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**Breaking News**

**Sole Source Procurement** is utilized in special circumstances when only one source (vendor) is available for a required service or item of tangible personal property. During the legislative session, Senate Bill 182 was passed and signed by Governor Susanna Martinez and will affect how sole source procurements are awarded. The new law requires that at least thirty days before a sole source is awarded, the purchasing office shall post notice of the intent to award on its web site. Departments should build in this additional thirty days into their timeline for sole source purchase orders. This becomes law 7/1/2013. Stay tuned for more information on how this affects your procurements.

**Procurement Card**

The procurement card (PCard) is a tool that allows departments to procure items with a convenient and simple method. The most common purchases on the card include office supplies, on-campus business meals and departmental memberships or registrations.

The use of the PCard is not intended to circumvent the system by avoiding purchase orders as these are still needed for purchases of capital equipment and for purchases over $2500. Guidelines on the use can be found in the NMSU Business Procedures Manual Chapter 4: Section 04.00.45. The PCard is not intended to be utilized for travel and meal expenses or for reservations of such expenses.

Historically, NMSU has 950 active cards across the campus with over 1,000 users. In a calendar year NMSU spends around $16 million using PCards with an average transaction of about $200, resulting in the processing of over 57,000 transactions.

Monica Rodriguez is the Procurement Card Administrator.
Central Property / Surplus Warehouse

Central Property/Surplus Warehouse is responsible for tracking all tagged inventory and for properly disposing of surplus inventory. All inventory items that are over $1,000 are tagged with a specific tag depending on the source of funding.

All disposals of University-owned inventory are reported to the Board of Regents (BOR). The Central Property office provides a report of the inventory with status changes. Examples include items that are unaccounted for, have been cannibalized (used for parts), are in excess to the needs of the University or have been stolen. The report is forwarded to the State Auditor for final approval before removal from the Banner system.

All surplus items are re-allocated or auctioned within our Public Surplus system (publicsurplus.com). NMSU departments may select items to be re-allocated to their office by registering on the Public Surplus system and claiming items. They are available on a first-come first-served basis. NMSU employees may personally register as a regular customer and bid on items for personal purchase.

Oscar Escarcega oversees the surplus processes in Central Property. Maribel Palacio is the primary contact for Annual Inventory questions.

Material Services

The University Warehouse, a sub-unit of Purchasing and Materials Management, is established to facilitate materials management needs, primarily for Facilities and Services (FS) and Housing & Residential Life. FS shops and Housing Sub-warehouses may requisition materials and equipment through the Warehouse by utilizing a Material Request in the AiM System. Materials and supplies will not distributed without an approved Material Request.

Fulfillment of materials’ requisitions and equipment is facilitated through existing inventory, utilizing the first-in, first-out method. Items not readily on hand are purchased with open purchase orders or the Procurement Card.

Ed Allbright is the Supervisor overseeing Material Services.

Meet our Staff

Meet Rennette Apodaca, our Director of Purchasing and Materials Management and an NMSU Alumni with a Masters in Public Administration. She has been with NMSU for the past 4 years and was recently promoted from Assistant Director to Director. In October of 2012 she received certification as a Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPP0). In her spare time she enjoys sports, the outdoors and spending time with her 3 daughters & granddaughter.

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