



The Procurement Process

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Procurement Department's Role-What We Do

- Use best practices to source and procure materials, equipment and services in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations
- Manage bid and procurement activities for goods and services for all commodities
- Consult with departments on sourcing strategies, supplier outreach and procurement process
- Ensure procurement and bidding compliance





IMPORTANT POLICIES

POLICY 2006 Purchasing Authority

Applies to the bid and purchase of goods such as supplies, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and material of any kind (including such purchases made by schools using site-based funding)





IMPORTANT POLICIES

My boss told me to have a good day...

Each employee serves as a representative of the District and should strive to maintain standards of ethical behavior which will not detract from the educational process.

POLICY 4002 Staff Ethics

So I went home.



IMPORTANT POLICIES

POLICY <u>4003</u> Conflict of Interest

Employees of Shelby County Schools shall conduct their associations with organizations and individuals both inside and outside the school district in a manner demonstrating the highest degree of integrity.





STATUTORY BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

- All purchases over \$500 must be made by a valid SCS purchase order.
- Purchases with total amounts ranging from \$3,500-\$9,999.99 may be made in the open market, but shall, whenever possible, be based upon at least three (3) competitive quotes.
- Purchases totaling \$10,000 or more must be competitively bid.
- Bids or RFPs totaling \$100,000 or more must be presented for the approval of the SCBE Board Members.

SOLICITATION PROCESSES

- **RFQ** Request for Quotes (\$3,500 \$9,999.99)
 Business awarded to the **lowest qualified bidder**.
- ITB- Invitation to Bid (\$10,000 & above)
 Business awarded to lowest qualified bidder.
- RFP- Request for Proposal (\$10,000 & above)
 Selection Committee appointed to review and select supplier to be awarded the business, based on pre-established criteria that may include price, quality, references, demonstrations and other factors.
- **RFI** Request for Information
 Does not result in an award. Issued to create a fair public process when we need to gather information about a potential future purchase.







The Procurement Cycle

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APECS Requisitions

Entering a Purchase Requisition is the first step.

- Enter requisition into APECS to initiate a purchase or bid process, or to request a contract (when applicable)
 - Add internal comments & attachments to help reviewers and Buyer understand your request.
- If your supplier is not already listed in APECS, have supplier complete a Vendor Registration Form.
- Purchases of \$10,000 or more must be bid out unless they qualify as a sole source or emergency purchase, or we can obtain the goods/services through an existing contract.
 - Attach Sole Source Letter or Emergency Purchase justification information to your requisition.
- Track the approval status of your requisition to ensure that it gets turned into a Purchase Order.



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APECS Statistics

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- Annual Spend approximately \$242.5 million
- Process/approve 45,000POs per year
- Seven (7) Buyerssupport entire District

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ON-LINE RESOURCES

Go to the SCS Procurement Services website for:

- Vendor Registration Information
- Notice of Bids and RFPs
- Request for Proposal Instructions and Forms
- APECS Resources and Training Schedule
- Commodity Code Information
- Cell Phone Requisition Form
- Pricing Catalogs and more





