Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants

Any vendor providing goods or services to the school district to be funded by a Federal grant must be cleared for contract in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Subpart 9.4 – Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall be responsible to check the web-based Excluded Parties Lists System (EPLS) maintained by the General Services Administration (GSA). The purpose of the EPLS is to provide a single comprehensive list of individuals and firms excluded by Federal government agencies from receiving Federal contracts or Federally approved contracts or Federally approved subcontracts and from certain types of Federal financial and nonfinancial assistance and benefits.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, upon opening of bids or upon receipt of proposals for goods or services to be funded by a Federal grant shall review the EPLS to determine if the vendor has been disbarred, suspended, or proposed for disbarment. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall also review the EPLS list immediately prior to the award of a bid or contract to ensure that no award is made to a vendor on the list.

In the event a vendor under consideration to be awarded a bid or contract for goods or services to be funded by a Federal grant is on the EPLS list or proposed for disbarment, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall comply with the contracting restrictions as outlined in FAR Subpart 9.405.

Continuation of current contracts and restrictions on subcontracting with vendors who are on the EPLS list or proposed for disbarment shall be in accordance with the limitations as outlined in FAR Subparts 9.405.1 and 9.405.2.

Any rejection of a bid or disqualification of a vendor who has been disbarred, suspended, or proposed for disbarment shall be consistent with the requirements as outlined in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A – Public School Contracts Law and all applicable State laws.

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