

Procurement Compliance Questionnaire

Objective: To determine whether the cooperative has followed the State of Arizona procurement laws and the School District Procurement Rules to promote fair and open competition among vendors to help ensure the cooperative’s members are receiving the best value for the public monies they spend.

The audit firm must select and test the lesser of 50 percent or 15 of the cooperative’s contracts awarded during the fiscal year to be used by Arizona school districts, but no fewer than 5 awarded contracts. All contracts awarded for like items should be considered a single contract in applying the sample size. These sample sizes represent the minimum level of required test work. Audit firms should use their professional judgment in determining whether a larger sample is needed.

In the parentheses provided below, indicate the population size and actual number of contracts tested and total number of contracts awarded. If all contracts are tested, indicate such in the comments. Of the total awarded contracts selected for testing, at least 40 percent must be competitive sealed bids and at least 40 percent must be competitive sealed proposals. If the 40 percent thresholds cannot be met because of an inadequate population size, the audit firm must test all contracts awarded through competitive sealed bids or proposals, as applicable. Of the contracts selected, at least 1 awarded contract should be for traditional construction (design-bid-build) and specified professional services, and at least 1 for construction-manager-at-risk, design-build, job-order-contracting, or qualified select bidders list, as applicable.

	YES/NO
Based upon review of (___) contracts, (___) competitive sealed bids and (___) competitive sealed proposals, from the (___) total contracts awarded during the fiscal year for the procurement of construction, materials, and services, did the cooperative follow the School District Procurement Rules (R7-2-1001 et seq) and do the following:	
1. Compile and maintain a list of persons who requested to be added to a list of prospective bidders, if any, and furnish those bidders with notice of available bids? R7-2-1023	YES
<i>Comment: Bid Notification List</i>	
2. Publish and provide other adequate notice, as applicable, of the issuance of solicitations? R7-2-1022, R7-2-1024(C), or R7-2-1042(C)	YES
<i>Comment: Proof of Publication</i>	
3. Issue the solicitation at least 14 days before the due date and time set for bid or proposals, as applicable, unless a shorter time was documented as necessary? R7-2-1024(A) or R7-2-1042(B)	YES
<i>Comment: Proof of Publication and RFP Document, Page 1</i>	
4. Include all required content in the solicitation, as required by R7-2-1024(B) or R7-2-1042(A), including the requirement that bidders/offerors have taken steps to ensure no violation of A.R.S. §15-213(O) has occurred? (Note: If the response is “No,” the comment should specifically indicate which requirements were not complied with.)	
<i>Comment:</i>	
5. Record the time and date that sealed bids or proposals were received and store bids or proposals unopened until the time and date set for opening? R7-2-1029 or R7-2-1045	YES
<i>Comment:</i>	
If a multiple award was made for a solicitation, did the cooperative: (Questions 6 through 9)	
6. Include in the solicitation(s) notification that multiple contracts may be awarded, the cooperative’s basis for determining whether to award multiple contracts, and the criteria for selecting vendors for the multiple contracts? R7-2-1031(C) and R7-2-1050(B)	YES
<i>Comment: RFP Document, page 11, #24</i>	
7. Documented the specific reason(s), that a single award was not advantageous to the cooperative’s members and retained documentation that supported the basis for a multiple award? R7-2-1031(D) and R7-2-1050(C)	N/A
<i>Comment:</i>	

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	YES/NO
8. Establish and communicate to the cooperative's members the procedures for the use of multiple award contracts? R7-2-1031(D) and R7-2-1050(C)	YES
<i>Comment:</i>	
9. Limit contract awards to the least number of suppliers necessary to meet the requirements of the members? R7-2-1031(D) and R7-2-1050(C)	YES
<i>Comment:</i>	
10. For contracts where only 1 responsive bid or proposal was received, did the cooperative determine that the price submitted was fair and reasonable, and that either other prospective offerors had reasonable opportunity to respond or there was not adequate time for resolicitation, and retain documentation that supported the basis for the determination? R7-2-1032 or R7-2-1046(A)(1)	N/A
<i>Comment:</i>	
11. For (___) contracts awarded through competitive sealed bidding, did the cooperative award the contracts to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose bid conformed, in all material respects, to the requirements and evaluation criteria set forth in the invitation for bid (IFB)? (Note: If the response is "No," the comment should specifically indicate which requirements were not complied with.) R7-2-1031	N/A
<i>Comment:</i>	
12. For (___) contracts awarded through competitive sealed proposals, did the cooperative award the contract to the offeror whose proposal was determined, with the specific reason(s) in writing, to be most advantageous to the cooperative's members based on the factors set forth in the request for proposal (RFP) and retain documentation that supported the determination? (Note: If the response is "No," the comment should specifically indicate which requirements were not complied with.) R7-2-1050	YES
<i>Comment:</i>	
13. If the cooperative procured construction contracts that used construction-manager-at-risk, design-build, job-order-contracting, or qualified select bidders list to procure those services, did the cooperative comply with the requirements of R7-2-1100 through R7-2-1115? (Note: If the response is "No," the comment should specifically indicate which requirements were not complied with.)	N/A
<i>Comment:</i>	
14. If the cooperative contracted for goods and information services using reverse auctions or electronic bidding, did the cooperative comply with the requirements of R7-2-1018 and R7-2-1021? (Note: If the response is "No," the comment should specifically indicate which requirements were not complied with.)	N/A
<i>Comment:</i>	
15. Did the cooperative obtain signed procurement disclosure statements for all employees with job responsibilities related to each procurement and for all nonemployee consultants or technical advisors involved in each procurement process? R7-2-1008 and R7-2-1015	YES
<i>Comment: RFP Document page 65 and Committee Statements</i>	
16. Based on type of procurement tested, did the cooperative prepare applicable written determinations as required throughout the procurement rules and specify the reasons for the determination and how the determination was made. R7-2-1004.	YES
<i>Comment: Evaluation Process and Criteria, page 12</i>	

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		YES/NO
17. If the cooperative used multi-term contracts for any of the contracts tested:		
a. Were the terms and conditions of renewal or extension, if any, included in the IFB or RFP? A.R.S. §15-213(L) and R7-2-1093		YES
<i>Comment:</i>		
b. For materials or services and <i>contracts</i> for job-order-contracting construction services that were entered into for more than 5 years, did the cooperative determine in writing that a contract of longer duration would be advantageous to its members before the procurement solicitation was issued? A.R.S. §15-213(L) and R7-2-1093		N/A
<i>Comment:</i>		
18. If the cooperative procured contracts for specified professional services, consistent with R7-2-1117 through R7-2-1123 did it provide guidance for use of those contracts to cooperative member districts?		
		N/A
<i>Comment:</i>		
19. The cooperative's procurement files included the information required by R7-2-1001(97), as applicable, and were the files available to cooperative members for due diligence purposes? If the response is "No," specifically indicate which document listed in R7-2-1001(96) was not included in the file. Do not include items already cited on another question.		
<i>Comment:</i>		
20. The cooperative provided training and guidance related to restrictions on soliciting, accepting, or agreeing to accept any personal gift or benefit with a value of \$300 or more to employees and vendors? A.R.S. §15-213 (N) and R7-2-1003		
		YES
<i>Comment: RFP Document, page 65</i>		
21. Did the cooperative have a procedure to prevent additional purchases by new members that would materially increase the volume of goods or services estimated in the original solicitation? R7-2-1011		
		YES
<i>Comment:</i>		
22. Did the cooperative have a procedure to verify districts using the cooperative's contracts had an active cooperative purchasing agreement on file? R7-2-1191 through R7-2-1195		
		YES
<i>Comment:</i>		
This questionnaire was completed in accordance with guidelines established by the Arizona Auditor General and as set forth in the instructions on page 1.		
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