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STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
LEVEL ONE
PROCUREMENT DELEGATION AGREEMENT**

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 - ✓ an expert witness hired for use in litigation, a hearings officer hired in rulemaking and contested case proceedings under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, or an attorney as specified by executive order of the governor;
 - ✓ consulting actuaries;
 - ✓ a private consultant employed by the Montana State Lottery;
 - ✓ a private investigator licensed by any jurisdiction;
 - ✓ a claims adjuster;
 - ✓ a court reporter appointed as an independent contractor;
- the purchase or commission of art for a museum or public display;
- Montana-produced food products, under 18-4-132(4), MCA;
- contracting under 47-1-216, MCA, of the Montana Public Defender Act;
- contracting under Title 90, chapter 4, part 11, MCA;
- salaries;
- travel and per diem;
- retirement and social security payments;
- freight;
- landfill charges;
- supplies or services whose prices are regulated by the Public Services Commission or other governmental authority;
- pastoral services;

- training;
- conference rental space and catering;
- fresh fruits and vegetables;
- fees for placing an advertisement in a publication or on radio, television, or electronic media sources;
- educational instructors and guidance counselors for inmates under the supervision of the Department of Corrections; and
- books and periodicals.

4.2 Sheltered Workshops. Purchases of supplies or services from Sheltered Workshops as listed on the following website: <http://emac.mt.gov/ShelteredWorkshops>.

4.3 Interagency Agreements. Purchases made through interagency agreements within Montana state government, or other political subdivisions or governments, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

4.4 Surplus Property Program. Purchases made from the State's Surplus Property Program.

5.0 PROCUREMENT METHODS

AGENCY shall utilize the following procurement methods when purchasing supplies and services:

5.1 Small Purchases – Purchases of \$5,000 or less. AGENCY may choose a purchasing technique that best meets its needs for all purchases with a total contract value of \$5,000 or less. AGENCY is encouraged to use the State Purchasing Card for all small purchases. "Total contract value" means the entire potential monetary worth of the project from beginning to completion, including the initial contract period and any options to renew.

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5.3 Formal Competition (Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals) Services Purchases above \$25,001 and Supplies Purchases above \$50,000. AGENCY shall forward any services purchase with a total contract value above \$25,000 and supplies purchases with a total contract value above \$50,000 to SPB for processing.

5.4 Sole Source/Sole Brand. An AGENCY with Level One delegated procurement authority may make a determination that a purchase is a sole source/sole brand for services purchases with a total contract value of \$25,000 or less and supplies purchases with a total contract value of \$50,000 or less. For purchases over an AGENCY's level of delegated procurement authority, the DIVISION shall make the sole source/sole brand determination unless specifically authorized in Section 18.0 of this Agreement. In cases of reasonable doubt, competition should be solicited.

- a. Exemptions.** Under ARM 2.5.604, the following items do not require competition or sole source justification and may be purchased directly by agencies regardless of delegated authority: (1) professional licenses; (2) dues to associations; (3) renewal of software license agreements; (4) purchase or renewal of maintenance agreements for software or hardware; and (5) publications available only from a single supplier.
- b. Records.** AGENCY shall maintain records of sole source/sole brand purchases over \$5,000 as required by ARM 2.5.604(5) by using the "Sole Source Procurement Justification" form or "Sole Brand Procurement Justification" form provided by SPB.
- c. Extension or Renewal.** If an extension or renewal of a sole source contract is required, AGENCY shall provide the DIVISION with an updated "Sole Source Procurement Justification" form.

5.5 Exigency Purchase. The Montana Procurement Act does not apply if a public exigency exists. An exigency purchase is defined in ARM 2.5.201(16) as "a purchase made without following normal purchasing procedures due to a sudden and unexpected happening or unforeseen occurrence or condition which requires immediate action." An exigency purchase of \$5,000 or greater is limited to those supplies or services necessary to meet the exigency. Where statutorily allowed, AGENCY may declare an exigency, it does not require the DIVISION'S approval. The AGENCY shall maintain a record of all exigency purchases as required by ARM 2.5.605.

