



# Purchasing Bid Limits

for selected local governments in Washington State

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Type of Local Government	Quotes Allowed	Vendor List Allowed (see RCW 39.04.190)	Competitive Bids Required
First class city	<i>Established by policy</i>		
Code city over 20,000 pop.	<i>Established by policy</i>		
Code city under 20,000 pop.	≤ \$7,500	≤ \$15,000	> \$15,000
Second class city	≤ \$7,500	≤ \$15,000	> \$15,000
Town	≤ \$7,500	≤ \$15,000	> \$15,000
County	≤ 10,000	≤ \$50,000	> \$50,000
Fire protection district (Title 52 RCW)	≤ 40,000	≤ \$75,000	> \$75,000
Housing authority (Chapter 35.82 RCW)	<i>Established by policy</i>		
Metropolitan park district (Chapter 35.61 RCW)	≤ 40,000	≤ \$50,000	> \$50,000
Port district (Title 53 RCW)	<i>Established by policy</i>		
Public utility district (Title 54 RCW)	See <a href="#">RCW 54.04.070</a> & <a href="#">54.04.082</a>		
Public hospital district (Chapter 70.44 RCW)	<i>Set by policy</i>	≤ \$15,000	<i>Set by policy</i>
School district (Chapter 28A.335 RCW) <i>no bid limits for book purchases</i>	≤ 40,000	≤ \$75,000	> \$75,000
Water/sewer district (Title 57 RCW)	≤ 40,000	≤ \$50,000	> \$50,000