

(2) Contracts for the purchase of books and other materials of instruction as defined in the State Department of Education Financial Reporting Manual; and

(3) Emergency repairs required during the regular school year.

(b) (1) If the cost of any school building, improvement, supplies, or equipment is more than \$7,500, the county board, 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 county board 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) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A contract for the school building, improvements, supplies, or other equipment shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder who conforms to specifications with consideration given to:

(i) The quantities involved;

(ii) The time required for delivery;

(iii) The purpose for which required;

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

(v) The ability of the bidder to perform satisfactory service.

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

(3) IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, THE COUNTY BOARD MAY:

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

(II) REJECT A BID FOR A PRODUCT GROWN, MINED OR MANUFACTURED IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

(d) A contract entered into or purchase made in violation of this section is void.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.