6.0 DELEGATION AUTHORITY

AGENCY may purchase all non-controlled services (see Section 8.0) with a total contract value up to \$25,000 and non-controlled supplies with a total contract value up to \$50,000.

6.1 Written Procedures. AGENCY shall maintain written procedures for handling all purchases and follow the DIVISION's Montana Operations Manual.

6.2 Staff Training Requirements. The person listed as the AGENCY and Agreement liaison, or their replacement, and all other AGENCY procurement staff must have completed the "Basic Procurement Methods and Issues" course offered by the DIVISION and any other training course required by the DIVISION at a later date.

6.3 Purchases above Level of Delegated Authority. AGENCY requiring the purchase of a supply and/or service above their level of delegated authority shall forward a requisition to SPB and a SPB Contracts Officer shall conduct the procurement. The deadline for fiscal year end procurements is April 1 for request for proposals solicitations and May 1 for invitation for bids solicitations.

6.4 SPB Signature. All contracts established through SPB, including but not limited to IFB, RFP, Sole Source, and Exigency, must have the signature of a SPB Contracts Officer and AGENCY legal counsel before execution, unless AGENCY counsel reviews and determines their signature is not required. Any contract amendment issued against a contract established through SPB must also have a signature or initial of a SPB Contracts Officer before execution by either the AGENCY or contractor. A signature block must state "Approved as to Form" with space for the signature of the SPB Contracts Officer. In addition, all contract amendments must have the signature of AGENCY legal counsel if not using an approved contract template.

6.5 Referral to Division. If AGENCY chooses not to exercise its approved delegated procurement authority, it may submit its requisition to the DIVISION for action.

7.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Procurement Documents. AGENCY shall use the most current version of the DIVISION's procurement forms and standard terms and conditions in their entirety, including, but not limited to the following: (1) Standard Terms and Conditions; (2) Limited Solicitation; and (3) Sole Source/Sole Brand Justification Forms unless the DIVISION approves any exceptions. Requests for exceptions or changes to existing approved forms must be submitted to the DIVISION for approval. Forms are posted on the procurement forms site located at the following website address: <http://emacs.mt.gov/AgencyProcurementForms>.

7.2 Requests for Exceptions to Standard Terms and Conditions and Contracts. AGENCY agrees that all vendor requests for exceptions to the DIVISION's Standard Terms and Conditions and the DIVISION'S standard contract either be (1) approved by the DIVISION, or (2) approved in writing by AGENCY's legal counsel.

7.3 Purchasing Vendors List. The DIVISION maintains a purchasing vendors list for supplies and services typically purchased by state agencies. The purchasing vendors list is available in eMACS.

8.0 CONTROLLED ITEMS: PURCHASES EXCLUDED FROM DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Unless specifically addressed elsewhere in this Agreement, AGENCY shall buy "controlled items" through the DIVISION. "Controlled items" are:

8.1 "Exclusive" Statewide Term Contracts. The Division establishes statewide term contracts for the convenience of agencies to be utilized on an as-needed basis. If/when needed, AGENCY shall purchase all supplies and/or services on an "Exclusive" Term Contract

from the contract holder unless otherwise specified. If AGENCY fails to do so, it will be financially liable for any payment to the contract holder. The DIVISION also establishes "Non-exclusive" Term Contracts. AGENCY is not required to purchase from these contracts, but if it does not, it agrees to follow procurement methods specified in Section 5.0 to purchase that supply or service.

8.2 Montana eMarket Center. AGENCY shall purchase office supplies, fine and coarse paper, janitorial supplies, and food service and culinary products through the Montana eMarket Center unless it has met the requirements of section 18-4-302(3), MCA. If 18-4-302(3), MCA, applies, AGENCY shall make every effort to notify DIVISION of the price discrepancy before making the purchase.

8.3 Printing. AGENCY shall purchase all printing through the Print and Mail Services Bureau of the General Services Division unless it receives an exemption.

