



3.2.1 Competitive Specification Development

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Reason for policy

To comply with Section 1.3.4.5 of the Georgia Procurement Manual (GPM) and provide an understanding of State Purchasing Division's (SPD) requirement for competitive bidding.

Procedures

A department planning a purchase valued at \$25,000 or more should write competitive bid specifications that meet their performance requirements without being too restrictive or unfair to potential suppliers.

**Exceptions to this procedure may be found in Policy 2.2.5.2 and 4.17.

Additional contacts

Procurement Office Staff 706-542-2361

Policy definitions

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SPD – State Purchasing Division

Responsibilities

Responsible University Senior Administrator: Vice President for Finance & Administration

Responsible University Administrator: Procurement Officer

Policy Owner: Procurement

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Record Retention

Specifications are maintained with the purchase orders and their record retention requirements vary depending on the product/services being purchased (construction, public works, products, services, etc.)

Retention: 7 years or 11 years, BOR 0472-03-009

Related information

Section 2.2.5.2 Sole Brand Restrictive Specifications

Section 4.17 Sole Source Purchases

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