POLICY:

I. Delegation Authority:

A. The General Services Division, Department of Administration, conducts its purchasing activities through the authority and guidelines of Title 18, MCA, including the Montana Procurement Act, and its accompanying administrative rules in ARM Title 2, chapter 5. The purpose of the Montana Procurement Act is to:

1. simplify, clarify, and modernize the law governing procurement by the State of Montana;
2. permit the continued development of procurement policies and practices;
3. make as consistent as possible the procurement laws among the various jurisdictions;
4. provide for increased public confidence in the procedures followed in public procurement;
5. ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all persons who deal with the State's procurement system;
6. provide increased economy in state procurement activities, maximizing the purchasing value of State funds;
7. foster effective, broad-based competition within the free enterprise system;
8. provide safeguards for the maintenance of a procurement system of quality and integrity; and
9. provide the exclusive remedies for unlawful bid solicitations or contract awards.

B. The General Services Division, Department of Administration, delegates procurement authority to state departments, agencies, or officials, including the state university system, based on a determination that the Agency:

1. has a satisfactory performance history exercising similar authority; and
2. has employees trained in procurement matters and procurement policies and procedures.

C. The following campus is delegated the authority to make required purchases of up to $150,000 following the requirements of this Agreement:

1. Montana State University-Billings, represented by Barb Shafer or her replacement

D. For construction projects, Facility Services will follow the MCA State Construction Contract guidelines.