8.4 New or Used Vehicles. AGENCY shall purchase or lease all new vehicles through SPB following the deadlines established in the Requisition Time Schedule (RTS.) The specific due dates when agencies are required to issue requisitions for vehicles are located on the DIVISION's website at: <http://emac.mt.gov/AgencyVehiclePurchasing>. AGENCY shall purchase used vehicles in the following manner:

- a. **Contact Surplus Property Program.** AGENCY shall contact the Surplus Property program at (406) 444-9921 to seek information on the availability of used vehicles. If a suitable used vehicle is not available, the Surplus Property Program shall provide AGENCY with written permission to proceed with the purchase of a used vehicle according to this Agreement from the private sector.
- b. **Purchase Price.** AGENCY shall submit a requisition to SPB if it is anticipated that the total purchase price of a used vehicle(s) may exceed AGENCY's delegated procurement authority. If not, AGENCY may solicit competition for the used vehicle following the approved procurement methods referenced in Section 5.0.

9.0 PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED

As required by law, AGENCY shall obtain prior approval to purchase certain supplies and services, *regardless of AGENCY's delegated procurement authority*. AGENCY shall obtain prior approval from the appropriate state agency before submitting a requisition to SPB for the following items:

9.1 Printing-related Equipment. All large scale printing-related equipment involving duplicating, printing, bindery, and graphic arts equipment for state agencies within a 10-mile radius of the capitol area must be approved by the Print and Mail Services Bureau of the General Services Division. (ARM 2.5.202) Prior approval is not required for the purchase of office printers and copiers.

9.2 Information Technology Resources and Contracts. Information Technology Resources, including hardware, software, and associated services and infrastructure used to store or transmit information in any form, including voice, video, and electronic data, must be approved, as specified, by the State Information Technology Services Division (SITSD) of the Department of Administration, except as provided in section 2-17-516, MCA.

Provided agencies ensure their IT procurements comply with the Montana Information Technology Act (MITA) and applicable IT statutes, rules, policies, plans, standards, and architectures, Chief Information Officer (CIO) prior approval is not needed for IT procurements that meet the requirements detailed in the ITPR Delegated Authority Guidelines, found at <http://itsd.mt.gov/contract/default.mcpX>. Agencies may obtain assistance from SITSD to ensure IT procurements comply.

The CIO or designee shall review, approve and sign all contracts, Statements of Work (SOW) and other formal agreements and amendments associated with procurements requiring SITSD's pre-approval. AGENCY shall use SITSD's IT contract for any such information technology resources purchased. (Section 2-17-512, MCA; ARM 2.12.204)

If the CIO determines that an agency is not in compliance with MITA and applicable IT Statutes, rules, policies, plans, standards, and architectures, the CIO may cancel or modify any contract, project, procurement, or activity that is not in compliance.

9.3 Mail Equipment. Mail equipment to be used within a 10-mile radius of the capitol area must be approved by the Print and Mail Services Bureau of the General Services Division. (Section 2-17-301(3), MCA)

9.4 Surplus Property Trade-Ins. Surplus property trade-ins must be approved by the General Services Division's Surplus Property Program. (Section 18-4-226, MCA)

10.0 RECORDS

AGENCY shall maintain adequate records to document the procurement process. Training in procurement documentation methods and retention schedules is available through the DIVISION. Under section 18-4-221, MCA, the DIVISION may audit and monitor the implementation of its rules and the requirements of the Montana Procurement Act.

11.0 TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The DIVISION shall provide training and technical assistance to agencies upon request in addition to the procurement courses offered by the DIVISION through the Professional Development Center of the State Human Resources Division of the Department of Administration. The DIVISION shall furnish interpretation of applicable statutes, administrative rules, policy, or this delegation of procurement authority and make on-site visits to assist agencies in complying with this Agreement.

12.0 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

12.1 Summary of Purchases Exceeding Delegated Authority. AGENCY shall provide the DIVISION liaison with a summary of purchases that exceed AGENCY's level of delegated authority or AGENCY's specific delegated authority as listed in Section 18.0 within 30 days of the purchase. This summary must include an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the purchase.

13.0 DISPUTES

13.1 Written Complaints, Disputes, or Protests. AGENCY shall maintain, as part of a permanent file, all written complaints, disputes, or protests concerning solicitations, awards, or the administration of a contract under its delegated authority, along with AGENCY's responses. AGENCY shall investigate and respond in writing to all such disputes and protests in compliance with sections 18-1-402 and 18-4-242, MCA, and ARM 2.5.406. AGENCY shall report all formal protests to the DIVISION liaison.

