

SECTION 6: FEDERAL/STATE SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

Procedure #6.5

POLICY: To provide unemployment and training opportunities for the State's handicapped and disadvantaged citizens, the State of Washington encourages the purchase of products and services manufactured or provided by authorized community rehabilitation programs of the [Department of Social and Health Services](#). ([RCW 43.19.520-530](#)).¹

PROCEDURE:

When possible, identify opportunities for purchases from community rehabilitation program of the department of social and health services as defined in [RCW 43.19.525](#). Purchases from community rehabilitation programs may be made without competition. However, the University must determine that the price is reasonable ([RCW 39.26.230](#))². To determine price reasonableness in this context, Buyer should perform a market survey and compare the price quoted by the community rehabilitation program to the last comparable bid or price paid for the relevant products/services, taking into account market price increases since the previous purchase/bid. Pricing proposed by the Community Rehabilitation Program does not have to be lower than a previous or existing contract with a for profit business to be considered reasonable.

¹ Available at: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=43.19.520>

² Available at: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=39.26.230>