

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

May 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Amendment to Rule 6A-14.0734, FAC., Procurement Requirements

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

287.017, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

State Board of Education Rule 6A-14.0734(1) requires community colleges to publicly solicit the submittal of competitive offers from at least three (3) sources when purchasing services or commodities exceeding the amount specified in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for Category Two. The cost of services and commodities has increased dramatically over the past seven (7) years requiring community colleges to expend significant taxpayer dollars and resources to perform administrative procurement activities related to the preparation, advertising, issuing and awarding competitive solicitation. Current rule also allows community colleges to exempt the requirement to solicit competitive offers and to make purchases from units of government established by law or "non-profit" buying cooperative competitively bid contracts.

This rule change if approved, will allow Boards of Trustees to consider amending their local Board Rules to expand the exemption to include purchasing from buying cooperative contracts that were competitively bid.

The proposed rule language was approved by the Community College Council of Presidents on January 20, 2007.

Supporting Documentation Included: Amendment to Rule 6A-14.0734, FAC, Procurement Requirements

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