- a. **Responsibility for Costs.** AGENCY shall pay any costs or damages associated with any dispute within its delegated authority.
 - i. Responsibility for costs associated with protests, contested case hearings, and judicial action involving a solicitation issued by the DIVISION on behalf of AGENCY will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- b. **Mediation of Disputes.** The DIVISION will informally mediate disputes between vendors and AGENCY as requested by either party.
- c. **Documentation Required.** AGENCY shall document complaints and performance issues against a contractor and notify the DIVISION's liaison of the complaints as soon as possible.

14.0 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

The DIVISION may make decisions to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements with Montana political subdivisions or other state or local governments under section 18-4-402, MCA and ARM 2.5.610. The DIVISION may reject participation in any cooperative solicitation or contract on the State's behalf. AGENCY shall contact the DIVISION before participating in any cooperative purchasing agreement.

Any exceptions require prior DIVISION approval.

15.0 MODIFICATION

AGENCY may request a change to this Agreement by submitting a written request and justification to the DIVISION within 30 days before the desired effective date. Performance consistent with this Agreement shall continue until AGENCY receives written approval from the

DIVISION. The DIVISION may modify any part of this Agreement upon 30 days advance written notice.

16.0 FAILURE OF ENFORCEMENT NOT A WAIVER

The DIVISION's failure to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement at any time may not be construed to be a waiver of such provision and shall not affect the validity of any part of the Agreement or the right of the DIVISION to thereafter enforce such provision.

17.0 TERMINATION

If AGENCY fails to fulfill its obligations in a timely and proper manner, or violates any term or provision of this Agreement, the DIVISION may terminate any portion of this Agreement by giving written notice to the AGENCY specifying the effective date of termination. Termination of this Agreement does not relieve AGENCY of liability for damages sustained by it while acting under this Agreement.

18.0 AGENCY SPECIFIC DELEGATED AUTHORITY

18.1 The AGENCY is delegated unlimited authority for procurement of the following supplies/services:

<u>Commodity Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
0102	Agricultural - Fertilizer
0104	Agricultural - Supplies
0304	Appliances - Laundry Chemicals and Supplies for Montana Correctional Enterprises
0508	Building & Construction - Lumber for Montana Correctional Enterprises
0512	Building & Construction - Refinishing Supplies for Montana Correctional Enterprises
0701	Clothing & Shoes - Disposable
0702	Clothing & Shoes - Garment Supplies for Montana Correctional Enterprises
0704	Clothing & Shoes - Specialized
0705	Clothing & Shoes - Supplies
0706	Clothing & Shoes - Uniforms
1102	Containers - Canning Supplies for Montana Correctional Enterprises
1105	Containers - Packing Materials for Montana Correctional Enterprises
1302	Dry Goods (Textiles, Linens, Etc.) - Upholstery Material/Sewing Material for Montana Correctional Enterprises
2002	Foods - Dairy Product Processing Supplies
2003	Foods - Meats
2004	Foods - Non-Perishable
2005	Foods - Perishable
2105	Forest Related Services - Logging/Cutting/Thinning
2401	Furniture - Chair Frames for Montana Correctional Enterprises
2408	Furniture - Panel and Furniture System Components for Montana

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 - ✓ a registered professional engineer, surveyor, real estate appraiser, or registered architect;
 - ✓ a physician, dentist, pharmacist, or other medical, dental or health care provider;
 - ✓ an expert witness hired for use in litigation, a hearings officer hired in rulemaking and contested case proceedings under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, or an attorney as specified by executive order of the governor;
 - ✓ consulting actuaries;
 - ✓ a private consultant employed by the Montana State Lottery;
 - ✓ a private investigator licensed by any jurisdiction;
 - ✓ a claims adjuster;
 - ✓ a court reporter appointed as an independent contractor;
- the purchase or commission of art for a museum or public display;
- Montana-produced food products, under 18-4-132(4), MCA;
- contracting under 47-1-216, MCA, of the Montana Public Defender Act;
- contracting under Title 90, chapter 4, part 11, MCA;
- salaries;
- travel and per diem;
- retirement and social security payments;
- freight;
- landfill charges;
- supplies or services whose prices are regulated by the Public Services Commission or other governmental authority;
- pastoral services;

- training;
- conference rental space and catering;
- fresh fruits and vegetables;
- fees for placing an advertisement in a publication or on radio, television, or electronic media sources;
- educational instructors and guidance counselors for inmates under the supervision of the Department of Corrections; and
- books and periodicals.

