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**Subject:** New Procurement Method for Goods, Services, or Information Technology  
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Newly enacted Public Contract Code § 20651.2 now allows community college districts to award a contract for the acquisition of goods, services, or information technology that has an estimated value of between \$5,000 to \$250,000 by seeking price quotations from two or more responsible certified small businesses or two or more disabled veteran business enterprises.

This new law is a significant exception to the public bidding requirements and may expedite procurement, although Districts should still validate that the price quotations are reasonable.

Please contact our office with any questions.