

LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION  
Office of the Superintendent

**California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act**

**ISSUE**

The Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) is legislation that was enacted in 1983 to help promote “uniformity of the cost accounting standards and bidding procedures on construction work performed or contracted by public entities in the state.” The Act is a voluntary program that is available to all public entities in the State but it only applies to those public agencies that have “opted in” to the provisions set forth by the Act.

**BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIVITY**

Currently, LCOE must conduct a formal bid for any public project over \$15,000

“Public project” means any of the following:

- (1) Construction, reconstruction, erection, alteration, renovation, improvement, demolition, and repair work involving any publicly owned, leased, or operated facility.
- (2) Painting or repainting of any publicly owned, leased, or operated facility.

In addition, all contractors working on public projects must pay their employees prevailing wages, which dramatically increases the cost of any public project LCOE undertakes.

**DISCUSSION**

Once an agency opts into CUPCCAA they may perform public projects at \$45,000 or less by force account, negotiated contract, or purchase order. Projects at \$175,000 and less may be let to contract by informal procedures. Projects above \$175,000 shall be let by formal bidding procedures.

The public agency shall maintain a list of qualified contractors, identified according to categories of work. All contractors on the list for the category of work being bid shall be mailed, faxed, or emailed a notice inviting informal bids unless the product or service is proprietary. All mailing of notices to contractors pursuant to this subdivision shall be completed not less than 10 calendar days before bids are due. (PCC 22034)

**FISCAL, STAFFING, AND FACILITIES**

No changes to staffing. LCOE will save on staff time due to not having to undertake bid procedures for projects over \$15,000 (our current bid threshold). Also, we will save on advertising for bids when the project is under \$175,000. Projects will be completed faster due to less stringent bid limits and procedures.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION**

The County Superintendent recommends the Lake County Board of Education approve Resolution No. 1718-08 Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures.

Report prepared by: Ryan Mahan, Director of Human Resources & Operations

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 1718-08**

**Resolution Calling for Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures**

WHEREAS, prior to the passage of Assembly Bill No. 1666, Chapter 1054, Statutes of 1983, which added Chapter 2, commencing with Section 22000, to Part 3 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code, existing law did not provide a uniform cost accounting standard for construction work performed or contracted by local public agencies; and

WHEREAS, Public Contract Code Section 22000 et seq., the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act, establishes such a uniform cost accounting standard; and

WHEREAS, the Commission established under the Act has developed uniform public construction cost accounting procedures for implementation by local public agencies in the performance of or in the contracting for construction of public projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing board of the Lake County Office of Education, hereby elects under Public Contract Code Section 22030 to become subject to the uniform public construction cost accounting procedures set forth in the Act and to the Commission's policies and procedure's manual and cost accounting review procedures, as they may each from time to time be amended, and directs the Superintendent of Schools to notify the State Controller forthwith of this election.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Passed and Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 at a regular meeting of the Lake County Board of Education.

David Browning:	Aye_____	Nay_____	Abstain_____	Absent_____
Mark Cooper:	Aye_____	Nay_____	Abstain_____	Absent_____
Patricia Hicks:	Aye_____	Nay_____	Abstain_____	Absent_____
Melissa Kinsel:	Aye_____	Nay_____	Abstain_____	Absent_____
Madelene Lyon:	Aye_____	Nay_____	Abstain_____	Absent_____

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board President

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lake County Superintendent of Schools