

### **GLOSSARY OF PURCHASING TERMS**

**ADDENDUM:** Written change to a solicitation or contract document.

**AWARD:** Buyer's approval selecting a supplier for a contract based on offer evaluation.

**BEST & FINAL OFFER:** Final evaluation tool for RFPs with multiple qualified suppliers, indicating no further negotiation.

# **BID/PROPOSAL/QUOTE:**

Bid: Response to Invitation to Bid or auction Proposal: Response to Request for Proposal

Quote: Response to Request for Quotation or price/availability statement

**BIDDER/PROPOSER:** Entity submitting an offer to a solicitation.

### **PURCHASE ORDERS:**

- PURCHASE ORDER: Contract documenting purchase of goods/services
- BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER: Special order for repetitive requirements or emergency repairs

**CHANGE ORDER:** Written modification to a purchase order

**BUYER:** Person authorized to handle procurement activities.

**COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT:** Arrangement where multiple districts share procurement outcomes for group benefits.

**COMPETITIVE BIDDING:** Method inviting competing suppliers through open advertisement to obtain best value.

**DEBARMENT:** Prohibition of vendor from future bidding opportunities for cause.

**E-PROCUREMENT:** Electronic purchasing process conducted online to reduce time and costs.

**INVOICE:** Supplier's payment request for delivered goods/services.

**MOU:** Agreement outlining expectations either informally or as binding contract with non-commercial entities.

**OPTION:** Unilateral contract right allowing buyer to purchase additional items or extend term.

**PROCUREMENT:** Acquisition of property, goods, services or works through purchase/lease.

**RECEIPT OF GOODS:** Official acknowledgment that goods were received.

## **REQUEST TYPES:**

- RFP: Formal solicitation for proposals based on specifications/scope
- RFQ (quote): Informal solicitation for price quotations
- RFQ (qualifications): Formal solicitation based on qualifications

**REQUISITION:** Internal request for goods/services procurement.

**REQUISITIONER:** Person initiating a purchase requisition.

**SAMPLE:** Representative unit(s) demonstrating quality.

**SEGREGATION OF DUTIES:** Control ensuring no individual handles multiple related functions.

**SERVICES:** Vendor work per contract, possibly including facilities/utilities.

**SOLE SOURCE:** Procurement when only one source exists for required product/service.

**SOLICITATION:** Request for supplier bids/quotes/proposals.

**SOURCING:** Process of identifying suitable suppliers.

### SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

- SPECIFICATIONS: Technical requirements description
- STATEMENT OF WORK: Detailed service requirements with timeline

**SUBCONTRACTOR:** Party performing work for a contractor within larger project.

**SUPPLIER/VENDOR:** Entity providing goods/services to the district.

**TRANSPARENCY:** Process making reliable information about district activities accessible.

**VENDOR NUMBER:** Identifier assigned to vendors in E-finance system.

**WARRANTY:** Supplier assurance about product quality with repair/replacement terms.