

(1) ENSURE THAT THE STATE'S PROCUREMENT SYSTEM IS UTILIZING THE MOST ADVANCED PROCUREMENT METHODS AND MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES;

(2) EFFECT AND ENHANCE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STATE UNITS ON PROCUREMENT MATTERS, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND ADVANCES IN PROCUREMENT METHODS AND MANAGEMENT;

(3) PROVIDE A FORUM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT ISSUES AND PROBLEMS THAT ARISE;

(4) ADVISE THE BOARD ON PROBLEMS IN THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE PROCESS; AND

(5) REVIEW EXISTING PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS TO:

(I) DETERMINE WHETHER THEY FULFILL THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE LAW, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO FOSTERING BROAD-BASED COMPETITION; AND

(II) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ~~REVISING~~ THE REGULATIONS TO SIMPLIFY AND RESTRUCTURE THEM FOR, IF REVISING AND RESTRUCTURING THEM WILL RESULT IN EASIER UNDERSTANDING AND USE.

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(a) (1) Except as provided in § 11-205 ("Fraud in procurement"), § 10-204 ("Board approval for designated contracts"), § 13-219 ("Required clauses — Nondiscrimination clause"), § 13-221 ("Disclosures to Secretary of State"), Title 16 ("Debarment of Contractors"), or Title 17 of this article ("Special Provisions — State and Local Subdivisions"), with the approval of the head of a unit, its procurement officer may make an emergency procurement by any method that the procurement officer considers most appropriate to avoid or mitigate serious damage to public health, safety, or welfare.

(2) The procurement officer shall:

(i) [try to] obtain as much competition as [reasonably] possible UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES; [and]

(II) LIMIT THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT TO THE PROCUREMENT OF ONLY THOSE ITEMS, BOTH IN TYPE AND QUANTITY, NECESSARY TO AVOID OR TO MITIGATE SERIOUS DAMAGE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE; AND

[(ii)](III) after awarding the procurement contract, submit to the Board a written report that gives the justification for use of the emergency procurement procedure.

{(b) (1) Except as provided in § 11-205 ("Fraud in procurement"), § 10-204 ("Board approval for designated contracts"), § 13-219 ("Required clauses — Nondiscrimination clause"), § 13-221 ("Disclosures to Secretary of State"), Title 16 ("Debarment of Contractors"), or Title 17 of this article ("Special Provisions — State and