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Adjustments to Public Bidding Thresholds and Office of State Comptroller Reporting Thresholds Effective July 1, 2025

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(c) and 18A:18A-3(b), the State Treasurer has exercised her authority to adjust bid thresholds for contracting units subject to the Local Public Contracts Law and the Public School Contracts Law. These adjustments became effective on July 1, 2025 and are available on the Division of Purchase and Property's webpage for bid thresholds adjusted by the State Treasurer on a [five-year schedule](#).

For contracting units that have appointed a Qualified Purchasing Agent, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-9(b) and avail themselves of the related higher bid threshold pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-3 and 18A:18A-3, the maximum bid threshold has been increased from \$44,000 to \$53,000.

If a contracting unit governed by the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A 40:11-1 et seq.) does not have a Qualified Purchasing Agent, the maximum bid threshold remains at \$17,500. The maximum bid threshold for those contracting units subject to the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.) that do not have a Qualified Purchasing Agent has been increased from \$32,000 to \$39,000.

The threshold for soliciting quotations, which is 15% of the bid threshold in accordance with 40A:11-6.1(a) and 18A:18A-37(a), is correspondingly increased. Contracts exceeding the new bid threshold amount are subject to the appropriate requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law and the Public School Contracts Law.

Contracting units should, as appropriate, review their procurement policies and enabling resolutions or ordinances to determine what action, if any, is needed to take advantage of the higher bid and quotation thresholds. For example, where the contracting unit has set fixed amounts, including if resolutions appointing a Qualified Purchasing Agent used fixed threshold amounts, the governing body may take action to adjust the bid and quotation threshold amounts. Contracting units may elect to set their bid thresholds at a lower amount.

The following table summarizes the current Local Public Contracts Law and Public School Contracts Law thresholds:

	Bid Threshold	Quotation Threshold
LPCL Units without QPAs	\$17,500	\$2,625
PSCL Units without QPAs	\$39,000	\$5,850
LPCL & PSCL Units with QPAs	\$53,000	\$7,950

Other Bid Threshold Adjustments

Two exceptions to the above-referenced bid threshold amounts involve road contracts subject to N.J.S.A. 27:2-1 or N.J.S.A. 27:16-16. N.J.S.A. 27:2-1 applies to when “the cost of constructing, reconstructing, or resurfacing any State, county or municipal road, street or highway, or portion thereof, will exceed [the bid threshold],” while N.J.S.A. 27:16-16 applies to the expansion of a county road to its authorized or full width for the accommodation of public travel. The odd-year bid threshold adjustment formula that was in effect prior to P.L. 1999, c. 440 for all contracting units still applies to the above-referenced road projects for which, as of July 1, 2025, the applicable bid threshold is \$24,200.

Effective July 1, 2025, the bid threshold for public school student transportation contracts as calculated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is also \$24,200.

Effective July 1, 2025, the bid threshold for county colleges pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:64-54 of the County College Contracts Law is \$44,900.

Effective July 1, 2025, the State College Contracts Law public works bid threshold pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:64-54 is \$42,600 while the non-public works bid threshold is \$119,800.

The above-referenced bid thresholds are listed on the Division of Purchase and Property’s webpage for bid thresholds adjusted by the State Treasurer on a [two-year schedule](#).

Pay-to-Play

The “pay to play” threshold remains at \$17,500.

Sections 11 and 12 of the Elections Transparency Act, enacted in 2023, amended N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and 20.5, respectively, to clarify that the governing body of a municipality or county (or any agency or instrumentality thereof) may delegate the authority to award a contract having an anticipated value in excess of \$17,500, but below the increased bid threshold of a Local Public Contracts Law contracting unit with a qualified purchasing agent (i.e. a “window contract”), to the Qualified Purchasing Agent. This delegation of authority should be incorporated into the resolution adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 increasing the contracting unit’s bid threshold.

Please review [Local Finance Notice 2023-14](#) for further information on the Elections Transparency Act’s changes to the Pay-to-Play law.

Adjustment of Reporting Thresholds to the Office of the State Comptroller

Pursuant to N.J.S.A 52:15C-10(d), the Office of the State Comptroller, after consultation with the Department of the Treasury, has exercised its statutory authority to adjust the threshold amounts set forth in N.J.S.A 52:15C-10 (a) and (b).

