

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.

Parent topic: [Subpart 8.7 - Acquisition from Nonprofit Agencies Employing People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled](#)