

Purchasing Questions and Answers

Q: How is Public Purchasing Different From Private Purchasing?

A: The public procurement process, and the people involved, are subject to complete public accountability, regarding the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money. Public purchasing must guarantee fair and open competition with equal opportunities for every supplier. A unique characteristic of public purchasing is the underlying principle that prices are not as critical as fairness and impartiality in obtaining them.

Q: When Does the City Require Insurance Coverage?

A: When your personnel enter City property to repair, install, service, construct, or perform similar work, General Liability, Auto Liability, and Workers' Compensation insurance are generally required. If your firm provides professional services, such as cyber service, architectural or engineering, professional errors and omissions insurance is generally required. We must have proof of insurance meeting our criteria before you start work.