

**SAM – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
**General Procurement Procedures: Procurement of Goods and Services**

**UNIFORM STANDARDS**

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Uniform standards are applicable to acquisitions of IT goods and/or services pursuant to Public Contract Code section [12100](#) et seq., regardless of dollar amount, type of IT goods/services, and acquisition approach. The following standards shall apply throughout the IT procurement process:

- Acquisitions shall be conducted in a manner consistent with applicable laws, regulations, policies, and procedures.
- Acquisitions shall be conducted to advance the public policy purpose of the State program that the technology will serve.
- Acquisitions shall be conducted in a professional manner that promotes direct, straightforward, and cooperative communication with the supplier community.
- Contracting opportunities shall be enhanced, whenever possible, for eligible certified small businesses and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBEs).
- Acquisitions and projects shall comply with Americans with Disabilities Act ([ADA](#)) requirements.
- New systems should be conceived in terms of a solution.
- Regardless of the acquisition approach, the procurement process shall consist of three stages:
  - Acquisition Planning
  - Acquisition Phase
  - Post-award Activity