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## ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

In order to ensure safe construction and protect the investment of public funds, the Governing Board 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, and no solely on the basis of compensation. 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.

(cf. 3311 - Bids) (cf. 3311.3 - Design-Build Contracts)

Legal Reference:

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