

Section 2.13

Research Purchases PCC - R

Upon written request, TPASS may delegate to institutions of higher education the authority to purchase supplies, materials, services or equipment for research projects from state funds appropriated for that purpose. The written request for delegation of research purchasing authority must be made to the Director of Procurement. Please contact the Texas Procurement and Support Services, for a list of institutions of higher education that have requested and been granted this delegation.

An institution of higher education that has been granted delegated authority for research purchases shall follow the TPASS monetary limits and purchasing procedures regarding competitive bidding in making these types of purchases. When making these purchases, the institution of higher education may consider other factors, including quality, reliability, expected life span, and compatibility with existing equipment.

The following declaration must be on the purchase document:

"This purchase complies with the statutes and all rules and procedures pertaining to the delegation of research purchasing authority."

The appropriate delegated solicitation procedure is determined by the dollar amount of the purchase in question (see matrix in Section 2.10 Delegated Purchase Procedure and Strategic Sourcing Principles). The institution of higher education will have the responsibility for handling complaints and protests. Purchases will be made in accordance with Texas statutes, TPASS rules and procedures, except there is no upper dollar limit.

All research purchases made through the research delegated authority over \$25,000 may be audited by TPASS.