Bids and Awards for Construction Contracts

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Public, competitive sealed bids are required for construction projects, including renovation and repair, with a cost exceeding $100,000 and an amount as periodically adjusted by state statute. This does not apply to the acquisition of existing buildings, purchase of new sites or site expansions by the district. The sealed bids shall be opened in public on the date and hour as advertised.

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. Resident bidders of the state of Nebraska may be given preference over nonresident bidders in some instances according to state statutes. The board shall have the right to reject any or all bids, or any part of the bids, to waive informalities, and to enter into the contract or contracts deemed to be in the best interests of the school district.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to make a recommendation accompanied by supportive reasoning to the board for construction contract bids.

The district will require the successful bidder to submit a performance labor and material payment bond for an amount not less than the contract price on any project with a total cost of more than ten thousand dollars.

Legal Reference: Neb. Statute 73-101 et seq.
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Cross Reference: 706 Expenditures