

carbines, bayonets, scabbards, gun-slings, belts, and such other necessary accoutrements and equipments, the property of the United States, and now in the possession of the State, which may be replaced from time to time by new arms, equipments, etc., sent by the United States in substitution therefor, and cause the same to be shipped under instructions from the Secretary of War to the designated arsenal or depot at the expense of the United States. When the National Guard of the State shall be fully armed and equipped with standard service magazine arms, and the standard equipments and accoutrements of the United States Army, he shall cause all the remaining arms, equipments, etc., the property of the United States, and in possession of the State, to be transferred and shipped as above directed. (d) The Adjutant General (as Acting Quartermaster General) shall keep a just and true account of all expenses incurred, including pay of officers and enlisted men, subsistence of militia, transportation of the militia and of all the military property of the State, and such expenses shall be audited and paid. (e) The Adjutant General (as Acting Quartermaster General) shall issue such military property as the Governor shall direct, and under his direction make purchases for that purpose. No military property shall be issued to persons or organizations other than those belonging to the active militia, without the approval of the Adjutant General, except to such portions of the reserve militia as may be called out by the Governor. Purchases of property not exceeding \$500 in value shall be made in such manner as the Adjutant General (as Acting Quartermaster General) shall direct. If such purchase requires an expenditure exceeding \$500 and not exceeding \$1,500, the Adjutant General (as Acting Quartermaster General) must procure written proposals to furnish such property from at least two parties, and shall purchase such property from the lowest responsible bidder. If such purchase shall require the expenditure of a sum exceeding \$1,500, he shall publicly advertise for sealed proposals for furnishing such property. Such proposals shall be publicly opened by the Adjutant General (as Acting Quartermaster General) at the place, day and hour designated in such advertisement. The Adjutant General (as Acting Quartermaster General) shall, if the Governor approve, make a contract with the lowest responsible bidder to furnish such property. All proposals and contracts made under the authority hereby conferred shall be filed in the office of the Assistant to the Acting Quartermaster General. The Adjutant General is authorized and directed, whenever