

# NORTH CAROLINA PROCUREMENT CODE

**Fiscal Year End:** June 30

1. **Prequalifications:** None.
2. **Auto-drop:** None.
3. **Life Cycle Costing (LCC):** LCC is not mentioned directly; however, if mentioned in the RFB, LCC criteria (such as fuel efficiency, reduced downtime, and other indicators of machine quality) may be used in bid evaluation.
  - a. **NCGS §143-52** → ...contracts for the purchase of supplies, materials or equipment shall be based on competitive bids and acceptance made of the lowest and best bid(s) most advantageous to the State as determined upon consideration of the following criteria: prices offered; the quality of the articles offered; the general reputation and performance capabilities of the bidders; the substantial conformity with the specifications and other conditions set forth in the request for bids; the suitability of the articles for the intended use; the personal or related services needed; the transportation charges; the date or dates of delivery and performance; and such other factor(s) deemed pertinent or peculiar to the purchase in question...
4. **Piggybacking:** Allowed.
  - a. **NCGS §143-53.a.10** → [The Secretary of Administration may adopt rules governing the following:] Prescribing procedures for making purchases under programs involving participation by two or more levels or agencies of government, or otherwise with funds other than State-appropriated
5. **Recycle Preferences:** Encourage purchase of products with recycled content
  - a. **NCGS §143-58.2.a** → It is the policy of this State to encourage and promote the purchase of products with recycled content. All State departments, institutions, agencies, community colleges, and local school administrative units shall, to the extent economically practicable, purchase and use, or require the purchase and use of, products with recycled content  
[http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByArticle/Chapter\\_143/Article\\_3.html](http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByArticle/Chapter_143/Article_3.html)
6. **Minority/Small/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise preferences:** No preference, but to promote the use of SBE, MBE, WBE, and handicapped-owned businesses.
  - a. **NCGS §143-48.a** → It is the policy of this State to encourage and promote the use of small contractors, minority contractors, physically handicapped contractors, and women contractors in State purchasing of goods and services. All State agencies, institutions and political subdivisions shall cooperate with the Department of Administration and all other State agencies, institutions and political subdivisions in efforts to encourage the use of small contractors, minority contractors, physically handicapped contractors, and women contractors in achieving the purpose of this Article, which is to provide for the effective

and economical acquisition, management and disposition of goods and services by and through the Department of Administration

## 7. **Cooperative Purchasing**

### **National IPA**

The City of Tucson, AZ has awarded a national cooperative purchasing agreement available to agencies through National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (National IPA). Visit the National IPA website for state specific information

<http://www.nationalipa.org/statutes.html>

### **National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)**

NJPA currently supports over 100 national contracts for products and services that are available to local governmental agencies and other not for profit entities. Additional information can be found by visiting NJPA's State Procurement Resources web site.

<http://www.njpacoop.org/national-cooperative-contract-solutions/legal-authority/>

**\*\*\* NC General Statutes Chapter 143, Article 3 (Purchases and Contracts):**

[http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByArticle/Chapter\\_143/Article\\_3.html](http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByArticle/Chapter_143/Article_3.html)