



BID THRESHOLDS

Bid Threshold for Contracts Which Must be Competitively Bid

1. GOODS AND SERVICES

1.1. Bidding Threshold

The California Department of Education's statutory bid threshold, adjusted annually for community colleges is **\$96,700** as of January 1, 2021, pursuant to Public Contract Code 20651(d). This threshold applies to the following contracts:

- Purchase of equipment, materials, or supplies to be furnished, sold, or leased to the district;
- Services that are not construction services; and
- Repairs that are not a Public Project or Maintenance as defined in Public Contract Code Section 22002 (see UPCCAA Section 2.2 below for definitions).

1.2. Exceptions to Bidding ([Sole Source Justification](#) approved by Purchasing)

- Emergency Purchases (threat of life, property or welfare of people or property)
- Cooperative Agreement or Piggyback to Public Agency Agreement
- Sole Source Purchases
- Specialized or unique services as provided in Government Code § 53060.
- Instructional Material (textbooks, library books/films, periodicals, audiovisual, instructional software etc.) as provided in Education Code § 81651.

2. CUPCCAA

2.1. CUPCCAA Bidding Thresholds

The CUPCCAA thresholds as of January 1, 2019 for various bid types are as follows:

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS	NEGOTIATED CONTRACT	INFORMAL BID	FORMAL BID
Thresholds	<\$60,000.00	>\$60,000 - \$200,000	>\$200,000

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) for CUPCCAA](#)

2.2. Public Project Definitions

The application of the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) applies to the following construction and facilities maintenance services as defined in the Public Contract Code:

2.2.1. Public Project (PCC § 22002 (c))

New Construction, reconstruction, erection, alteration, renovation, improvement, demolition, and repair work involving any publicly owned, leased, or operated facility.

Painting or repainting of any publicly owned, leased, or operated facility.

2.2.2. Maintenance (PCC § 22002 (d))

Routine, recurring, and usual work for the preservation or protection of any publicly owned or publicly operated facility for its intended purposes.

Minor repainting.

Resurfacing of streets and highways at less than one inch.

Landscape maintenance, including mowing, watering, trimming, pruning, planting, replacement of plants, and servicing of irrigation and sprinkler systems.