

# Proposal for Flexibility in Idaho Purchasing Laws

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# Introduction

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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

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## 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?

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- 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...

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- 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

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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.