

1 AN ACT concerning public community colleges.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Public Community College Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 3-27.1 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-27.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 103-27.1)

7 Sec. 3-27.1. Contracts. To award all contracts for  
8 purchase of supplies, materials or work involving an  
9 expenditure in excess of \$10,000 to the lowest responsible  
10 bidder considering conformity with specifications, terms of  
11 delivery, quality, and serviceability; after due  
12 advertisement, except the following: (a) contracts for the  
13 services of individuals possessing a high degree of  
14 professional skill where the ability or fitness of the  
15 individual plays an important part; (b) contracts for the  
16 printing of finance committee reports and departmental  
17 reports; (c) contracts for the printing or engraving of  
18 bonds, tax warrants and other evidences of indebtedness; (d)  
19 contracts for materials and work which have been awarded to  
20 the lowest responsible bidder after due advertisement, but  
21 due to unforeseen revisions, not the fault of the contractor  
22 for materials and work, must be revised causing expenditures  
23 not in excess of 10% of the contract price; (e) contracts for  
24 the maintenance or servicing of, or provision of repair parts  
25 for, equipment which are made with the manufacturer or  
26 authorized service agent of that equipment where the  
27 provision of parts, maintenance, or servicing can best be  
28 performed by the manufacturer or authorized service agent;  
29 (f) purchases and contracts for the use, purchase, delivery,  
30 movement, or installation of data processing equipment,  
31 software, or services and telecommunications and

1 inter-connect equipment, software, and services; (g)  
2 contracts for duplicating machines and supplies; (h)  
3 contracts for the purchase of natural gas when the cost is  
4 less than that offered by a public utility; (i) purchases of  
5 equipment previously owned by some entity other than the  
6 district itself; (j) contracts for repair, maintenance,  
7 remodeling, renovation, or construction, or a single project  
8 involving an expenditure not to exceed \$15,000 and not  
9 involving a change or increase in the size, type, or extent  
10 of an existing facility; (k) contracts for goods or services  
11 procured from another governmental agency or through an  
12 intrastate or interstate governmental agency consortium; (l)  
13 contracts for goods or services which are economically  
14 procurable from only one source, such as for the purchase of  
15 magazines, books, periodicals, pamphlets and reports, and for  
16 utility services such as water, light, heat, telephone or  
17 telegraph; and (m) where funds are expended in an emergency  
18 and such emergency expenditure is approved by 3/4 of the  
19 members of the board.

20 All competitive bids for contracts involving an  
21 expenditure in excess of \$10,000 must be sealed by the bidder  
22 and must be opened by a member or employee of the board at a  
23 public bid opening at which the contents of the bids must be  
24 announced. Each bidder must receive at least 3 days' notice  
25 of the time and place of such bid opening. For purposes of  
26 this Section due advertisement includes, but is not limited  
27 to, at least one public notice at least 10 days before the  
28 bid date in a newspaper published in the district, or if no  
29 newspaper is published in the district, in a newspaper of  
30 general circulation in the area of the district.

31 The provisions of this Section do not apply to guaranteed  
32 energy savings contracts entered into under Article V-A.

33 (Source: P.A. 87-1023; 88-173.)