07:10:01:00 Coordination of Procurement Functions among Institutions

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide specifications for coordinating purchases with TBR system institutions and the University of Tennessee system per TBR Policy 04:02:10:00, Section XXVI.

Scope:

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B. TBR institutions shall also be permitted to purchase under the terms and conditions of a contract or bid of the UT System if the contract or bid authorizes TBR institutions to do so. That is to say that TBR institutions and UT institutions may purchase under the bid of any other institution in either system if language in the bid documents specifies that the other institutions may do so.

C. Sometimes an exception applies, and procurement is made without a bid process; in such situations, TBR and UT institutions may purchase off the contract resulting from the procurement process as long as the contract specifies that they may do so.

Compliance:

All faculty and staff must comply with this policy.

Definitions:

N/A

Revision History:

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