

Apollo Career Center

Federal Procurement Procedures

Effective FY 2019

General

- ✓ Costs charged by Apollo to a federal program must be allowed under the program, reasonable and necessary, adequately documented, and consistent with Apollo policies (DECA – Administration of Federal Funds and DJF-R – Purchasing Procedures) and procedures.
- ✓ All purchases are approved by the purchasing agent, within the parameters of the board-approved appropriation resolution.
- ✓ All purchases are made via purchase orders; blanket purchase orders may be used for routine supplies.
- ✓ Receipt of merchandise/supplies/services is verified by the building/department and packing slips/delivery slips are sent to the treasurer's office.
- ✓ Invoices are matched to purchase orders and packing/delivery slips, and any discrepancies resolved.
- ✓ Verified invoices are paid on school vouchers.
- ✓ Checking account bank statements are reconciled monthly.
- ✓ School credit cards are used when vendor will not accept a purchase order or by request via purchase order.
- ✓ Employee reimbursements are used for meeting/mileage expense. Employees are not to buy supplies for the district unless pre-approved.
- ✓ Small Purchases over \$10,000 require a solicitation for quotes or bids. For Food Service, invitations to bid are sent to at least three vendors when possible for each food category (normally dairy and bread). Bids are received and reviewed by the Food Service Supervisor, and the business awarded to the low bidder who can meet all the requirements. The invitation to bid is to include the requirement that goods must be produced and processed in the United States [7 CFR 210.21 (d)]. The Food Service Supervisor will be responsible for ensuring that, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products are used.
- ✓ For purchases/contracts valued above the Simplified Acquisition Threshold of \$250,000, cost price analyses will be performed by obtaining costs quarterly from at least three vendors on items used on a regular basis. These costs will be compared and products purchased from the lowest priced vendor. Documentation is to be retained by the Food Service Supervisor or federal grant manager.
- ✓ Formal Contracts and Processing Contracts are currently processed through the Southwestern Ohio EPC.
- ✓ RFP's for Processing Contracts are to have the requirement that all bids include Food Recall procedures and a contact person and back-up contact for Food Recalls.

Small, Minority and Women's Businesses, and Labor Surplus Firms

Research annually the Small Business Administration and Minority Business Development Agency of the Dept. of Administrative Services site for additional businesses that fit these criteria.

<https://eodreporting.oit.ohio.gov/>

Qualified businesses from these lists will be solicited, and used whenever possible. When economically feasible, The Apollo Career Center will divide total requirements into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation.

Request verification from the EPC that the consortium is searching for small, minority and women's businesses and labor surplus firms prior to bidding the RFP's, and awarding bids to them when possible.

Contract Work Hours/Safety Standards Act

Equal Employment Opportunity, Contract Work Hours/Safety Standards Act language, Byrd Anti-Lobbying and termination for cause or convenience language has been added to RFP processes going forward. We plan to include a complete EDGAR Compliance Certification in all of our RFPs in the future when Federal Funds will be used. The bidder will need to agree to the terms, sign, date and return the Edgar Compliance Certification sheet in order for their bid to be accepted. See Below for Complete Edgar Compliance Certification we will use as applicable for all formal and processing contracts:

EDGAR VENDOR CERTIFICATION (2 CFR Part 200 and Appendix II)

When the Apollo Career Center ("Apollo") seeks to procure goods and services using funds under a federal grant or contract, specific federal laws, regulations, and requirements may apply in addition to those under state law. This includes, but is not limited to, the procurement standards of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 CFR 200 (sometimes referred to as the "Uniform Guidance" or new "EDGAR"). All Vendors submitting proposals must complete this EDGAR Certification Form regarding Vendor's willingness and ability to comply with certain requirements which may be applicable to specific Apollo purchases using federal grant funds. Apollo may also require Vendors to enter into ancillary agreements to address our specific contractual needs, including contract requirements for a procurement using federal grants or contracts.

For each of the items below, Vendor should certify Vendor's agreement and ability to comply, where applicable, by having Vendor's authorized representative complete and initial the applicable boxes and sign the acknowledgment at the end of this form. If you fail to complete any item in this form, Apollo will consider and may list the Vendor's response as "NO," the Vendor is unable or unwilling to comply. A "NO" response to any of the items may, if applicable, impacts the ability of Apollo to purchase from the Vendor using federal funds.

- 1. Vendor Violation or Breach of Contract Terms:** Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$250,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 USC 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

2. Termination for Cause or Convenience: For any Apollo purchase or contract in excess of \$10,000 made using federal funds, you agree that the following term and condition shall apply:

Apollo may terminate or cancel any purchase order under this Contract at any time, with or without cause, by providing seven (7) business days' advance written notice to the Vendor. If this Agreement is terminated in accordance with this Paragraph, Apollo shall only be required to pay Vendor for goods or services delivered to Apollo prior to the termination and not otherwise returned in accordance with Vendor's return policy. If Apollo has paid Vendor for goods or services not yet provided as of the date of termination, Vendor shall immediately refund such payment(s).

