

Concise Explanatory Statement

880-RICR-00-00-1

As a quasi-state agency, the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) conducts procurement activities in accordance with its own adopted rules, the “Principles and Policies of the Quonset Development Corporation for the Procurement of Supplies and Services (880-RICR-00-00-1). The proposed amendments to 880-RICR-00-001 seek to modernize and update the Quonset Development Corporation’s purchasing and procurement regulations to create efficiency and ease of use. Proposed revisions include:

- Addition of a definition for “written quotation” that includes prices obtained through email and via online retail sites;
- Clarification that the Rhode Island Vendor Information Program (RIVIP) is only required for procurements utilizing competitive sealed bidding, in line with R.I.G.L. §37-2-17.1;
- Addition of flexibility in holding written or oral discussions during competitive negotiation;
- Update of the amounts of and documentation required for small purchases;
- Addition of a new section allowing the use of the State of Rhode Island Master Price Agreements (MPAs); and
- Other minor revisions necessary to clarify the requirements.

No comments were received during the public comment period, and therefore no changes were made to the proposed amendment.

There will be no fiscal impact to the State of Rhode Island or to Rhode Island’s municipalities. The revisions are procedural in nature and will create efficiencies for QDC staff, saving time and money.