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Professional Services

## 0177 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2, the Board of Education adopts this Policy and its strategies to minimize the cost of professional services.

The Board shall establish a maximum dollar limit, annually prior to budget preparation, for each type of professional service, with appropriate notification to the Board if it becomes necessary to exceed the maximum. Upon such notification, the Board may adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal Board action in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)1.

Contracts for professional services will be issued by the Board in a deliberative and efficient manner that ensures the district receives the highest quality services at a fair and competitive price or through a shared service arrangement. This may include, but is not limited to, issuance of such contracts through a Request for Proposals (RFP) based on cost and other specified factors or other comparable processes; and professional services contracts are limited to non-recurring or specialized work for which the district does not possess adequate in-house resources or in-house expertise to conduct in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)5. and 6.

Nothing in this Policy or N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2 shall preclude the Board from complying with the requirements of any statute, administrative code, or regulation for the award of professional services contracts.

N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2

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