

INTRODUCTION TO PURCHASING

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ROLES OF APPROVAL AND AUTHORITY

Delegated Authority

The authority for a budget manager to determine whether a purchase is appropriate for their specific department

Budget Authority

The authority for a budget director to determine whether the purchase is allowable with the requested funding and whether the funding requested is available

Purchasing Authority

The authority for a buyer to complete a purchase transaction that has been approved by both delegated and budget authorities

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Authority granted to Budget Managers to approve a purchase's relevance and appropriateness for their department.

For example, the Dean of Culinary Arts has delegated authority to approve the requisition of a new stove for instructional purposes.

BUDGET AUTHORITY

Authority granted to Budget Directors to approve the funding source and availability for a purchase within their respective campus or district office.

For example, the Budget Director at South Seattle College has the budget authority to approve the use of grant funds for the purchase of a new stove for Culinary Arts.

PURCHASING AUTHORITY

Authority granted by the Board of Trustees to Purchasing Department Staff to process a purchase request into a purchase order and complete a transaction on behalf of the Seattle Colleges District

<u>Completing a transation includes, but is not limited to:</u>

- Creating and signing purchase contracts
- Signing purchasing agreements or quotes
- Any communication guaranteeing payment for goods and/or services
- Any communication approving the initiation of work with the intent to pay for those services
- Submitting a purchase order to a supplier

For example, the Senior Buyer has the purchasing authority to process a requisition into a purchase order and submit the PO to a supplier for the purchase of a stove for Culinary Arts.

WHO HAS PURCHASING AUTHORITY

The only positions within the Seattle Colleges District with purchasing authority* are the Director of Purchasing and Buyers within the purchasing department.

Currently, the people in those positions are Lisa Gacer, Jasmine Jackson, and Angela Gurney.

Please do not make or sign any quote, agreement, or contract that binds Seattle Colleges into payment

*Pcard custodians and approved purchasers for department Pcards have purchasing authority up to the Pcard purchase limit of \$3,500

POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES OF UNAUTHORIZED PURCHASES

Seattle Colleges is subject to multiple audits per year. Should auditors discover purchases made out of compliance, we will be issued audit exceptions that follow with rigorous corrective action requirements which could limit the district's purchasing power in the future.

DIRECT BUY THRESHOLD AND CONTRACTS

<u>Direct Buy</u>: a purchase made with a vendor without a competitively sourced contract

-The WA state mandated limit for Direct Buy purchases from a single vendor is \$30,000 for the <u>entire district</u> for the <u>entire fiscal year</u> including PCard purchases.

-Purchases made from a vendor with a competitively sourced contract are not limited and must reference the contract used for tracking purposes.

SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

The State of Washington has developed a policy to increase the number of diverse suppliers and subcontractors within state agency procurement programs. This policy aligns with SCD's pre-existing Supplier Diversity Strategic Plan which aims to invite and include diverse vendors in all procurement processes.

The Purchasing Department will continually prioritize diverse suppliers in our purchasing processes and will make recommendations in alignment with those policies.

PURCHASE TYPES

1. Standard Goods and Services

- Contribute to day-to-day business operations, involve completion of an assigned task rather than an entire project. Services are generally repetitive, routine, or mechanical in nature that follow established or standardized procedures. Subject to solicitation regulations above direct buy limit.
- Can be purchased with a pCard up to \$3,500, purchases over \$3,500 require a purchase requisition

All Professional and Client Services must be on contract and therefore processed through the requisition \rightarrow PO process

2. Professional Service

- Services that are professional, creative, or technical in nature and meet more specialized needs. Work is predominantly intellectual and varied, independent from the daily control of the agency and the consultant maintains control of work methods.
- Often require advanced or specialized knowledge

3. <u>Client Service</u>

• Any professional service that is performed with students as the direct audience

REIMBURSEMENTS

Authorized reimbursements via A19 are very limited. Authorized circumstances include:

- Emergency purchases as defined by RCW39.26.130
- Interagency Purchases
- Utility Payments
- Honorariums
- Purchases below \$3,500 only if PCards are not accepted
- Pre-approved travel, meals, coffee & light refreshment purchases

RCW39.26.130, Section 3:

As used in this section, "emergency" means a set of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the agency that either:

(a) Present a real, immediate, and extreme threat to the proper performance of essential functions; or

(b) May reasonably be expected to result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life, if immediate action is not taken.

