PURCHASER III

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs complex (journey-level) purchasing and procurement work. Work involves researching, evaluating, purchasing and procuring commodities, equipment, and services using guidelines, rules, policies, and laws. May provide guidance to others. Works under general supervision, with moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Requisitions and orders merchandise, supplies, and equipment using guidelines, rules, policies, and laws.

Initiates, approves, and processes emergency purchases.

Prepares and reviews purchase orders.

Prepares and reviews bids and orders to verify accuracy, terminology, and specifications.

Prepares and distributes bid invitations to vendors.

Reviews and tabulates bids and orders to determine lowest and best bids or bids that provide best value.

Audits invoices and checks for accuracy, receipt of material, and compliance with purchase orders.

Processes competitive procurements and receipts of purchases.

Tracks the status of requisitions and purchase orders.

Maintains and reviews various purchasing and procurement reports and records and maintains files.

Assists with determining operational minimum and maximum inventory levels.
Assists with negotiating settlement complaints and resolving disputes.

Assists in monitoring legal and regulatory requirements pertaining to purchasing and procurement.

May provide guidance to others.

Performs related work as assigned.

**GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

**EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION**

Experience in the purchasing and procurement of goods and services. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in business administration, public administration, or a related field is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

Knowledge of purchasing and procurement methods and procedures, of state procurement principles and practices, of assigned commodities and products on the open market, of supply sources, and of the principles of business administration and accounting.

Skill in problem solving and in the use of a computer and applicable software.

Ability to perform arithmetical computations, to evaluate bids, to develop methods and procedures for locating supply sources, to maintain a system of record keeping, to maintain effective working relationships with vendors and suppliers, to communicate effectively, and to provide guidance to others.

**REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE**

May require certification as a Certified Texas Contract Developer (CTCD), formerly known as a Certified Texas Purchasing Manager (CTPM).