4.2 Sheltered Workshops. Purchases of supplies or services from Sheltered Workshops as listed on the following website: <http://emacs.mt.gov/ShelteredWorkshops>.

4.3 Interagency Agreements. Purchases made through interagency agreements within Montana state government, or other political subdivisions or governments, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

4.4 Surplus Property Program. Purchases made from the State's Surplus Property Program.

5.0 PROCUREMENT METHODS

AGENCY shall utilize the following procurement methods when purchasing supplies and services:

5.1 Small Purchases – Purchases of \$5,000 or less. AGENCY may choose a purchasing technique that best meets its needs for all purchases with a total contract value of \$5,000 or less. AGENCY is encouraged to use the State Purchasing Card for all small purchases. "Total contract value" means the entire potential monetary worth of the project from beginning to completion, including the initial contract period and any options to renew.

5.2 Limited Solicitations – Services Purchases between \$5,001 and \$25,000 and Supplies Purchases between \$5,001 and \$50,000. AGENCY may use a limited solicitation procedure when making services purchases with a total contract value between \$5,001 and \$25,000 and supplies purchases between \$5,001 and \$50,000. This requires a documented solicitation from a minimum of three viable sources, if available, either orally or in writing, under the guidelines set forth in ARM 2.5.603. SPB encourages agencies to use the Montana Acquisition and Contracting System (eMACS) for issuing limited solicitations. eMACS is accessed through the ePass Montana Dashboard, <https://app.mt.gov/epass/>. Training for eMACS is available through the DIVISION, <http://emacs.mt.gov/ProcurementTraining>.

5.3 Formal Competition (Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals) Services Purchases above \$25,001 and Supplies Purchases above \$50,000. AGENCY shall forward any services purchase with a total contract value above \$25,000 and supplies purchases with a total contract value above \$50,000 to SPB for processing.

5.4 Sole Source/Sole Brand. An AGENCY with Level One delegated procurement authority may make a determination that a purchase is a sole source/sole brand for services purchases with a total contract value of \$25,000 or less and supplies purchases with a total contract value of \$50,000 or less. For purchases over an AGENCY's level of delegated procurement authority, the DIVISION shall make the sole source/sole brand determination unless specifically authorized in Section 18.0 of this Agreement. In cases of reasonable doubt, competition should be solicited.

- a. Exemptions.** Under ARM 2.5.604, the following items do not require competition or sole source justification and may be purchased directly by agencies regardless of delegated authority: (1) professional licenses; (2) dues to associations; (3) renewal of software license agreements; (4) purchase or renewal of maintenance agreements for software or hardware; and (5) publications available only from a single supplier.
- b. Records.** AGENCY shall maintain records of sole source/sole brand purchases over \$5,000 as required by ARM 2.5.604(5) by using the "Sole Source Procurement Justification" form or "Sole Brand Procurement Justification" form provided by SPB.
- c. Extension or Renewal.** If an extension or renewal of a sole source contract is required, AGENCY shall provide the DIVISION with an updated "Sole Source Procurement Justification" form.

5.5 Exigency Purchase. The Montana Procurement Act does not apply if a public exigency exists. An exigency purchase is defined in ARM 2.5.201(16) as "a purchase made without following normal purchasing procedures due to a sudden and unexpected happening or unforeseen occurrence or condition which requires immediate action." An exigency purchase of \$5,000 or greater is limited to those supplies or services necessary to meet the exigency. Where statutorily allowed, AGENCY may declare an exigency, it does not require the DIVISION'S approval. The AGENCY shall maintain a record of all exigency purchases as required by ARM 2.5.605.

