Welcome to Purchase & Contract

The State of North Carolina purchases a wide variety of products and services with a total value of over four billion dollars annually. The Division of Purchase & Contract is the central purchasing authority for all state departments, institutions, agencies, universities, and community colleges. It also makes certain services available to local governments, public school systems, private colleges and universities, and other non-state entities.

Purchase and Contract establishes term contracts and disseminates information on those via the Internet and through searchable electronic catalogs. By combining statewide demand for commonly used items into one contract, the division helps users save money and eliminates the need for each agency to solicit separate bids.

The Division also provides training to procurement professionals and vendors, technical assistance on specifications and qualified products, compliance reviews, and inspections.

Procurements are published online via the Interactive Purchasing System (IPS), which lists solicitations from all state departments and campuses, plus public schools and some local governments. Registration through Vendor Link NC provides e-mail notifications of bidding opportunities.

NCE Procurement @ Your Service is the State’s online purchasing system used by State Agencies and Institutions, Community Colleges, public schools, universities, and local governments. The system provides vendors with a single point of access to North Carolina government organizations and the ability to respond to electronic quotes from new and existing buyer organizations.