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# Overview of Sole Source Policies and Practices

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#### Sole Source Procurement

The purpose of <u>Sole Source Procurement</u> is to provide a method in which a contract may be awarded without complying with the otherwise applicable competitive procedures required under our Contracting and Purchasing Policies.



### **Policy References**

*Contracting and Purchasing Policy* 5.01 (subsection 6) for Equipment, Materials and Services and Policy 5.02(subsection 8) for Public Projects both provide for <u>Sole Source</u> <u>Procurement</u> when:

- There is only one known source for the required equipment, material or service, or;
- One source is the only practical way to respond to overriding circumstances.



## Sole Source Procurement Requirements

Prior to processing a Sole Source Procurement, the following information must be received by the Procurement Department:

- A Sole Source Justification,
- Appropriate back-up documentation,
- Written approval from the Authority's President, CEO



#### Practices/Available Resources

The following information is available on the Authority's intranet:

- Sole Source Justification Form
- Instructions on writing a sole-source justification