

## **SAM-PURCHASES**

### **STATE PRICE SCHEDULES**

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State Price Schedules are established to permit agencies to obtain volume pricing on noncompetitive items and to order directly from vendors. Unlike contracts, use of State Price Schedules is not mandatory. If an agency determines that another brand or type of item would meet their needs at a lower price, it may either make a delegated purchase or submit a purchase estimate to the Office of Procurement, depending on the dollar amount involved. Before making a delegated purchase, the agency must notify the Office of Procurement's Research and Analysis Section, in writing, of their intention to do so. The request will be considered approved unless the Office of Procurement notifies the requesting agency to the contrary within 48 hours (two working days) of receiving the request. If the agency submits a purchase estimate to the Office of Procurement, an explanation of the circumstances should be included.