

**FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION****Facilities****ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**

In order to ensure safe construction and protect the investment of public funds, the County Board and County Superintendent require that a licensed and certified architect or structural engineer be employed to design and supervise the construction of, or alteration to, schools and other facilities operated by the County Superintendent, where required by law.

Where required by law, the County Superintendent or designee shall devise a competitive process for the selection of architects and structural engineers that is based on demonstrated competence and on the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required. For each major addition or alteration project that is undertaken on real property owned by the County Board, the County Superintendent or designee shall recommend specific architectural and engineering firms to the County Board. For all other projects, the County Superintendent or designee shall select an architectural and engineering firm. The selected firm shall be paid fair and reasonable amounts warranted by the provider's qualifications and competence. The County Board and County Superintendent need not select the lowest responsible respondent.

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**Legal Reference**Education Code

17070.50 Conditions for apportionment

17280-17316 Approvals, especially:

17302 Persons qualified to prepare plans, specifications and estimates and supervise construction

17316 Contract provision re school district property

17371 Limitation on liability of governing board

Government Code

4525-4529.5 Contracts with private architects, engineering, land surveying, and construction project management firms

14837 Definition of small business

87100 Public officials; financial interest