3. Equal Employment Opportunity: Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all Apollo purchases or contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 shall be deemed to include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR Part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

The equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) is hereby incorporated by reference. Vendor agrees that such provision applies to any Apollo purchase or contract that meets the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 and Vendor agrees that it shall comply with such provision.

4. Davis-Bacon Act: When required by Federal program legislation, Vendor agrees that, for all Apollo prime construction contracts/purchases in excess of \$2,000, Vendor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 3141-3144, and 31463148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, Vendor is required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, Vendor shall pay wages not less than once a week.

Current prevailing wage determinations issued by the Department of Labor are available at www.wdol.gov. Vendor agrees that, for any purchase to which this requirement applies, the award of the purchase to the Vendor is conditioned upon Vendor's acceptance of the wage determination.

Vendor further agrees that it shall also comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 USC 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or sub recipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.

5. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act: Where applicable, for all Apollo contracts or purchases in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, Vendor agrees to comply with 40 USC 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 USC 3702 of the Act, Vendor is required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 USC 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working

conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

6. Right to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement: If Apollo's Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR 401.2(a) and the recipient or sub recipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance or experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or sub recipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

7. Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act: Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 USC 1251-1387), as amended – Contracts and sub grants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 USC 74017671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 USC 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

When required, Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

8. Debarment and Suspension: Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689) – A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR Part 1966 Comp. p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR Part 1989 Comp. p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

Vendor certifies that Vendor is not currently listed on the government-wide exclusions in SAM, is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies or declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. Vendor further agrees to immediately notify Apollo if Vendor is later listed on the government-wide exclusions in SAM, or is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies or declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

9. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment: Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 USC 1352) -- Vendors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 USC 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with nonfederal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award. As applicable, Vendor agrees to file all certifications and disclosures required by, and otherwise comply with, the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 USC 1352).

10. Procurement of Recovered Materials: For Apollo purchases utilizing Federal funds, Vendor agrees to comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act where applicable and provide such information and certifications as Apollo may require to confirm estimates and otherwise comply. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency

(EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery, and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

11. Profit as a Separate Element of Price: For purchases using federal funds in excess of \$250,000, Apollo may be required to negotiate profit as a separate element of the price. See, 2 CFR 200.323(b). When required by Apollo, Vendor agrees to provide information and negotiate with Apollo regarding profit as a separate element of the price for a particular purchase. However, Vendor agrees that the total price, including profit, charged by Vendor to Apollo shall not exceed the awarded pricing, including any applicable discount, under Vendor's contract.

12. General Compliance and Cooperation with Apollo: In addition to the foregoing specific requirements, Vendor agrees, in accepting any Purchase Order from Apollo, it shall make a good faith effort to work with Apollo to provide such information and to satisfy such requirements as may apply to a particular Apollo purchase or purchases including, but not limited to, applicable recordkeeping and record retention requirements.

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FEDERAL PROCUREMENT FORM

Vendor Certification Item No.	Vendor Certification: YES, I agree or NO, I do NOT agree	Initial
1. Vendor Violation or Breach of Contract Terms		
2. Termination for Cause or Convenience		
3. Equal Employment Opportunity		
4. Davis-Bacon Act		
5. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act		
7. Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act		
8. Debarment and Suspension		
9. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment		
10. Procurement of Recovered Materials		
11. Profit as a Separate Element of Price		
12. General Compliance and Cooperation with Cooperative Member		

By signature below, I certify that the information in this form is true, complete, and accurate and that I am authorized by my company to make this certification and all consents and agreements contained herein.

_____ Company Name

_____ Signature of Authorized Company Official

_____ Printed Name

ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS

The Board accepts federal funds, which are available, provided that there is a specific need for them and that the required matching funds are available. The Board intends to administer federal grant awards efficiently, effectively and in compliance with all requirements imposed by law, the awarding agency and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) or other applicable pass-through entity.

The Board directs the Treasurer to develop, monitor, and enforce effective financial management systems and other internal controls over federal awards that provide reasonable assurances that the District is managing the awards in compliance with all requirements for federal grants and awards. Systems and controls must meet all requirements of Federal law and regulation, including the Uniform Guidance issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and any applicable state requirements, and shall be based on best practices.

All individuals responsible for the administration of a federal grant or award shall be provided sufficient training to carry out their duties in accordance with all applicable requirements for the federal grant or award.

The financial management systems and internal controls must provide for:

1. identification of all federal funds received and expended and their program source;
2. accurate, current, and complete disclosure of financial data in accordance with federal requirements;
3. records sufficient to track the receipt and use of funds;
4. effective control and accountability over assets to assure they are used only for authorized purposes and
5. comparison of expenditures against budget.

