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*2016 Year Change in Bid Threshold Requirement*

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Effective January 1, 2016, the new bid threshold amount for contracts awarded by school districts is \$87,800.

Please refer to the attached letter from the California Department of Education (CDE), dated December 22, 2015, for information related to the calculations used for the annual increases to the bid threshold. The letter also identifies requirements for competitive bid processes and types of contracts subject to the competitive bidding process.

If you have any questions, please call Kate Lane at (415) 499-5822.



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**California Department of Education  
Official Letter**

December 22, 2015

Dear County and District Superintendents, County and District Chief Business Officials, and Charter School Administrators:

**ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO BID THRESHOLD FOR CONTRACTS  
AWARDED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

*Public Contract Code (PCC)* Section 20111(a) requires school district governing boards to competitively bid and award any contracts involving an expenditure of more than \$50,000, adjusted for inflation, to the lowest responsible bidder. Contracts subject to competitive bidding include:

1. Purchase of equipment, materials, or supplies to be furnished, sold, or leased to the school district.
2. Services that are not construction services.
3. Repairs, including maintenance as defined in *PCC* Section 20115, that are not public projects as defined in *PCC* Section 22002(c).

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) is required to annually adjust the \$50,000 amount specified in *PCC* Section 20111(a) to reflect the percentage change in the annual average value of the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services for the United States, as published by the United States Department of Commerce, for the 12-month period ending in the prior fiscal year. The inflation adjustment is rounded to the nearest one hundred dollars (\$100).

Pursuant to the above calculation, and effective January 1, 2016, the SSPI has determined that the inflation adjusted bid threshold will increase by \$1,800, from \$86,000 to \$87,800. Shown below are the inflation adjusted bid thresholds for the current and two prior years.

Calendar Year	Bid Threshold	Percentage Change in Implicit Price Deflator
2014	\$84,100	.858%
2015	\$86,000	2.26%
2016	\$87,800	2.12%

Also note that public projects as defined in *PCC* Section 22002(c), such as construction or reconstruction of publicly owned facilities, have a lower bid threshold of \$15,000 that is not adjusted for inflation. For more information on bidding requirements for all projects, refer to *PCC* sections 20110 to 20118.4.

This letter is posted on the Office of Financial Accountability and Information Services Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/ac/co/>.

If you have questions regarding this subject, please contact the Office of Financial Accountability and Information Services by phone at 916-322-1770 or by e-mail at [sacsinfo@cde.ca.gov](mailto:sacsinfo@cde.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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