6.0 DELEGATION AUTHORITY

AGENCY may purchase all non-controlled services (see Section 8.0) with a total contract value up to \$25,000 and non-controlled supplies with a total contract value up to \$50,000.

6.1 Written Procedures. AGENCY shall maintain written procedures for handling all purchases and follow the DIVISION's Montana Operations Manual.

6.2 Staff Training Requirements. The person listed as the AGENCY and Agreement liaison, or their replacement, and all other AGENCY procurement staff must have completed the "Basic Procurement Methods and Issues" course offered by the DIVISION and any other training course required by the DIVISION at a later date.

6.3 Purchases above Level of Delegated Authority. AGENCY requiring the purchase of a supply and/or service above their level of delegated authority shall forward a requisition to SPB and a SPB Contracts Officer shall conduct the procurement. The deadline for fiscal year end procurements is April 1 for request for proposals solicitations and May 1 for invitation for bids solicitations.

6.4 SPB Signature. All contracts established through SPB, including but not limited to IFB, RFP, Sole Source, and Exigency, must have the signature of a SPB Contracts Officer and AGENCY legal counsel before execution, unless AGENCY counsel reviews and determines their signature is not required. Any contract amendment issued against a contract established through SPB must also have a signature or initial of a SPB Contracts Officer before execution by either the AGENCY or contractor. A signature block must state "Approved as to Form" with space for the signature of the SPB Contracts Officer. In addition, all contract amendments must have the signature of AGENCY legal counsel if not using an approved contract template.

6.5 Referral to Division. If AGENCY chooses not to exercise its approved delegated procurement authority, it may submit its requisition to the DIVISION for action.

7.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Procurement Documents. AGENCY shall use the most current version of the DIVISION's procurement forms and standard terms and conditions in their entirety, including, but not limited to the following: (1) Standard Terms and Conditions; (2) Limited Solicitation; and (3) Sole Source/Sole Brand Justification Forms unless the DIVISION approves any exceptions. Requests for exceptions or changes to existing approved forms must be submitted to the DIVISION for approval. Forms are posted on the procurement forms site located at the following website address: <http://emacs.mt.gov/AgencyProcurementForms>.

7.2 Requests for Exceptions to Standard Terms and Conditions and Contracts. AGENCY agrees that all vendor requests for exceptions to the DIVISION's Standard Terms and Conditions and the DIVISION'S standard contract either be (1) approved by the DIVISION, or (2) approved in writing by AGENCY's legal counsel.

7.3 Purchasing Vendors List. The DIVISION maintains a purchasing vendors list for supplies and services typically purchased by state agencies. The purchasing vendors list is available in eMACS.

8.0 CONTROLLED ITEMS: PURCHASES EXCLUDED FROM DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Unless specifically addressed elsewhere in this Agreement, AGENCY shall buy "controlled items" through the DIVISION. "Controlled items" are:

8.1 "Exclusive" Statewide Term Contracts. The Division establishes statewide term contracts for the convenience of agencies to be utilized on an as-needed basis. If/when needed, AGENCY shall purchase all supplies and/or services on an "Exclusive" Term Contract

from the contract holder unless otherwise specified. If AGENCY fails to do so, it will be financially liable for any payment to the contract holder. The DIVISION also establishes "Non-exclusive" Term Contracts. AGENCY is not required to purchase from these contracts, but if it does not, it agrees to follow procurement methods specified in Section 5.0 to purchase that supply or service.

8.2 Montana eMarket Center. AGENCY shall purchase office supplies, fine and coarse paper, janitorial supplies, and food service and culinary products through the Montana eMarket Center unless it has met the requirements of section 18-4-302(3), MCA. If 18-4-302(3), MCA, applies, AGENCY shall make every effort to notify DIVISION of the price discrepancy before making the purchase.

8.3 Printing. AGENCY shall purchase all printing through the Print and Mail Services Bureau of the General Services Division unless it receives an exemption.

