

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §18-2A-4

§18-2A-4. Execution of contracts; bond.

(a) When the selection and approval of the multiple list have been properly made, it is the duty of the state board to furnish contracts for the selected items with the vendors within thirty days of the approval and adoption of the multiple list, prepare a list of the adopted resources on the multiple list and publish it in electronic format and make the list available through a page on the West Virginia Department of Education web page. The contract for adoption shall run for a period of time as designated by the state board.

(b) Each vendor awarded a contract by the West Virginia Department of Education shall enter into a bond payable to the State of West Virginia in the penal sum of not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$10,000 to be approved by the state board of public works. The bond shall be executed as surety by a responsible surety company authorized to carry on its business in West Virginia. The contract shall be prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the terms and provisions of this article. The contract shall be executed in triplicate, one copy to be held by the vendor, one by the state board and one attached to the bond filed with the board of public works.

(c) Bonds required of successful vendors shall provide that:

(1) The vendor will furnish any of the instructional resources on the multiple list under vendors contract for the period of the adoption, from the date of the bond, to any county school unit, a dealer appointed by the county, or any state board approved depository or depositories as defined in section seven of this article, at the lowest wholesale price contained in the bids or contracts made to any other county school unit, dealer, county, school or depository in any other state, like conditions prevailing. The state board shall determine, from time to time, the terms of the bids and contracts and may require the vendor to bear the costs of shipping, mail or transportation or offer any other financial benefit available in the highest amount paid by a vendor to any other county school unit, dealer, county or depository in any other state: Provided, That the state board shall decide whether from time to time bids and contracts for instructional resources are to be for the delivery directly to each county school unit, dealer appointed by the county, county or to each depository or depositories, or any combination thereof, under this section.

(2) The vendor will automatically reduce the prices in West Virginia when prices are reduced anywhere in the United States, so that no such item or items shall at any time be sold in West Virginia at a higher wholesale price than received for items elsewhere in the United States, like conditions prevailing.

(3) All items sold in West Virginia will be identical with the official samples submitted to the state board as regards quality standards, specifications, subject matter, and other particulars which may affect the value of the items. The state board may, however, during

the period of the contract approve revised editions of adopted items, which will authorize a vendor to furnish such revisions. All contracts and bonds shall be filed in accordance with the appropriate state board process prior to July 1.