

General Provisions (220-RICR-30-00-1) -- Concise Explanatory Statement

The intent, purpose, and policy of the DOA's Procurement Regulations shall be to simply, clarify, and continuously modernize the procurement system for State and local government in accordance with the "State Purchases Act," R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-2-1, *et seq.* so as to provide efficiency and economy in the purchase of goods services, and construction, while maintaining and safeguarding quality, integrity, fairness, responsibility, accountability, and equity in accordance with the highest ethical standards.

The latest amendment to the General Provisions (220-RICR-30-00-1) implements the requirements imposed by Executive Order 18-02, which mandates the incorporation of net neutrality principals into state procurement contracts.

As a result of public comment, the following changes to the proposed regulations were made:

1.9(B)(3) -- deleted "or require that end users pay different or higher rates to access specific types of content or applications" from the first sentence.

1.9(D) - deleted "but is not limited to" from the second sentence.

1.9(G)(2) - change to mirror the executive order and read: "The Director of Administration/Chief Purchasing Officer shall issue a written determination and grant a waiver only upon a finding that the waiver serves a legitimate and significant public purpose."

Further, all written comments related to the net neutrality requirements are summarized with responses in a document titled "Public Comment Summary and Responses."