Accordingly, as of July 1, 2025, all “contracting units” as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:15C-10(a) shall notify the State Comptroller of contracts that meet or exceed the [following thresholds](#):

(1) For contracts involving consideration or an expenditure of more than \$3,000,000, but less than \$15,200,000, no later than 20 business days after the contract award;

(2) For contracts involving consideration or an expenditure of \$15,200,000 or more, at the earliest time practicable as the contracting unit commences the procurement process, but no later than the time the contracting unit commences preparation of: any bid specification or request for proposal; concession offering; proposal to purchase, sell, or lease real estate; or other related activities and contracts, but not less than 30 days prior to public advertisement or other public or private solicitation; and

(3) For contracts issued pursuant to an emergency or public exigency involving consideration or an expenditure of more than \$3,000,000, no later than 30 business days after the award of a contract.

Updated contract submission forms are available on the State Comptroller’s Procurement [website](#).

An updated table of all current threshold amounts is attached to this notice in the Appendix below, with a pdf version also available on the DLGS [Local Public Contracts Law webpage](#).

Please distribute copies of this Notice to any staff dealing with public purchasing. Email LPCL@dca.nj.gov with any questions regarding the updated bid thresholds and contracts@osc.nj.gov for questions regarding the updated State Comptroller reporting thresholds.

Approved: Michael F. Rogers, Director

Document	Internet Address
State Treasury – Adjusted Bid Thresholds (2 Year)	https://www.nj.gov/treasury/purchase/adjpubbid052yr.shtml
State Treasury – Adjusted Bid Thresholds (5 Year)	https://www.nj.gov/treasury/purchase/adjpubbid05.shtml
LFN 2023-14	https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/lfns/2023/2023-14.pdf
OSC Notice of Adjustment to Contract Review Thresholds	https://nj.gov/comptroller/about/work/contracting/docs/OSC_Threshold_Adjustment.pdf
Contract Submission - OSC Procurement Div.	https://nj.gov/comptroller/about/work/contracting/contracts.shtml
Contracting Thresholds	https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/programs/lpcl_docs/Contracting%20Threshold%20Tables.pdf
LFN 2024-18	https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/lfns/2024/2024-18.pdf

CONTRACTING THRESHOLD TABLE

Public Bidding Thresholds under the Local Public Contracts Law and Public School Contracts Law*		
N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a) and (c); 18A:18A-3(a) and (c)	LPCL	PSCL
Bid threshold with a QPA**	\$53,000	\$53,000
Quote threshold with a QPA (15% of bid threshold)	\$7,950	\$7,950
Bid threshold without a QPA	\$17,500	\$39,000
Quote threshold without a QPA (15% of bid threshold)	\$2,625	\$5,850

***Thresholds are effective as of July 1, 2025**

****Qualified Purchasing Agent - N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9(b) and N.J.A.C. 5:32-4.**

Related Bid Thresholds		
Statutory Reference	Description	Current Threshold*
18A:39-3	School Districts, Boards of Education for Transporting Pupils	\$24,200
27:2-1	State, County, Municipal Contracts for Work on Public Thoroughfares (paving)	\$24,200
27:16-16	County Road Improvements	\$24,200
40:68-48	Local Government – Beach Erosion Control Districts Waterfront Improvements	\$24,200
18A:64A-25.3	County Colleges	\$44,900
18A:64-54	State College Contracts Law (Public Works)	\$42,600
18A:64-54	State College Contracts Law (Non-Public Works)	\$119,800

***Current as of July 1, 2025**

Prevailing Wage Thresholds			
Statutory Reference	Description	Prior Threshold	Current Threshold*
34:11-56.25	Prevailing Wage for Municipalities (5-year cycle 2024-2029)	\$16,263	\$19,375
34:11-56.25	Prevailing Wage for All Other Contracting Units	\$2,000	\$2,000

*Current as of July 1, 2024 (See [Local Finance Notice 2024-18](#))

Office of State Comptroller Reporting Thresholds			
Description	Prior Threshold	Current Threshold*	Reporting Time-frame
Contracts involving consideration or expenditures of:	\$2,500,000 To \$12,500,000	\$3,000,000 To \$15,200,000	20 business days <u>after</u> contract awarded
	Above \$12,500,000	Above \$15,200,000	30 business days <u>prior</u> to public advertisement or other Public/Private Solicitation
Contracts issued pursuant to an Emergency or Public Exigency	More than \$2,500,000	More than \$3,000,000	No later than 30 business days <u>after</u> contract awarded

*Current as of July 1, 2025 for all “contracting units”