

CONNECTICUT PROCUREMENT CODE

Fiscal Year End: June 30

1. **Prequalifications:** None.
2. **Auto-drop:** None.
3. **Life Cycle Costing (LCC):** Evaluations of LCC within a bid are permitted at the discretion of the Commissioner.
 - a. **CT Code 4a-59.c.1** → All open market orders or contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible qualified bidder, the qualities of the articles to be supplied, their conformity with the specifications, their suitability to the requirements of the state government and the delivery terms being taken into consideration and, at the discretion of the Commissioner of Administrative Services, life-cycle costs and trade-in or resale value of the articles may be considered where it appears to be in the best interest of the state.
4. **Piggybacking:** Allowed.
 - a. **CT Code 4a-53.a** → The Commissioner of Administrative Services may join with federal agencies, other state governments, political subdivisions of this state or nonprofit organizations in cooperative purchasing plans when the best interests of the state would be served thereby.
5. **Recycle Preferences:** Up to 10% price preference for products made from recycled materials may be given at the discretion of the Commissioner
 - a. **CT Code 4a-59-c-3A** → In determining the lowest responsible qualified bidder for the purposes of this section, the commissioner may give a price preference of up to ten per cent for (A) the purchase of goods made with recycled materials or the purchase of recyclable or remanufactured products if the commissioner determines that such preference would promote recycling or remanufacturing.
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/pub/Chap058.htm#Sec4a-67a.htm>
6. **Minority/Small/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise preferences:** The head of every state agency must set aside 25% of their contracts to be awarded to SBEs and MBEs.
 - a. **CT Code 4A-60G.8b** → It is found and determined that there is a serious need to help small contractors, minority business enterprises, nonprofit organizations and individuals with disabilities to be considered for and awarded state contracts for the construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation of public buildings, the construction and maintenance of highways and the purchase of goods and services. Accordingly, the necessity, in the public interest and for the public benefit and good, of the provisions of this section, sections 4a-60h to 4a-60j, inclusive, and sections 32-9i to 32-9p, inclusive, is declared as a matter of legislative determination. Notwithstanding any provisions of the general statutes to the contrary, and except as set forth herein, the head of each state agency and each political subdivision of the state other than a municipality shall set aside in each fiscal year, for award to small contractors, on the basis of competitive bidding procedures, contracts or portions of contracts for the construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation of public buildings, the construction and maintenance of highways and the purchase of goods and services. Eligibility of nonprofit corporations under the provisions

of this section shall be limited to predevelopment contracts awarded by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development for housing projects. The total value of such contracts or portions thereof to be set aside by each such agency shall be at least twenty-five per cent of the total value of all contracts let by the head of such agency in each fiscal year, provided that neither: (1) A contract that may not be set aside due to a conflict with a federal law or regulation; or (2) a contract for any goods or services which have been determined by the Commissioner of Administrative Services to be not customarily available from or supplied by small contractors shall be included, except that the head of any such agency may set aside an amount based on the amount of all contracts not excluded from the calculation which are anticipated to be let in any fiscal year if the method of calculation for such year would result in a maximum value of contracts to be set aside of less than twenty-five per cent of the contracts anticipated to be let in such year or in a minimum value of contracts to be set aside of greater than twenty-five per cent of the contracts anticipated to be let in such year. Contracts or portions thereof having a value of not less than twenty-five per cent of the total value of all contracts or portions thereof to be set aside shall be reserved for awards to minority business enterprises

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/>

***Connecticut Procurement Code: <http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=15>