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School District Bid Threshold Raised for 2018

School districts' bid threshold for purchases of equipment, materials, supplies and services (except construction services) has been adjusted to \$90,200, effective January 1, 2018. This represents an increase of 2.20 percent over the 2017 bid limit. The notice may be viewed [here](#).

Under Public Contract Code section 20111(a), school districts must competitively bid contracts over the bid limit and award to the lowest responsible bidder, unless an exception applies. Contracts for amounts that fall under the bid limit may be awarded without competitive bidding.

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is expected to announce a similar adjustment to the bid threshold for community college districts' purchases of equipment, materials, supplies and services except construction services, pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20651(a), sometime in the next few days. Once released, that information will be available [here](#).

The bid limit for construction projects remains at \$15,000.

The bid thresholds for cities, counties and special districts are not affected by the bid limits discussed here.

For more information on the new bid limits or bidding in general, please contact an attorney at one of our [eight offices](#) located statewide. You can also visit our [website](#), follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) or download our [Client News Brief App](#).

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