

The Jackson County Public Library is a governmental body that is authorized to enter into contracts under the Indiana Public Purchasing Law, IC 5-22. The Jackson County Public Library Board of Trustees is the "Purchasing Agency." Purchase orders, when required, must be signed by the Library Director, Library Administrator, Head of Collection Development, or Information Technology Specialist before being submitted to the vendor.

The "Purchasing Agent" of the Jackson County Public Library is the Library Director or Library Administrator. Other staff authorized by the Purchasing Agency to make routine purchases are the Maintenance Specialist, Youth Services Manager, Head of Collection Development, Circulation Manager, Information Services Coordinator, Information Technology Specialist, Administrative Assistant, and Technical Services Clerk.

The Purchasing Agent(s) may purchase supplies costing up to \$5,000. Any supplies costing \$5,001 or more require the approval of the Jackson County Public Library Board of Trustees. This provision excludes "library materials," those items purchased for the use of the library clientele of the library. All purchases under \$50,000 will be made on the open market. All items costing between \$50,000 and \$150,000 will be purchased only after inviting at least three quotes from persons known to deal in the lines or classes of supplies to be purchased unless another procedure is authorized by statute. The library reserves the right to reject unsatisfactory quotes. (IC 5-22-10-10)

In accordance with state statute, all items costing over \$150,000 will be purchased following competitive bidding procedures unless another procedure is authorized by statute. The Jackson County Public Library will follow all the proper steps for competitive bidding procedures or the inviting of quotes as required by statute or by the guidelines of the appropriate state agency.

The Board of Trustees or the Purchasing Agent(s) will purchase services on the basis of provisions of the contract, cost, experience of the vendor or any other factor deemed appropriate to the services being purchased. The library will obtain a credit card, use a credit account or issue a purchase order, when required.

All contracts must contain a provision requiring the contractor to enroll in and verify the work eligibility status of all hourly hired employees through the E-Verify program. (IC 22-5-1.7) At the time Jackson County Public Library awards or renews any contract, the person who is being awarded or has the contract must certify in writing to Jackson County Public Library that the person is not engaged in investment activities in Iran. (IC 5-22-16.5-13)

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