PCARDS

- Pcard single purchase limit \$3,500
 - To request single purchase limit increase email Miguel Gatmaytan and Angela Gurney who has authority to approve the purchase limit increase
 - To request a monthly credit limit increase email Miguel Gatmaytan, Angela Gurney, and your Budget Manager who has authority to approve the monthly limit increase
 - Pcard purchases count toward the annual Direct Buy Threshold of \$30,000
 - Only Pcard custodian and approved users are permitted to make purchases using their department Pcard
 - Custodians, Approving Managers, and Approved Users must complete training and sign user agreements to retain access to PCard



AUTHORIZED USES FOR PCARDS

- Instructional materials and supplies up to \$3,500 per purchase
- Purchases of coffee & light refreshments for meetings in accordance with proper procedures and pre-approval**
- Purchases of meals with meetings in accordance with proper procedures and pre-approval*
- Payment for goods and services below \$3,500 that do not require contracts

*Travel and meals with meetings are managed by a separate department, please connect with Heather Emlund with specific questions

**Coffee & Light Refreshments are managed by your Business Office

PROCESS OUTLINE FOR REQUISITIONS & PURCHASE ORDERS

Department identifies purchasing need, may gather quote or create SOW Department creates requisition for goods and/or services, applies correct budget for approval from their budget office

Buyer may work with department to gather more information needed to procure the good or service or make vendor suggestions

Buyer processes requisition into PO, work directly with vendor, may create new contract or apply existing

BEFORE ENTERING A REQUISITION

Make sure you have your chart string ready

The requisition will have to pass a budget check to be submitted for manager approval.

If the requisition does not pass a budget check, purchasing will not be able to process it into a Purchase Order, even if it's approved. Have any quotes ready to attach to the requisition

Have any and all documents, unsigned, saved into a single document so it can be attached to the requisition comments.

This will help purchasing understand what you're requesting for us to purchase.

Understand the timeline

Requisitions must pass a series of approvals before it's available for purchasing to process.

If a contract is required, this will take additional time. Planning is key!

Sign in to ctcLink. Find the Navigator in the top right corner (compass icon)

Menu > Purchasing > Requisitions > Add/Update Requisitions.

If Add a New Value is highlighted blue, clock on the blue Add button. <u>Do not enter a Requisition ID</u>, leave it as NEXT. That will number the requisition based on the next chronological number available.

This will take you to a requisition form ready to fill out. Some fields will auto populate.



Maintain Requisitions Requisition

Requisition Name : This is a very brief reference. You can put something like "Blanket Kone", or "Central Tile Repair".

Requester : Add your name

Add Comments : This is where you attach any substantiating documents such as unsigned quotes, proposals, and/or statements of work.

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**Remember to save your requisition each time you enter new information. It might not auto save!

Only add comments and documents to the Header Comments. Do not add documents to line items in the requisition.

Maintain Requisitions

Requisition

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Add Items From (2)

To attach multiple documents and/or sets of comments, click the + button in the top right corner of the comments box and click OK after each addition.

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Item : Not a required field. Please note that if you select an item from this list it may change your account code in your chart string. Be sure to double check your chartstring before submitting.

Description : This is a more detailed description of what you're requesting purchasing to buy on your behalf. It should include any contract numbers (if applicable), quantity, and a description of your item. You can also request specific vendors here.

Quantity : This must always be 1.

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Category : Select best fit

Price : If you are purchasing multiples, this should be the extended price. This should not include tax.

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From the requisition page, scroll to the right and click on the small page icon. (above)

It will take you to a more detailed page to enter line item information. To enter your chartstring information, click on the page with 3 arrows. (below)



Maintain Requisitions Distribution



**This chart string information will come from your department manager and/or your budget director. They can let you know which fields you need to enter. Below are some of the more common chart string fields.

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Once you are done entering your chart string, click OK and it will bring you back to the schedule page. From here, update your Ship To location to your campus.

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Once you have entered all line item details, return to the main page. Once there, it's time to run a budget check. Click on the icon with the glasses to run a budget pre-check. If valid, or provisionally valid, you can run a budget check by clicking on the icon with the magnifying glass.

Maintain Requisitions

Requisition

Business Unit WA060 Requisition ID 0000003495

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Once you have run a budget check and the budget is validated, you can submit for approval. Do this by clicking the green check mark in the upper right corner.

Maintain Requisitions

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Once submitted, your requisition will be sent to the appropriate approvers. Once it has been fully approved, it will move to a queue that purchasing is able to see and process into a purchase order.

THINGS TO NOTE ABOUT REQUISTIONS

- If you submit for approval before a budget check, the requisition will not be able to be processed into a PO.
- If a requisition is denied, it will not be editable and it can't be processed into a PO.
- You can save your requisition at any time during your process if you need to step away and come back to it. If you have not completed all required fields to save, you'll see a notification.
- Once submitted, you can return to your requisition and check the approval status



WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!

The Purchasing Department serves as a layer of risk management.

We manage purchasing regulations, so you don't have to!

We aim to ensure that all procurement is done effectively, efficiently, with the best pricing, and within state, federal, and district guidelines.

**add slide on resources

Questions?



THANK YOU