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**TO: Procurement and Contracting Officers (PCOs)  
Purchasing Authority Contacts (PACs)**

**RE: Intent and Purpose of Minnesota (MN) Western States Contracting Alliance  
(WSCA) Contract for Computer Equipment, Peripherals and Related  
Equipment**

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This Broadcast is a reminder that all WSCA contract purchases conducted under California Participating Addenda for the above referenced WSCA contract, are to adhere to the original Intent and Purpose limiting purchases for categories of unit/configurations established by the lead State of Minnesota. Users are reminded to check each of the original Minnesota contracts for intent and purpose at the following link:

[http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/wsca/2009-2014\\_contracts.asp](http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/wsca/2009-2014_contracts.asp)

The WSCA language states:

“This Agreement is **NOT** for the purchase of major, large hardware or hardware and software offerings. In general, individual units/configurations for servers and storage (SANs, etc.) should not exceed \$300,000 each. Desktop per unit/configurations costs should not exceed \$100,000. Printers of all types and monitors per unit/configuration costs should not exceed \$50,000 each. It is the expressed intent of some of the Participating States to set this level at not to exceed \$25,000 each, or \$50,000. Contractors must be willing to comply with these restrictions by agreeing to supply products in those price ranges only. This **IS NOT** a restriction on how many units/configurations can be purchased, but on the value of each individual unit/configuration. Individual Participating States and Participating Entities may set specific limits in a participating addendum above these limits, provided that if such purchases are under this Agreement, they will be with the prior approval of the WSCA Directors; or may set specific limits in a participating addendum below these limits.”

The MN WSCA defines a configuration as, “In most instances in this document means a total system configuration. This may include more than one model or part number (or SKU), or a combination of hardware, software, and configuring of the system to make the system work.”

Example 1: A purchase of a storage solution consisting of multiple hardware, software, and service components whose total is \$450,000. All of the components together are considered as one configuration because they function together in a single system. Even if none of the individual components exceeds \$300,000 in price, the configuration itself does and the purchase is not allowed.

Example 2: A purchase of 10 separate printers ranging in price from \$11,000 to \$12,000 per unit. The total purchase amount exceeds \$120,000. However, because each unit is considered a single configuration, the \$100,000 limit is not exceeded and the purchase is permissible.

The MN WSCA is to be used for purchases below the MN WSCA unit/configuration dollar limits. For purchases exceeding the MN WSCA limits, agencies should use their own delegated authority to conduct competitive purchases or may request the DGS-Procurement Division to conduct the one-time purchase on their behalf.

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