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To: College Community
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Subject: Guidelines for Submitting Purchase Requests for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

The Purchasing Department has prepared the following guidelines to assist departments in planning their Purchase Requests. There are many variables that impact the time frame of the procurement process. Therefore, departments are encouraged to contact the Purchasing Department early on in the process for guidance in navigating these requirements. The following are broadly defined categories for approximating time frames required to process a request:

Category 1 - Purchases in the following category generally take 3-6 months to complete:

- Purchases in excess of \$20,000 that cannot be purchased from a Preferred Source, CUNY-wide contract, New York State or other current government contract.
- Purchases in excess of \$20,000 from single source or sole source vendors.
- Purchases in excess of \$50,000 from a New York State certified minority-owned/women-owned business (W/MBE).

Category 2 - Purchases in the following category generally take 3 - 4 weeks to complete:

- Purchases between \$5,000 and \$20,000 that cannot be purchased from a Preferred Source, a W/MBE vendor, a CUNY-wide contract, a NYS or other current government contract, or a single source or sole source.
- Purchases up to \$100,000 from New York State Contracts that require additional solicitation steps (e.g., conducting a mini-bid) or documentation.

Category 3 - Purchases in the following category generally take 1 - 2 weeks to complete:

- Purchases less than \$5,000 that do not require a solicitation process.
- Purchases from an existing contract NYS, CUNY, other government entities.
- Purchases from Preferred Sources, Single/Sole Source under 20,000, and NYS certified M/WBE vendors under \$50,000. NYS Contracts

The following are Purchasing Requisition Submission dates for the Fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. These dates are set to assist departments in planning their purchases while ensuring that the Purchasing Department will be able to complete the procurement processes required in a timely fashion.

January 14, 2011: Deadline for receipt of Purchase Requisitions in Category 1.

March 11, 2011: Deadline for receipt of Purchase Requisitions in Category 2.

April 22, 2011: Deadline for receipt of Purchase Requisitions in Category 3.

May 13, 2011: User may begin submitting requisitions for the new Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011.

June 10, 2011: Purchasing will begin issuing Purchase Orders against the next fiscal year.

June 30, 2011: **ALL GOODS AND SERVICES MUST BE DELIVERED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2011.** Items delivered after June 30th will be charged against the budget for the next fiscal year.