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Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43

Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed for systemwide review are proposed revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management.

UC Systemwide Procurement, in consultation with UC campus Supply Chain Management and Procurement staff as well as campus policy managers, has revised the language in BFB-BUS-43 Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management (BUS-43). The revisions are to clarify policy requirements, clarify formatting, and bring policy in line with current Presidential Policy Guidelines, law changes and UC best practices.

BUS-43 was last permanently issued in 2021. In 2023 BUS 43 went through a systemwide review period and feedback from stakeholders was addressed and incorporated into the policy. Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) actions and final approvals were completed in May 2023. However, in response to the shifting external regulatory environment, subsequent policy revisions were recommended and revisions continued in 2024 and 2025. In 2025, Systemwide Procurement sought PAC approval for policy revisions to clarify existing non-discriminatory contracting practices, comply with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) law changes, and to align with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) updates.

In January 2026, the President issued BUS-43 in an interim status that included the 2023 systemwide review feedback and additional revisions outlined below. The following changes were made to BUS-43 to address the 2023 Systemwide review feedback and subsequent policy requests and updates:

2023 Revisions

- Separate policy and procedures to ensure BUS-43 is focused on policy language
- Bring policy in line with current Presidential Policy Guidelines and policy best practices

2024-2025 Revisions

- Preferred Payment by Card - Language added to strengthen the Purchasing Card Program by reducing risk and cost, improving efficiency, and accelerating vendor payments.
- Micro Purchase Award – New provision added to increase the Micro Purchase Threshold. Federal Planning and Reporting - Updated federally funded contract threshold to \$900,000 in compliance with FAR rule changes effective 10/1/25 and to address U.S Small Business Administration (SBA) audit findings. Revised language to allow capital equipment thresholds to be updated in BUS-29 without requiring BUS-43 revisions.
- Supplier Diversity – Updated Supplier Diversity and Economically and Socially Responsible (EaSR) language and replaced with Economic and Community Impact (ECI) terminology and framework to clarify existing non-discriminatory contracting policy. Replaced “Supplier Diversity Coordinator” with “Economic and Community Impact (ECI) Coordinator” to align terminology with the ECI framework and avoid limiting the scope to supplier diversity. Added reference to California Proposition 209 to ensure alignment with applicable state law.
- Small Business First Waiver – While keeping the Small Business First Policy intact, this section was removed at the direction of the Procurement Leadership Council and Systemwide CPO, allowing campuses to develop their own process and procedures for tracking exceptions.
- Capital Markets Finance (CMF) - Updated to remove obsolete guidance and align policy language with current CMF processes.
- Expanded the definition of the ECI Coordinator – to extend outreach, training, and trade-fair participation beyond federally sponsored activities.

2026 Revisions (Following 1/26/26 Interim posting of BUS 43)

- Reorganization - Moved Economic and Community Impact Coordinator definition in alphabetical order. Reordered Non-Discriminatory Contracting section to be listed before Economic and Community Impact Spend in Part 3: Economic and Community Impact, Small Business First, Federal Planning and Reporting.
- Supplier Qualification – Added language to clarify bidder information required.
- Federal Planning and Reporting – Minor revisions added to clarify small business certifications.
- Hyperlinks - Updated all broken hyperlinks and aligned language with UC Presidential Policy Style Guide.

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All necessary UC stakeholders have been consulted and have reviewed this current version of the policy including the following: Campus Policy Managers, Procurement Policies and Legal Documents, Chief Procurement Officers from all Locations, Procurement Card Program administrators, Policy Advisory Committee, and UC Legal.

Systemwide Review

Systemwide review is a public review distributed to the Chancellors, the Chair of the Academic Council, the Director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and the Vice President of Agriculture and Natural Resources requesting that they inform the general University community, especially affected employees, about policy proposals. Systemwide review for this policy also includes a 60-day full Senate review.

Employees should be afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the draft policy. Attached is a Model Communication which may be used to inform non-exclusively represented employees about these proposals. Systemwide Labor Relations at the Office of the President is responsible for informing the bargaining units representing union membership about policy proposals.

We would appreciate receiving your comments no later than **July 28, 2026**. Please submit your comments to [BUS 43 Feedback Form](#) If you have any questions, please contact Frederick Roots at Frederick.roots@ucop.edu.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- 1) Draft Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 Purchases of Goods and Services Supply Chain Management (clean and accessible copy)
- 2) Draft Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 Purchases of Goods and Services Supply Chain Management (tracked-changes and accessible copy)
- 3) Model Communication

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