

# VERMONT PROCUREMENT CODE

**Fiscal Year End: June 30**

1. **Prequalifications:** None.
2. **Auto-drop:** None.
3. **Life Cycle Costing (LCC):** Evaluations based on LCC are allowed.
  - a. **VS §29-49-903.b →** When purchasing any items mentioned in this chapter, the commissioner of buildings and general services, in any determination of the best interest of the state shall consider (1) specified quality; (2) price; (3) ease of access of supply; (4) incidental administrative costs; (5) proven reliability of bidder; (6) use of recycled materials or products; (7) minimizing the creation, by the state, of solid waste; (8) the extent to which the usage of the item involves the generation of pollutants; (9) life cycle costs, if required under the state agency energy plan, as implemented...
4. **Piggybacking:** Allowed.
  - a. **VS §29-49-903. a →** When any governmental agency is in need of any of the items mentioned in this chapter, the responsible officer thereof shall requisition therefor upon the commissioner of buildings and general services, and the commissioner of buildings and general services shall purchase the items by either advertising for bids or by letters of inquiry and the contract for those items shall be awarded to the person whose bid or quotation is in the best interest of the state. Subject to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section the commissioner of buildings and general services may reject any or all bids or quotations and with the approval of the secretary of administration procure items in such manner as may be in the best interest of the state
  - b. **VS §29-49-903a. →** As an alternative to the procedures set forth in § 903 of this title, the commissioner may elect to purchase any of the items mentioned in this chapter through a program established by the federal general services administration to supply federal agencies with supplies and materials, or may choose to participate in cooperative purchases with other states, provided that the commissioner first determines that purchasing through the general services administration or cooperative agreements with other states is in the best interest of the state as provided in subsection 903(b) of this title
5. **Recycle Preferences:** 10% price preference to products from recycled materials
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comparable products, the commissioner shall receive consent of state entities that are to use the product, before completing the order for the materials in question.

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullchapter.cfm?Title=29&Chapter=049>

6. **Minority/Small/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise preferences:** None.

7. **Cooperative Purchasing**

**National IPA**

The City of Tucson, AZ has awarded a national cooperative purchasing agreement available to agencies through National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (National IPA). Visit the National IPA website for state specific information

<http://www.nationalipa.org/statutes.html>

**National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)**

NJPA currently supports over 100 national contracts for products and services that are available to local governmental agencies and other not for profit entities. Additional information can be found by visiting NJPA's State Procurement Resources web site.

<http://www.njpacoop.org/national-cooperative-contract-solutions/legal-authority/>

**\*\*\* Vermont Statutes (Title 29, Chapter 49):**

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullchapter.cfm?Title=29&Chapter=049>