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stitution of higher education of the State of Colorado,

is exempt from all federal excise taxes and from all Colorado State and local government sales and use taxes.

A commitment voucher (CU Marketplace Purchase Order or Procurement Card) is required to purchase an item from a supplier unless an exception applies under CU's Fiscal Procedures [9]

## University of Colorado Procurement Thresholds

Under \$10,000: Departmental purchases of up to \$10,000 are considered "small-dollar purchases." Under most circumstances, these are processed by the requestor's campus department. Typical forms of payment are the University Procurement Card (up to \$5,000) or a small dollar Purchase Order.?

**\$10,000.01 - \$49,999.99:** All goods and services between \$10,000.01 and \$49,999.00 are processed at the discretion of the Purchasing Agent.

**\$50,000 - \$150,000:** All goods and services between \$50,000 - \$150,000 regardless of funding type require:

- Completion of the Source Selection & Price Reasonableness section of the Purchase Requisition form
- Price information from at least two suppliers - one from the supplier you are ordering from and the other from a competitor. The price information can be screenshots from two websites or quotes provided from the suppliers.?

The requirement to obtain two quotes and complete the Source Selection & Price Reasonableness form will be waived if the purchase is made against an existing CU bid/contract or a cooperative contract, is for a Sole Source item [10], or is an emergency procurement.??

**\$150,000 - \$499,999:**?The threshold for a solicitation issued by the Procurement Service Center (PSC) will be \$150,000 for goods and services. Construction solicitations are issued by campus Facilities Departments. Purchases of goods, services, and construction costing more than \$150,000 require that competition be sought via the informal process known as a Documented Quote.

**\$500,000 and Over:**?For purchases of goods and services costing \$500,000 or more, competition is sought via either an Invitation for Bid or a Request for Proposal.?Construction solicitations are issued by campus Facilities Departments.

The University of Colorado posts its solicitations using an electronic solicitation notification system, currently through BidNet [11].?

## Purchases Under a Federal Contract or Grant

For purchases on Federal contracts or grants, the following forms will need to be completed.

- Certifications Under a Federal Contract [12] greater than \$35,000

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