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TO: All Purchasing Offices Addressed

FROM: George C. Banks, CPPO
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SUBJECT: Purchasing Legislation (CS SB 1888)

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In an effort to become more of a resource for State agencies in their purchasing, we sponsored the above legislation. The following is a summary of the changes affecting State commodity and service purchasing:

- 1) The new dollar threshold for Category Two is \$15,000.
- 2) Federal agencies may now use State contracts.
- 3) Purchases from some term contracts may be restricted for State agency use only.
- 4) Agencies may advertise invitations to bid and requests for proposals on the Florida Communities Network as well as the Florida Administrative Weekly.
- 5) Agencies may waive the requirement for notice for submission of bids or proposals on the Florida Communities Network or in the Florida Administrative Weekly. Such waivers must be posted in accordance with Section 120.53(5), Florida Statutes.
- 6) The ability to use a local purchasing source is deleted from Section 287.056, Florida Statutes.
- 7) The Division has the authority to place a surcharge on contracts and to grant agencies approval to not use a contract containing a surcharge.
- 8) Agencies may post and approve single source purchases less than the threshold Category Four.
- 9) Amends Section 287.057(3)(f) and 13, Florida Statutes, to incorporate commodities in this section for purchasing exemption.
- 10) Agencies may post and approve their decision to award if less than two responsive bids or proposals are received.
- 11) Service contracts may, in lieu of printing the provisions of paragraphs (a)-(f) as referenced in Section 287.058, Florida Statutes, incorporate them by reference.

Purchasing rules are being revised where applicable, however, the above revisions become effective July 1, 1996.

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