

# TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

Title: QISV Procurement of Telecommunications Equipment & Services

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## I. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to define the parameters of procuring telecommunications equipment and services.

## II. Scope

This procedure applies University wide.

## III. General

The State of Texas has adopted a procedure whereby purchases of telecommunications equipment and services may be purchased through Qualified Information Systems Vendors. The authorizing statute allows for agencies to negotiate with QISVs and to select the best value for the State. "Best Value" determination may consider aspects other than price.

Departments must familiarize themselves with the statute. Information can be found at the General Services Commission Procurement page at <http://www.gsc.tx.us>.

## IV. Procedure

Because of the complexity of evaluating "Best Value" in telecommunications equipment and services, the CIS department has been given the responsibility for testing all telecommunications equipment. The Procurement office in conjunction with CIS will periodically request offers and make blanket awards for computers. Departments should contact CIS for all computing and telecommunications needs.

The University has determined that the Best Value for purchases below \$2,000.00 occurs from the most expedient supplier. The Procurement office will award purchases for less than \$2,000 to the vendor recommended by the Department.