

SECTION 7: ACQUISITION PROCEDURES

SUBJECT: CLASS-ACTION LAWSUITS

Procedure 7.7.2

POLICY: Any notices that the University of Washington may have the right to participate in a class-action lawsuit against a UW supplier should be forwarded to the Executive Director of Procurement Services, who will determine what action must be taken.

PROCEDURE:

The UW Procurement Services department purchases a significant quantity of goods and services from a wide and diverse supplier base. UW may have the right to become a plaintiff in a class action lawsuit against a supplier for certain improper business practices. In some cases, UW may exercise this right in order to protect its rights and obtain any award UW is legally entitled to.

If a Procurement Services staff member receives a notice that the University may have the opportunity to join in a class-action lawsuit against a UW supplier, the staff member shall forward such notification to the Executive Director of Procurement Services. The Executive Director will review the notice and, in his discretion, discuss such notice with the University of Washington Division of the Washington State Attorney General's Office.