Reference:  
*Education Code Sections 81641 et seq. ; Public Contract Code Sections 20650 et seq.*  

The Board delegates to the Chancellor the authority to enter into contracts on behalf of the District and to establish administrative procedures for contract awards and management, subject to the following:

- Contracts are not enforceable obligations until they are ratified by the Board.
- Contracts for work to be done, services to be performed, or for goods, equipment, or supplies to be furnished or sold to the District that exceed the amounts specified in Public Contract Code Section 20651 shall require prior approval by the Board.
- When bids are required according to Public Contract Code Section 20651, the Board shall award each such contract to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the specifications published by the District and who shall give such security as the Board requires, or reject all bids.
- When the District determines that, according to Public Contract Code Section 20651.7, it can expect long-term savings through the use of life-cycle cost methodology, the use of more sustainable goods and materials, and reduced administrative costs, the District may select and award the contract based on best value in accordance with Administrative Procedure 6340. The bidder shall give such security as the Board requires, or else the Board may reject all bids.

If the Chancellor concludes that the best interests of the District will be served by pre-qualification of bidders in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 20651.5, pre-qualification may be conducted in accordance with procedures that provide for a uniform system of rating on the basis of a questionnaire and financial statements.

If the best interests of the District will be served by a contract, lease, requisition, or purchase order through any other public corporation or agency in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 20652, the Chancellor is authorized to proceed with a contract.

See Administrative Procedure 6340

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