

## Article - Education

16-408.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, this section applies to every contract for any building, improvement, equipment, or supplies that will cost more than \$7,500.

(2) This section does not apply to:

(i) The purchase of books or other materials for instruction;

(ii) Emergency repairs; or

(iii) Any contract or purchase made by a county for a community college under procedures authorized by the county charter or an act of the General Assembly.

(b) (1) The board of trustees, at least 2 weeks before bids are to be filed, shall advertise for bids in at least one newspaper published in the county.

(2) The board of trustees may name in the specifications and advertisements for bids the particular make, kind, or brand of article to be contracted for or purchased.

(c) (1) The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, who conforms to the specifications, with consideration given to:

(i) The quantities involved;

(ii) The time required for delivery;

(iii) The purpose for which required;

(iv) The competence and responsibility of the bidder; and

(v) The ability of the bidder to perform the contract satisfactorily.

(2) The board of trustees may reject any and all bids and readvertise for other bids.

(D) IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAY:

(1) PROVIDE IN ITS BID SPECIFICATIONS THAT A PRODUCT GROWN, MINED, OR MANUFACTURED IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA MAY BE REJECTED; AND