

## **Procurement Rule Updates Coming January 1, 2026** [1]

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We are pleased to share that several important updates to the University of Colorado's Procurement Rules will take effect on **January 1, 2026**. These changes are designed to streamline purchasing processes, reduce administrative burden, and provide more flexibility for departments.

### **Key Changes Include:**

- **Increased Bid Threshold:**

The competitive solicitation (bid) threshold will rise from \$150,000 to \$250,000. Purchases between \$50,000 and \$250,000 may now be completed using the Source Selection and Price Reasonableness (SSPR) process, giving departments greater efficiency in sourcing goods and services.

Departments that prefer the PSC manage a competitive bid below the new threshold may still request one by submitting a Bid Request Form in Marketplace.

- **Updated Contract Approval Thresholds:**

The Controller approval threshold for contracts will increase from \$150,000 to \$300,000, reducing workflow bottlenecks and expediting contract processing.

- **Removal of Special Provisions Requirement:**

The Rules will no longer require inclusion of the Special Provisions in all contracts, allowing for more tailored and streamlined contract templates.

- **Enhanced Debarment Standards:**

The debarment section has been updated to include a new category focused on fiscal misconduct, reinforcing CU's commitment to responsible stewardship of public funds.

We encourage departments to review these changes in advance of the January 1<sup>st</sup> effective date. If you have questions or would like additional guidance, please reach out to

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