

## 8.706 Purchase exceptions.

(a) *Ordering offices may acquire supplies or services on the Procurement List from commercial sources only if the acquisition is specifically authorized in a purchase exception granted by the designated central nonprofit agency.*

(b) *The central nonprofit agency shall promptly grant purchase exceptions when-*

(1) *The AbilityOne participating nonprofit agencies cannot provide the supplies or services within the time required, and commercial sources can provide them significantly sooner in the quantities required; or*

(2) *The quantity required cannot be produced or provided economically by the AbilityOne participating nonprofit agencies.*

(c) *The central nonprofit agency granting the exception shall specify the quantity and delivery or performance period covered by the exception.*

(d) *When a purchase exception is granted, the contracting officer shall-*

(1) *Initiate purchase action within 15 days following the date of the exception or any extension granted by the central nonprofit agency; and*

(2) *Provide a copy of the solicitation to the central nonprofit agency when it is issued.*

(e) *The Committee may also grant a purchase exception, under any circumstances it considers appropriate.*

**Parent topic:** Subpart 8.7 - Acquisition from Nonprofit Agencies Employing People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled