

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Fire Protection District Act is amended by
5 changing Section 11k as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 705/11k)

7 Sec. 11k. Competitive bidding; notice requirements.

8 (a) The board of trustees shall have the power to acquire
9 by gift, legacy, or purchase any personal property necessary
10 for its corporate purposes provided that all contracts for
11 supplies, materials, or work involving an expenditure in
12 excess of \$30,000 ~~\$20,000~~ shall be let to the lowest
13 responsible bidder after advertising as required under
14 subsection (b) of this Section. The board is not required to
15 accept a bid that does not meet the district's established
16 specifications, terms of delivery, quality, and serviceability
17 requirements. Contracts which, by their nature, are not
18 adapted to award by competitive bidding, are not subject to
19 competitive bidding, including, but not limited to:

20 (1) contracts for the services of individuals
21 possessing a high degree of professional skill where the
22 ability or fitness of the individual plays an important
23 part;

1 (2) contracts for the printing of finance committee
2 reports and departmental reports;

3 (3) contracts for the printing or engraving of bonds,
4 tax warrants, and other evidences of indebtedness;

5 (4) contracts for the maintenance or servicing of, or
6 provision of repair parts for, equipment which are made
7 with the manufacturer or authorized service agent of that
8 equipment where the provision of parts, maintenance, or
9 servicing can best be performed by the manufacturer or
10 authorized service agent, or which involve proprietary
11 parts or technology not otherwise available;

12 (5) purchases and contracts for the use, purchase,
13 delivery, movement, or installation of data processing
14 equipment, software, or services and telecommunications
15 and interconnect equipment, software, and services;

16 (6) contracts for duplicating machines and supplies;

17 (7) contracts for utility services such as water,
18 light, heat, telephone or telegraph;

19 (8) contracts for goods or services procured from
20 another governmental agency;

21 (9) purchases of equipment previously owned by some
22 entity other than the district itself; and

23 (10) contracts for goods or services which are
24 economically procurable from only one source, such as for
25 the purchase of magazines, books, periodicals, pamphlets,
26 reports, and online subscriptions.

1 Contracts for emergency expenditures are also exempt from
2 competitive bidding when the emergency expenditure is approved
3 by a vote of 3/4 of the members of the board.

4 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this
5 Section, all proposals to award contracts involving amounts in
6 excess of \$30,000 ~~\$20,000~~ shall be published at least 10 days,
7 excluding Sundays and legal holidays, in advance of the date
8 announced for the receiving of bids, in a secular English
9 language newspaper of general circulation throughout the
10 district. In addition, a fire protection district that has a
11 website that the full-time staff of the district maintains
12 shall post notice on its website of all proposals to award
13 contracts in excess of \$30,000 ~~\$20,000~~. Advertisements for
14 bids shall describe the character of the proposed contract or
15 agreement in sufficient detail to enable the bidders thereon
16 to know what their obligations will be, either in the
17 advertisement itself, or by reference to detailed plans and
18 specifications on file at the time of the publication of the
19 first announcement. Such advertisement shall also state the
20 date, time and place assigned for the opening of bids, and no
21 bids shall be received at any time subsequent to the time
22 indicated in the announcement. All competitive bids for
23 contracts involving an expenditure in excess of \$30,000
24 ~~\$20,000~~ must be sealed by the bidder and must be opened by a
25 member of the board or an employee of the district at a public
26 bid opening at which the contents of the bids must be

1 announced. Each bidder must receive at least 3 days' notice of
2 the time and place of the bid opening.

3 (c) In addition to contracts entered into under the
4 Governmental Joint Purchasing Act, a board of trustees may
5 enter into contracts for supplies, materials, or work
6 involving an expenditure in excess of \$30,000 ~~\$20,000~~ through
7 participation in a joint governmental or nongovernmental
8 purchasing program that requires as part of its selection
9 procedure a competitive solicitation and procurement process.

10 (d) Subject to the exceptions under subsections (a) and
11 (c), any procurement by a board of trustees involving the
12 acquisition, by direct or beneficial ownership, of
13 improvements to real estate by a fire protection district
14 which results in an expenditure of district funds in excess of
15 \$30,000 ~~\$20,000~~ must be competitively bid in accordance with
16 the procedures of subsection (b).

17 (Source: P.A. 101-41, eff. 7-12-19; 101-139, eff. 7-26-19;
18 102-138, eff. 1-1-22; 102-558, eff 8-20-21.)