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ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Governing Board desires to provide school facilities that support the educational program and meet all applicable safety and design standards. When required by law, the Board shall contract with a licensed and certified architect and/or structural engineer to design and supervise the construction of district schools and other facilities.

The architect and/or structural engineer shall be responsible for preparing all construction plans, specifications, and estimates and for the observation of the work of construction. (Education Code 17302)

To ensure compliance with state design and safety standards, preliminary and final plans for any state-funded school facility project, including Board-approved educational specifications for school design when necessary, shall be submitted to the California Department of Education and the Department of General Services, Division of the State Architect. (Education Code 17267; 5 CCR 14030-14032)

The Superintendent or designee shall devise a competitive process for the selection of architects, structural engineers, and other design professionals that is based on demonstrated competence and on the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required. For each project, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend architectural and engineering firms to the Board. The Board shall pay fair and reasonable amounts warranted by the provider's qualifications and competence. The Board need not select the lowest responsible bidder.

References:

State	Description
24 CCR 101	California Building Standards Code
5 CCR 14001	Minimum standards for school facilities
5 CCR 14030-14036	Standards, planning, and approval of school facilities
Bus. Code 5500-5502	Architecture
Bus. Code 5550-5558	Architects, licensure
Bus. Code 6700-6706.3	Engineers
Bus. Code 6750-6766	Engineers, licensure
CA Constitution Article 22	Architectural and engineering services
Ed. Code 17070.10-17079.30	Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act
Ed. Code 17070.50	Conditions for apportionment
Ed. Code 17250.10-17250.55	Design-build contracts
Ed. Code 17251-17256	CDE powers concerning buildings and building sites
Ed. Code 17260-17268	Plans and specifications for school facilities
Ed. Code 17280-17316	Building approvals
Ed. Code 17302	Persons qualified to prepare plans, specifications and estimates and supervise construction
Ed. Code 17316	Contract provision re school district property
Ed. Code 17371	Limitation on liability of governing board
Gov. Code 14837	Definition of small business
Gov. Code 4525-4529.5	Contracts with private architects, engineering, land surveying, and construction project management firms
Gov. Code 87100	Public officials; financial interest
Pub. Cont. Code 20111	School district contracts

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