8.706 Purchase exceptions.

(a) *Ordering offices may* acquire *supplies* or services on the *Procurement List* from commercial sources only if the *acquisition* is specifically authorized in a purchase exception granted by the designated *central nonprofit agency*.

(b) The *central nonprofit agency shall* promptly grant purchase exceptions when-

(1) The AbilityOne participating nonprofit agencies cannot provide the *supplies* or services within the time required, and commercial sources can provide them significantly sooner in the quantities required; or

(2) The quantity required cannot be produced or provided economically by the AbilityOne participating nonprofit agencies.

(c) The *central nonprofit agency* granting the exception *shall* specify the quantity and delivery or performance period covered by the exception.

(d) When a purchase exception is granted, the *contracting officer shall*-

(1) Initiate purchase action within 15 days following the date of the exception or any extension granted by the *central nonprofit agency*; and

(2) Provide a copy of the *solicitation* to the *central nonprofit agency* when it is issued.

(e) The Committee *may* also grant a purchase exception, under any circumstances it considers appropriate.

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