Proposal for Flexibility in Idaho Purchasing Laws

Idaho State University
Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

We enjoy a good relationship with Department of Purchasing (DOP).

- Many years experience and good working relationship with DOP staff.
- Willingness to assist us in unique situations and circumstances.

We appreciate and encourage your facilitative approach.
Our Goal = Increased Flexibility

Make purchasing decisions more flexible

1. Have the option to use a non-state contracted vendor when:
   • The price is less than the state contracted price, or
   • The price is no more than 10% above the state contracted price.

AND/OR

2. Award more state contracts on a regional basis.
Why the Request for Flexibility?

- Help balance the benefits of discounted state contracts and doing business with local suppliers and vendors.

- We have trained purchasing professionals who understand purchasing law and stay current with purchasing trends and best practices.

- Empower our support of the “Buy Idaho” initiative.
Flexibility looks like...

- Increased threshold delineating informal vs. formal bidding to match the federal government’s ($150k).
- University delegation to analyze and authorize on-going equipment maintenance contracts.
- University delegation to analyze and authorize on-going software maintenance contracts as part of a software purchase.
- Increased dollar threshold at which property is capitalized to $5,000.
Futuristic Flexibility

DOP web presence that:

• Increases automation in the purchasing process.

• Provides infrastructure that supports application program interfaces (APIs) for consumer search and selection systems.

• Eases workload for buyers.