

Buying from Georgia Correctional Industries: Yes, You Can!

An **Intergovernmental Agreement** is a contract [*a purchase order is a contract*] between two or more government entities. Permissible government entities include state and local (county, city, etc.) government entities within the state of Georgia as well as other states of the United States of America.

For Georgia state agencies, authorities, cities, counties and local governments, purchases from GCI are considered Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA). These purchases are exempt from the State Purchasing Act and do not fall under the State Purchasing Department's (SPD) competitive bid process.

Below is the verbiage from the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS), State Purchasing Department's (SPD) Georgia Procurement Manual (GPM) regarding Intergovernmental Agreements and Georgia Correctional Industries.

1.2.2. Identity of the Provider/Supplier

The identity of the provider can also create an exemption to the State Purchasing Act:

Table 1.4 Select Exemptions from the State Purchasing Act / Factor 2: Identity of Provider/Supplier	
Provider/Supplier	Category
Another Governmental Entity	Goods or Services - NOTE: A contract between two governmental entities is an intergovernmental agreement, as further described in Section 1.2.2.1. - Intergovernmental Agreements.
Non-profit Entity	Services Only - NOTE: The state entity must comply with the provisions of (O.C.G.A.) Section 50-20-1 et seq.

GPM 1.2.2.1 Intergovernmental Agreements

The Georgia Constitution authorizes state entities to enter into an intergovernmental agreement if the goods or services are available from that source. Intergovernmental agreements do not require approval from SPD or competitive bidding and are not subject to dollar limits.

GPM 1.3.3.1 Georgia Correctional Industries Administration

In accordance with (O.C.G.A.) Section 50-5-73, the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections may certify certain products or services provided by GCI as "available and of competitive quality and price". GCI and the Commissioner of Corrections are required to report the certification criteria to SPD, including but not limited to cost, delivery schedules, and availability within fifteen days of notice of certification. Any subsequent changes to certified products or services must be reported to SPD within fifteen days of any such change. Only goods and services identified to SPD that are certified in accordance with this section are considered to be in Tier 3 of the Order of Precedence. A list of certified products/services may be viewed by accessing the GCI Certified Products and Services List. These purchases are not subject to dollar limits or the state entity's delegated purchasing authority.

Although only goods and services certified in accordance with this section are considered to be in Tier 3 of the Order of Precedence, state entities are authorized to contract with GCI for needed goods and services pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement as described in Section 1.2.2.1. - Intergovernmental Agreements.

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