The Purchasing Post

State Use Items

With all the changes occurring in the last six months, there is still one mandatory purchase requirement in place. It is the Kansas Use Law, K.S.A. 75-3317 through 75-3322. The State of Kansas Products and Services Catalog (aka “State Use Catalog”, aka “Blind & Handicapped Made Goods Catalog”) provides products made by Kansans who are blind or severely disabled. As a state agency, regardless of dollar amount, applying to both state & grant funds, Kansas State University departments are required to purchase these specific products from these catalog vendors. The most common items and vendors follows:

- Bags, Plastic – Envision
  - Trash
  - Shredder
  - Seal closure
- Binders – Ketch
  - 3-ring vinyl
  - Legal pad holders
- Cartridges, laser, inkjet, & FAX – Cartridge King of Kansas
- Filters, Industrial Air – Ketch
- Office supplies – Envision
  - Writing instruments
- Safety equipment – varies
  - Clothes – Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc.
  - Delineators – Envision
  - Goggles – Ketch
- Signs – TECH (Training & Evaluation Center of Hutchinson)
  - Name badges, name plates
- Stamps – TECH (Training & Evaluation Center of Hutchinson)
  - Custom rubber, date, embossers

For more complete information, the catalog is available at their website www.ksstateuse.org

Waivers from this statute must be submitted to the Purchasing office and will be forwarded to Division of Purchases for approval.

FAQ

Where can I buy “State Use” items?

*Primary source, of course, is directly from the appropriate vendor through the catalog.

*Another source is ordering through the State of Kansas office supply contract vendor, Staples. By ordering items through the Staples e-Way website, Staples automatically provides the State Use items, where applicable.

*Several of the State Use vendors are also broadening their presence in Manhattan and you may be able to purchase the items through the local Staples store and the K-State Student Union Bookstore. These sources are still a work in progress so the availability of State Use items is limited.