

**FACILITIES****Architectural and Engineering Services**

In order to ensure safe construction and protect the investment of public funds, the Board of Trustees requires that a licensed and certified architect or structural engineer be employed to design and supervise the construction of district schools and other facilities.

The Superintendent or designee shall devise a competitive process for the selection of architects and structural engineers that is based on demonstrated competence and on the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required. For each project, he/she shall recommend specific 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.

Legal Reference: CA Education Code  
 17070.50 Conditions for apportionment  
 17280-17316 Approvals, especially:  
 17302 Persons qualified to prepare plans, specifications, and estimates  
 and supervise construction  
 17316 Contract provision re: school district property  
 17371 Limitation on liability of governing board

Government Code  
 4525-4529.5 Contracts with private architects, engineering, land surveying,  
 and construction project management firms  
 14837 Definition of small business  
 87100 Public officials; financial interest

Public Contract Code  
 20111 School district contracts

Policy  
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