

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Facilities Services Division
Facilities Construction Contracts

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT'S PREQUALIFICATION PROGRAMS

I. General Nature of District's Construction Projects

The District's Facilities Services Division puts out to bid construction projects that generally divide into two categories: new construction projects and (existing) facilities projects.

Generally speaking, new construction projects include the construction of new buildings, schools, primary care centers, additions to existing school sites and other new structures.

Projects for existing school facilities generally include the alteration, renovation, demolition, repair, improvement, upgrading, modernization, rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of existing school and/or school support facilities and systems.

The District also prequalifies contractors for other types of projects on a project-by-project basis. That type of prequalification is not addressed in this Summary.

II. Intent of District's Prequalification Programs

It is the intent of the District to do business with quality contractors by identifying such contractors through a uniform system of rating bidders to obtain the best quality construction for the lowest price practicable under the circumstances. The District's prequalification programs are adopted pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20111.5.

The District permits contractors to apply for prequalification status on an open enrollment basis unless the contractor fails to prequalify, the prequalification status has been revoked, or a contractor has been barred from performing District projects. Unless revoked or lost, prequalification status is generally good for one year after which the contractor must reapply for prequalification.

III. Prequalification Questionnaires and District Notification

The District has established three prequalification categories designated as "A," "B," and "C." Each category has its own qualifying criteria and requirements. There are separate Prequalification Questionnaires for each category. Each Prequalification Questionnaire sets forth the specific qualification requirements for a category. Therefore, a contractor should review all three Prequalification Questionnaires to determine for which category the contractor may want to try to prequalify. The District takes approximately 20 business days to review a properly filled out and supported Prequalification Questionnaire.

Should a contractor meet the prequalification requirements, the District will send out written approval notice to such a contractor.

IV. Prequalification Categories

A. Category “A”.

The highest prequalification level: This category requires a contractor to have significant experience building new public works and/or private works projects. The specific experience criteria are set forth in Questionnaire A. To qualify here, a Contractor must have bonding with a surety company with an A-VII A.M. BEST rating, and must have completed a project of new construction in the amount of \$7 million or higher. A Contractor prequalifying at this level will bid on the District’s new construction projects but can also bid on any size or type of construction contract, subject to license type and bonding limits.

B. Category “B”.

This category requires that a contractor has successfully completed, as a prime contractor (B – Level I) or as a specialty subcontractor (B-Level II), at least two public works projects within the 36 months immediately preceding the submission of a Prequalification Questionnaire. Contractors prequalifying at this level will bid on construction projects that usually do not involve the construction of new buildings. The size, type, dollar amount and number of projects a contractor who is prequalified in this category can perform are subject to the contractor’s license type, bonding limits and experience.

C. Category “C”.

This category is for prime contractors (C-Level I) and specialty subcontractors (C-Level II) having little or no prior public works experience. Prime and Specialty Contractors prequalifying at C-Level I will bid on projects that do not involve new construction and that have an estimated per project construction cost not to exceed \$350,000. The type and number of projects a contractor in this category can perform will depend on a contractor’s license type, bonding limits and experience.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

Each of the three prequalification questionnaires sets forth specific prequalification criteria for each prequalification category (i.e., “A,” “B” or “C”). Therefore, a contractor must consult all questionnaires to determine for which category the contractor may be eligible to pre-qualify. The questionnaires are available on the Facilities Construction Contracts web site at www.laschools.org/contractor/cc/pq. The most current Prequalification Questionnaire version must be submitted.

This is only a summary and does not set forth all required information.