

Sec. 21-40. - Joint and cooperative procurement.

- (a) *Joint procurement agreements.* The City may participate in, sponsor, conduct or administer a joint procurement agreement in conjunction with one or more other public bodies, or public agencies or institutions or localities of the several states, of the United States or its territories, the District of Columbia or the United States General Services Administration, for the purpose of combining requirements to increase efficiency or reduce administrative expenses in any acquisition of goods, services, or construction.
- (b) *Purchases by City.*
 - (1) Except for contracts for architectural or engineering services or construction, the City may purchase from the contract of another public body, from the contract of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, or from the Virginia Sheriffs' Association even if it did not participate in the request for proposals or invitation for bids, if the request for proposals or invitation for bids specified that the procurement was being conducted on behalf of other public bodies. For purposes of this subsection (b)(1), "construction" shall not include the installation of artificial turf and track surfaces, stream restoration, stormwater management practices, or the installation of playground equipment, including all associated and necessary construction and maintenance.
 - (2) The City may purchase from any authority, department, agency or institution of the Commonwealth's contract even if the City did not participate in the request for proposals or invitation for bids, if the request for proposals or invitation for bids specified that the procurement was a cooperative procurement being conducted on behalf of other public bodies.
 - (3) As authorized by the United States Congress and consistent with applicable Federal regulations, and provided the terms of the contract permit such purchases, the City may purchase goods and nonprofessional services from a United States General Services Administration contract or a contract awarded by any other agency of the United States government, upon approval of the Director.
- (c) *Policies and procedures to be followed.* If the City is the party conducting the procurement, the procurement shall comply with the policies and procedures set forth within this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated to implement this chapter. If the City is not the party conducting the procurement, then the procurement shall comply with the policies and procedures of the public body conducting the procurement. Prior to any City purchase under a contract entered by another public body, the Director shall find that the process pursuant to which the contract was entered generally complied with the policies and procedures established by this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated to implement this chapter.

- (d) *Purchases by other public bodies.* A public body may purchase from the City's contract even if it did not participate in the request for proposals or invitation for bids, if the request for proposals or invitation for bids specified that the procurement was being conducted on behalf of other public bodies.
- (e) *Utility marking services.* The City, which is also a utility operator, may purchase services through or participate in contracts awarded by one or more utility operators which are not public bodies for utility marking services, as required by the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act, Code of Virginia, § 56-265.14 et seq. A purchase of services under this subsection may deviate from the procurement procedures set forth in this chapter, upon a determination made in advance by the Director and set forth in writing that competitive sealed bidding is either not practicable or not fiscally advantageous to the public and the contract is awarded based on competitive principles.