit. The superintendent shall approve the quote for the project.

The award of construction contracts will generally be made to the lowest responsible bidder. The Board, in its discretion, after considering factors relating to the construction, including, but not limited to, the cost of the construction, availability of service and/or repair, completion date, and any other factors deemed relevant by the board, may choose a bid other than the lowest bid. The Board of Education authorizes the Board Secretary or designee the duty of receiving and opening bids and announcing the results. Bid results shall be reported to the Board of Directors; Code of Iowa 26.11. The board will have the right to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof, and to enter into contract or contracts deemed to be in the best interests of the school district.

For any construction contract bid that exceeds the statutory minimum required by law, it is the responsibility of the board secretary to communicate the reasons and make a recommendation to the board of education for which bid to accept.

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