PREFERRED SOURCES

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Objective: To establish a procedure for purchasing from the State's "preferred sources"

while at the same time promoting prudent, economical use of taxpayer money

Reference: New York State Finance Law, Section 175-b

Policy of the Board of Representatives:

1. New York State Finance Law referenced above states in part "... all suitable products and services, as determined by the commissioner of general services, hereafter procured by or for ... and... political sub-division... having their own purchasing agency, shall be procured in accordance with applicable specifications... of such purchasing authority of a political sub-division... from qualified charitable non-profit-making agencies for the blind... and qualified charitable non-profit-making agencies for the other severely handicapped".

2. If, in the opinion of the using department and the Division of Purchasing, the products and services are "suitable" as to quality and delivery time, the purchase of said products and services is authorized without competitive bid, provided that the price does not exceed the going market price, as determined by the Division of Purchasing, by more than 10 percent up to \$5,000 and 5 percent above \$5,000.