



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5513.01 Purchases of supplies, products, and services.

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(A) The director of transportation shall make all purchases of supplies, products, and services in the manner provided in this section. In all cases except those in which the director provides written authorization for purchases by district deputy directors of transportation, the director shall make all such purchases at the central office of the department of transportation in Columbus. Where the expenditure does not exceed the amount applicable to the purchase of supplies, products, or services specified in division (A) of section 125.05 of the Revised Code, the director shall give such notice as the director considers proper, or the director may make the purchase without notice. Where the expenditure exceeds the amount applicable to the purchase of supplies, products, or services specified in division (A) of section 125.05 of the Revised Code, the director shall give notice by posting for not less than ten days the intention to purchase on the electronic procurement system established by the department of administrative services under section 125.073 of the Revised Code. The director shall use a competitive selection process in the purchase of supplies, products, or services.

The director may post multiple supplies, products, or services in a single listing on the electronic procurement system, it being the intent and purpose of this section to authorize the inclusion in a single solicitation of as many different supplies, products, or services as the director desires to purchase at any given time. The director shall not permit the modification of bids after they have been opened.

(B) The director may permit a state agency, the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission, any political subdivision, and any state university or college to participate in contracts into which the director has entered for the purchase of supplies, products, or services. The turnpike and infrastructure commission and any political subdivision or state university or college desiring to participate in such purchase contracts shall file with the director a certified copy of the bylaws or rules of the turnpike and infrastructure commission or the ordinance or resolution of the legislative authority, board of trustees, or other governing board requesting authorization to participate in such contracts and agreeing to be bound by such terms and conditions as the director prescribes.



Purchases made by a state agency, the turnpike and infrastructure commission, political subdivisions, or state universities or colleges under this division are exempt from any competitive bidding required by law for the purchase of supplies, products, or services.

(C) As used in this section:

(1) "Competitive selection," "products," "purchase," "services," and "supplies" have the same meanings as in section 125.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Political subdivision" means any county, township, municipal corporation, conservancy district, township park district, park district created under Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code, port authority, regional transit authority, regional airport authority, regional water and sewer district, county transit board, school district as defined in section 5513.04 of the Revised Code, regional planning commission formed under section 713.21 of the Revised Code, regional council of government formed under section 167.01 of the Revised Code, or other association of local governments established pursuant to an agreement under sections 307.14 to 307.19 of the Revised Code.

(3) "State university or college" has the same meaning as in division (A)(1) of section 3345.32 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission" means the commission created by section 5537.02 of the Revised Code.

(5) "State agency" means every organized body, office, board, authority, commission, or agency established by the laws of the state for the exercise of any governmental or quasi-governmental function of state government, regardless of the funding source for that entity, other than any state institution of higher education, the office of the governor, lieutenant governor, auditor of state, treasurer of state, secretary of state, or attorney general, the general assembly, the courts or any judicial agency, or any state retirement system or retirement program established by or referenced in the Revised Code.