8.4 New or Used Vehicles. AGENCY shall purchase or lease all new vehicles through SPB following the deadlines established in the Requisition Time Schedule (RTS.) The specific due dates when agencies are required to issue requisitions for vehicles are located on the DIVISION's website at: <http://emac.mt.gov/AgencyVehiclePurchasing>. AGENCY shall purchase used vehicles in the following manner:

- a. **Contact Surplus Property Program.** AGENCY shall contact the Surplus Property program at (406) 444-9921 to seek information on the availability of used vehicles. If a suitable used vehicle is not available, the Surplus Property Program shall provide AGENCY with written permission to proceed with the purchase of a used vehicle according to this Agreement from the private sector.
- b. **Purchase Price.** AGENCY shall submit a requisition to SPB if it is anticipated that the total purchase price of a used vehicle(s) may exceed AGENCY's delegated procurement authority. If not, AGENCY may solicit competition for the used vehicle following the approved procurement methods referenced in Section 5.0.

9.0 PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED

As required by law, AGENCY shall obtain prior approval to purchase certain supplies and services, *regardless of AGENCY's delegated procurement authority*. AGENCY shall obtain prior approval from the appropriate state agency before submitting a requisition to SPB for the following items:

9.1 Printing-related Equipment. All large scale printing-related equipment involving duplicating, printing, bindery, and graphic arts equipment for state agencies within a 10-mile radius of the capitol area must be approved by the Print and Mail Services Bureau of the General Services Division. (ARM 2.5.202) Prior approval is not required for the purchase of office printers and copiers.

9.2 Information Technology Resources and Contracts. Information Technology Resources, including hardware, software, and associated services and infrastructure used to store or transmit information in any form, including voice, video, and electronic data, must be approved, as specified, by the State Information Technology Services Division (SITSD) of the Department of Administration, except as provided in section 2-17-516, MCA.

Provided agencies ensure their IT procurements comply with the Montana Information Technology Act (MITA) and applicable IT statutes, rules, policies, plans, standards, and architectures, Chief Information Officer (CIO) prior approval is not needed for IT procurements that meet the requirements detailed in the ITPR Delegated Authority Guidelines, found at <http://itsd.mt.gov/contract/default.mcpX>. Agencies may obtain assistance from SITSD to ensure IT procurements comply.

The CIO or designee shall review, approve and sign all contracts, Statements of Work (SOW) and other formal agreements and amendments associated with procurements requiring SITSD's pre-approval. AGENCY shall use SITSD's IT contract for any such information technology resources purchased. (Section 2-17-512, MCA; ARM 2.12.204)

If the CIO determines that an agency is not in compliance with MITA and applicable IT Statutes, rules, policies, plans, standards, and architectures, the CIO may cancel or modify any contract, project, procurement, or activity that is not in compliance.

9.3 Mail Equipment. Mail equipment to be used within a 10-mile radius of the capitol area must be approved by the Print and Mail Services Bureau of the General Services Division. (Section 2-17-301(3), MCA)

9.4 Surplus Property Trade-Ins. Surplus property trade-ins must be approved by the General Services Division's Surplus Property Program. (Section 18-4-226, MCA)

10.0 RECORDS

AGENCY shall maintain adequate records to document the procurement process. Training in procurement documentation methods and retention schedules is available through the DIVISION. Under section 18-4-221, MCA, the DIVISION may audit and monitor the implementation of its rules and the requirements of the Montana Procurement Act.

11.0 TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The DIVISION shall provide training and technical assistance to agencies upon request in addition to the procurement courses offered by the DIVISION through the Professional Development Center of the State Human Resources Division of the Department of Administration. The DIVISION shall furnish interpretation of applicable statutes, administrative rules, policy, or this delegation of procurement authority and make on-site visits to assist agencies in complying with this Agreement.

12.0 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

12.1 Summary of Purchases Exceeding Delegated Authority. AGENCY shall provide the DIVISION liaison with a summary of purchases that exceed AGENCY's level of delegated authority or AGENCY's specific delegated authority as listed in Section 18.0 within 30 days of the purchase. This summary must include an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the purchase.

13.0 DISPUTES

13.1 Written Complaints, Disputes, or Protests. AGENCY shall maintain, as part of a permanent file, all written complaints, disputes, or protests concerning solicitations, awards, or the administration of a contract under its delegated authority, along with AGENCY's responses. AGENCY shall investigate and respond in writing to all such disputes and protests in compliance with sections 18-1-402 and 18-4-242, MCA, and ARM 2.5.406. AGENCY shall report all formal protests to the DIVISION liaison.