In addition, written procedures must be established for cash management and for determining the allowability of costs, as required by the Uniform Guidance.

At a minimum, the financial management systems and internal controls will address the following areas:

1. Allowability

Costs charged by the school system to a federal grant must be allowed under the individual program and be in accordance with the cost principles established in the Uniform Guidance, including how charges made to the grant for personnel are to be determined. Costs will be charged to a federal grant only when the cost is:

- A. reasonable and necessary for the program;
- B. in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and grant terms;

C. allocable to the grant;

D. adequately documented and

E. consistent with District policies and procedures that apply to both federally-funded and non-federally funded activities.

Internal controls will be sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that charges to federal awards for personnel expenses are accurate, allowable, and properly allocated and documented.

Controls include time and effort reporting in accordance with Uniform Guidance and the requirements of ODE or other applicable pass-through-entity. Records are sufficient to verify that time spent and compensation (including salary and benefits) are allocable to the fund.

2. Cash Management and Fund Control

Payment methods must be established in writing that minimize the time elapsed between the draw-down of federal funds and the disbursement of those funds. Standards for funds control and accountability must be met as required by the Uniform Guidance for advance payments and in accordance with the requirements of ODE or other applicable pass-through-entity.

3. Procurement

Prior to July 1, 2018, the District followed the requirements outlined in previous OMB guidance. Effective July 1, 2018 all purchases for property and services made using federal funds must be conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations, the Uniform Guidance, and the District's written policies and procedures.

The District avoids situations that unnecessarily restrict competition and avoids acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Individuals or organizations that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, and/or invitations for bids, requests for proposals, or invitations to negotiate, are excluded from competing for such purchases. The District performs a cost and price analysis for every procurement over the established simplified acquisition threshold.

Contracts are awarded only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration is given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources. No contract is awarded to a contractor who is suspended or debarred from eligibility for participation in federal assistance programs or activities.

The District takes all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

Purchasing records are sufficiently maintained to detail the history of all procurements and must include at least the rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, and contractor selection or rejection; the basis for the contract price; and verification that the contractor is not suspended or debarred.

4. Conflict of Interest and Mandatory Disclosures

The District complies with the requirements of State law and the Uniform Guidance for conflicts of interest and mandatory disclosures for all procurements with federal funds.

Each employee, board member, or agent of the school system who is engaged in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal grant or award and who has a potential conflict of interest must disclose that conflict in writing to the Treasurer. The Treasurer discloses in writing any potential conflict of interest to ODE or other applicable pass-through-entity.

A conflict of interest would arise when the covered individual, any member of his/her immediate family, his/her partner, or an organization, which employs or is about to employ any of those parties has a financial or other interest in or receives a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. A covered individual who is required to disclose a conflict will not participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal grant or award.

Employees, Board members, or agents of the District will not solicit or accept any gratuities, favors, or items from a contractor or a party to a subcontractor for a federal grant or award. Violations of this rule are subject to disciplinary action.

The Treasurer discloses in writing to ODE or other applicable pass-through-entity in a timely manner all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuities potentially affecting any federal award. The Treasurer fully addresses any such violations promptly and notifies the Board accordingly.

5. Equipment and Supplies Purchased with Federal Funds

Equipment and supplies acquired with federal funds will be used, managed, and disposed of in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements. Property records and inventory systems shall be sufficiently maintained to account for and track equipment that has been acquired with federal funds.

6. Accountability and Certifications

All fiscal transactions must be approved by the Treasurer/designee who can attest that the expenditure is allowable and approved under the federal program. The Treasurer submits all required certifications.

7. Monitoring and Reporting Performance

The Treasurer will establish sufficient oversight of the operations of federally supported activities to assure compliance with applicable federal requirements and to ensure that program objectives established by the awarding agency are being achieved. The District submits all reports as required by federal or state authorities.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 9.314

117.101; 117.43

3313.33; 3313.46

3319.04

5705.39; 5705.41; 5705.412

2 C.F.R. Part 200

CROSS REFS.: BBFA, Board Member Conflict of Interest

BCC, Qualifications and Duties of the Treasurer

DI, Fiscal Accounting and Reporting

DID, Inventories (Fixed Assets)

