Effect	ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINE  Title: Purchasing	

#### • Quality Service Delivery

Front-line services provided by the Board must receive the right product, at the right time, in the right place.

#### • Process Standardization

Standardized processes should provide efficiencies and create a level playing field.

### **Purchasing Code of Ethics**

The Board expects that honesty, integrity, professionalism, and responsible management guide all procurement decisions. All individuals involved in the purchasing or other supply-chain related activities must comply with the Board's Purchasing Code of Ethics and the laws of Canada and Ontario.

Refer to Appendix # 1 for the Purchasing Code of Ethics.

#### **Conflict of Interest**

In procurement activities with suppliers seeking to do business with the Board, staff are responsible for using good judgment and to avoid situations that may present a conflict of interest.

No employee of the Near North District School Board shall knowingly purchase on behalf of the Board any goods or services from a supplier that is owned or operated by an employee of the Board or by a relative of an employee of the Board (including parent, child, spouse, partner, sibling, in-law). No employee nor trustee shall have a pecuniary interest, either directly or indirectly, in any contract with the Board or with any person acting for the Board in any contract for the supply of goods or services for which the Board pays or is liable, directly or indirectly. Such supplier, or employee, could be perceived to have a direct influence on the use of a particular good or service by the Board.

In procurement activities with suppliers, staff must declare a conflict of interest if the circumstances could give, or be perceived to give a supplier an unfair advantage. Where a conflict of interest arises, it must be evaluated and an appropriate mitigating action must be taken.

All Board staff must adhere to Section 217 of the Education Act regarding the promotion or sal

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## **General Purchasing Direction**

The following outlines the methods by which a purchasing transaction can be carried out:

- Petty Cash (up to \$200) refer to Administrative Guideline Petty Cash
- Board Purchasing Cards refer to Administrative Guideline Purchasing Cards
- Purchase requisitions/purchase orders
- Local and out-of-town travel expense claims

# Criteria for Dollar Limits on Purchases related to Quotations, Tenders and Proposals

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Request for Quotation (RFQ) – Formal/Sealed response.

Required

Three (3) written quotations on Board Bid Form to be completed with suggested suppliers by requesting department/school submitted to the Purchasing Department, Date and Time as prescribed. RFQ shall describe exactly the goods and/or services to be provided. The RFQ evaluations to be based solely on price. Award to be made in collaboration with Purchasing.

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Request for Tender (RFT) or Request for Proposal (RFP)

Request for Tender (RFT) and/or Request for Proposal (RFP) are to be advertised and posted on the Board's website, local newspapers, and available through an electronic tendering system that is readily accessible by all Canadian Suppliers nationally. Vendor responses are sealed. If deemed to be a sole/single source initiative, written explanation supporting the sole/single source procurement is submitted to Superintendent of

## **Commitment Approval Authority Schedule:**

Board of Trustees Over \$300,000

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# **Outstanding Purchase Orders and Closing Purchase Orders**

Open Purchase Order Reports contained within the K212 state of the Control of the C212 state of the C2

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