



COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

The table below outlines UCF’s competition requirements for purchases. Procurement Services reserves the right to compete any purchase request regardless of dollar amount when it is determined that better pricing is available. UCF has the authority to use contracts from other universities, public and private, as well as contracts from other states, the federal government, political entities, and educational cooperatives when determined to be cost-effective and in the best interest of the university. Procurement Services can assist with obtaining quotes, if necessary.

UCF strongly encourages the use of small and minority businesses (SMWVBEs) and their inclusion in the solicitation process. Minority businesses are those that are certified as minority-owned (African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic-American, and Native-American), woman-owned, or service-disabled veteran-owned. Procurement Services also tracks expenditures with small businesses, including disadvantaged businesses and 8(a) companies. Contact Diversity in Contracts at procurement@ucf.edu for further information on minority business listings.

\$10,000.00 and below	Quotes are not required, but competition is encouraged. Quotes from small and minority businesses are encouraged.
\$10,000.01 - \$35,000.00	At least two informal price quotes from different suppliers are required . At least one quote from a certified SMWVBE supplier is encouraged. Quotes can be obtained via telephone and annotated on the purchase requisition in the comments field or attached to the purchase requisition. Document as much information on the commodity/service as possible from each supplier (make, model, prices, delivery info, discounts, etc.) to assist Procurement Services in properly comparing the quotes to determine the most reasonable cost.
\$35,000.01 - \$75,000.00	At least three formal written quotes from different suppliers are required . At least one quote from a certified SMWVBE supplier is encouraged. Quotes must be on the companies’ stationery/fax cover, etc. and signed by their authorized representative. Quotes must be attached to the purchase requisition.
\$75,000.01 and over	A formal Invitation to Bid or Invitation to Negotiate is required, unless exempted from competition per university regulation. This process must be completed through Procurement Services. SMWVBE suppliers are included in the advertisements.
\$500,000.00 and over	UCF’s president has authority to sign contracts up to any dollar amount and approves any purchase exceeding \$500,000. The Assistant Vice President for Procurement Services has authority up to \$500,000 but is authorized to approve acquisitions exceeding that amount from a purchasing perspective if the president has already approved them.
Exemptions	<p>Waiver of Competition: For purchases \$10,000.01–\$75,000.00, Procurement Services can assist in obtaining quotes if a department’s research falls short. If the required number of quotes cannot be obtained, Procurement Services’ management can waive the competition requirement if the request is properly justified. The approved Waiver of Competition must accompany the purchase requisition. A waiver should not be requested to avoid competition.</p> <p>Sole Source Certification: When competition is not possible for a purchase over \$75,000.00, a sole source exemption may be granted by the Vice President of Administration and Finance. Sole source purchases require extensive written justification from the department. The approved Sole Source Certification form must accompany the purchase requisition. A sole source should not be requested to avoid competition.</p> <p>Other exemptions to competition are listed in UCF Procurement Services Regulation 7.130. Only Procurement Services has the authority to approve the use of these exemptions.</p>