DJ, Purchasing

DJC, Bidding Requirements

DJE, Purchasing Procedures

DK, Payment Procedures

EF/EFB, Food Services Management/Free and Reduced-Price Food Services

GBCA, Staff Conflict of Interest

IGBJ, Title I Programs

PURCHASING PROCEDURES

General

1. The Board designates the Superintendent as the purchasing agent.
2. No person may commit the District to a purchase without the appropriate certificate of the availability of funds.
3. The materials, equipment, supplies and/or services to be purchased are of the quality required to serve the function in a satisfactory manner, as determined by the requisitioner and the Superintendent.
4. It is the responsibility of the requisitioner to provide an adequate description of the item(s) purchased so that the purchasing agent may be able to prepare the specifications and to procure most expeditiously and economically the desired commodity and/or service. A source of supply should be included on requisitions for specialty or unusual items.
5. No requisitioner shall knowingly restrict competition or otherwise preclude the most economical purchase of the required items.
6. When a low bidder proposes an alternate as equal to that specified, it is the responsibility of the Treasurer to determine whether the proposed substitution is, in fact, an equal. Such decision is based on his/her evaluation and that of the requisitioner. In the case of disagreement between the requisitioner and the Treasurer, either party may refer the matter to the Superintendent.

Requisitions

1. The District establishes a standardized requisition procedure to allow authorized representatives to submit requests for the purchase of materials and supplies.
2. The following are designated as "requisitioner"; that is, they are authorized to issue requisitions against stipulated segments of budgetary appropriations: the Superintendent, administrative assistants, directors, supervisors and building principals. Each requisitioner is responsible for limiting his/her requisitions to the appropriate amounts.
3. Only District-approved methods or forms are used for requisitioning.
4. A requisition, to be considered appropriate for processing, meets the following requirements:
 - A. contains adequate information and
 - B. is approved by and bears the signature of an authorized requisitioner.
5. All approved requisitions are submitted to the Treasurer.
6. After a purchase order has been issued by the Treasurer's office, the number of the purchase order is recorded on the requisition.

7. After processing, the original copy of the requisition is filed in the office of the Treasurer.

Purchase Orders

1. Purchase orders are prepared by the appropriate person and at a minimum include the following essentials:
 - A. a specification that adequately describes to the supplier the characteristics and the quality standards of the item required;
 - B. a firm, quoted, net-delivered price, whenever possible (unit prices are shown);
 - C. clear delivery instructions, including place and time;
 - D. appropriate account code number or appropriation code and
 - E. the Treasurer's certificate of available revenue and appropriation.
2. Purchase orders use an identifiable tracking system established by the District and contain the appropriate number of copies to meet District needs.
3. Verbal confirmation orders subject to subsequent confirmation by a written purchase order may be issued only in cases in which a bona fide emergency situation exists that can be handled only by this procedure:
 - A. whenever possible, a purchase order number should be given to the supplier and
 - B. a confirming requisition is issued immediately, marked "confirmation" indicating the purchase order number, if one was given.

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Purchasing of goods and services using federal funds must be done in accordance with the above procedures and also in accordance with all federal requirements including allowability of costs. All purchases must be reasonable and free of conflicts of interest and conducted in a manner providing full and open competition.

No purchase will be made using federal funds unless the District verifies that the contractor is not suspended or debarred.

To determine which procurement method type is required, the District will estimate the average aggregate amount that will be spent.

Once the threshold has been established, the following methods of procurement will be used for all purchases of goods and services made with federal funds.

1. Micro-purchases are purchases up to \$10,000 and may be made in accordance with District purchasing procedures when the costs are reasonable. To the extent practicable, these purchases are distributed equitably among qualified suppliers.

2. Small purchase are purchases between \$10,000 and \$250,000. Prior to authorizing the purchase, the District will try to obtain price rates or quotations from a minimum of three vendors or providers. The District will obtain these price rates or quotations by obtaining quotes verbally, in writing, using price listing on websites or other means deemed appropriate.
3. Sealed bid procedures are used for firm fixed price contracts over \$250,000 and is used as the preferred method for construction projects. Bids are solicited from an adequate number of known suppliers, which cannot be less than two responsible bidders. The District will solicit bids by advertising the process. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
4. Competitive proposals are used for all purchases over \$250,000 for which sealed bids are not appropriate and must be used for architectural or engineering services. Contracts entered into for competitive proposals may be fixed-price or cost-reimbursement. The District will publicize a request for proposal by using various advertising methods including, but not limited to, radio, internet, newspapers, etc. The District will evaluate proposals in order to award the contract to the most advantageous proposal when considering cost and other factors. The District will evaluate proposals by score sheets and other specific factors related to the contract.
5. Sole source procurement is used only when the goods or services are only available from a single source; a public exigency or emergency exists; there is inadequate competition and the applicable pass through entity approves this method.

All solicitations:

1. Include clear and accurate description on the technical requirements for the material, product or service to be procured. This description sets forth the minimum and essential characteristics the material, product or service must meet.
2. Will not contain specifications that unduly restrict competition.
3. Identify all requirements offerors must fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.

The District maintains records to verify selection of procurement type and compliance with applicable procurement requirements.

(Approval date: September 24, 2018)