- a. **Responsibility for Costs.** AGENCY shall pay any costs or damages associated with any dispute within its delegated authority.
 - i. Responsibility for costs associated with protests, contested case hearings, and judicial action involving a solicitation issued by the DIVISION on behalf of AGENCY will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- b. **Mediation of Disputes.** The DIVISION will informally mediate disputes between vendors and AGENCY as requested by either party.
- c. **Documentation Required.** AGENCY shall document complaints and performance issues against a contractor and notify the DIVISION's liaison of the complaints as soon as possible.

14.0 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

The DIVISION may make decisions to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements with Montana political subdivisions or other state or local governments under section 18-4-402, MCA and ARM 2.5.610. The DIVISION may reject participation in any cooperative solicitation or contract on the State's behalf. AGENCY shall contact the DIVISION before participating in any cooperative purchasing agreement.

Any exceptions require prior DIVISION approval.

15.0 MODIFICATION

AGENCY may request a change to this Agreement by submitting a written request and justification to the DIVISION within 30 days before the desired effective date. Performance consistent with this Agreement shall continue until AGENCY receives written approval from the

DIVISION. The DIVISION may modify any part of this Agreement upon 30 days advance written notice.

16.0 FAILURE OF ENFORCEMENT NOT A WAIVER

The DIVISION's failure to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement at any time may not be construed to be a waiver of such provision and shall not affect the validity of any part of the Agreement or the right of the DIVISION to thereafter enforce such provision.

17.0 TERMINATION

If AGENCY fails to fulfill its obligations in a timely and proper manner, or violates any term or provision of this Agreement, the DIVISION may terminate any portion of this Agreement by giving written notice to the AGENCY specifying the effective date of termination. Termination of this Agreement does not relieve AGENCY of liability for damages sustained by it while acting under this Agreement.

18.0 AGENCY SPECIFIC DELEGATED AUTHORITY


18.1 The AGENCY is delegated unlimited authority for procurement of the following supplies/services:

<u>Commodity Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
0102	Agricultural - Fertilizer
0104	Agricultural - Supplies
0304	Appliances - Laundry Chemicals and Supplies for Montana Correctional Enterprises
0508	Building & Construction - Lumber for Montana Correctional Enterprises
0512	Building & Construction - Refinishing Supplies for Montana Correctional Enterprises
0701	Clothing & Shoes - Disposable
0702	Clothing & Shoes - Garment Supplies for Montana Correctional Enterprises
0704	Clothing & Shoes - Specialized
0705	Clothing & Shoes - Supplies
0706	Clothing & Shoes - Uniforms
1102	Containers - Canning Supplies for Montana Correctional Enterprises
1105	Containers - Packing Materials for Montana Correctional Enterprises
1302	Dry Goods (Textiles, Linens, Etc.) - Upholstery Material/Sewing Material for Montana Correctional Enterprises
2002	Foods - Dairy Product Processing Supplies
2003	Foods - Meats
2004	Foods - Non-Perishable
2005	Foods - Perishable
2105	Forest Related Services - Logging/Cutting/Thinning
2401	Furniture - Chair Frames for Montana Correctional Enterprises
2408	Furniture - Panel and Furniture System Components for Montana

<u>Commodity Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
	Correctional Enterprises
3207	Livestock, Fish & Game - Hay and Straw
3209	Livestock, Fish & Game - Livestock Food
3214	Livestock, Fish & Game - Veterinarian Services
3215	Livestock, Fish & Game - Veterinarian Supplies
3811	Printing - Specialty Printing Supplies for Montana Correctional Enterprises
3909	Professional Services - Correctional Facilities and Offender Treatment Programs
4501	Signage - Aluminum Sign Blanks
4507	Signage - Reflective Sheeting
4510	Signage - Sign Materials
5109	Vehicles - Heavy Equipment Repair and Maintenance Parts
5111	Vehicles - Implement, Agriculture, & Accessories
5122	Vehicles - Used Equipment
5202	Vending - Canteen Supplies

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