

THIS ARTICLE FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW OR UPGRADED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES.

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION, THE NONVISUAL ACCESS CLAUSE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT REQUIRED IF:

(I) THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IS NOT AVAILABLE WITH NONVISUAL ACCESS BECAUSE THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARE VISUAL AND NONVISUAL EQUIVALENCE CANNOT BE DEVELOPED; OR

(II) THE COST OF MODIFYING THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR COMPATIBILITY WITH SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE FOR NONVISUAL ACCESS WOULD INCREASE THE PRICE OF THE PROCUREMENT BY MORE THAN 5%.

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THE SECRETARY MAY DELEGATE THE DUTIES SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE TO CARRY OUT ITS PURPOSES.

SUBTITLE 4. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

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(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT, PROCUREMENT, MANAGEMENT, AND OPERATION OF TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, SYSTEMS, AND SERVICES BY STATE GOVERNMENT;

(2) ACQUIRE AND MANAGE COMMON USER TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, SYSTEMS, OR SERVICES AND CHARGE UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COSTS OF INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF THE COMMON USER TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, SYSTEMS, OR SERVICES;

(3) PROMOTE COMPATIBILITY OF TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS BY DEVELOPING POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND STANDARDS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND USE OF TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, SYSTEMS, AND SERVICES BY UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT;