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TO: President, Provost, Vice-Presidents, Vice-Provosts, Deans, Directors, and Department Heads

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SUBJECT: Purchasing Guidelines

State legislation was enacted effective July 1, 2010 which enables universities within the Kansas Board of Regents system to establish purchasing policies and procedures independent of the State Division of Purchases.

Notable purchasing policy and procedure changes enacted by K-State follow:

- The K-State Purchasing Office will negotiate purchases locally and only involve the State Division of Purchases when advantageous to K-State.

- Purchasing items from the State of Kansas statewide contract vendors and the Kansas Correctional Industries (KCI) is no longer required.

A summary of notable purchasing policies that remain the same are:

- Competitive bids for items over $5,000 (total cost) are still required by the K-State Purchasing Office.

- Purchasing items from the State Use Catalog, which offers items produced by the blind and severely disabled Kansans, is still statutorily required.

- K-State Printing Services will supply printed materials and copies.

- Contracts involving buildings and/or grounds must be initiated by the K-State Division of Facilities.

Please check our website [http://www.k-state.edu/controller/purchasing/FAQ.html](http://www.k-state.edu/controller/purchasing/FAQ.html) for additional information regarding these changes. We will continue to review our policies and procedures, and anticipate implementation of additional changes over time. If you have any questions please contact the K-State Purchasing Office by e-mail kspurch@k-state.edu, phone 785-532-6214, or fax 785-532-5577.