

SAM-PURCHASES

CONTRACTS (Revised 3/89)

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Contract buying reduces the volume of repetitive work, permitting more care and consideration of the award of major purchases, thereby allowing each buyer to become more conversant with the material requirements of the operating departments. It permits a better scheduling of supplies, allowing the operating departments, particularly institutions, to better adjust their inventories. It also encourages better service on the part of vendors, because of the value of such statewide contracts.

As a result of an expanded and comprehensive standards program, it is possible to expand the term contract program since it can be predetermined what quality or specification of material will be accepted statewide.

Officers and employees purchasing contract items at retail prices will be personally liable for the difference between the retail and contract price except in verified emergencies which must be fully explained on the invoice covering the emergency.

To verify contract dollar volumes and to ensure accurate bid information is provided to all interested bidders, each agency using State Contractors must submit one copy of each contract order ([STD. 65](#)) To:

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