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TO: Purchasing Directors, Agency and University Procurement Officers (APOs/CUPOs);  
State Procurement Staff

RE: Revised GPM Policy Changes Effective July 1, 2015

The State Purchasing Division is providing the Revised GPM Policy Supplement to  
announce all policy changes to the Georgia Procurement Manual (GPM) to be effective July  
1, 2015. This is an update to the supplement that was shared by State Purchasing during  
the webinars held in April.

An overview of the changes indicated on the attached supplement are provided below:

- Definitions for Minority, Small, GA Resident, and GA Resident Small Businesses are  
  now provided in the Introduction section of the manual
- Any reference to Sole Source Notices throughout the manual is now updated to include  
  the new process for posting a Consortia/Cooperative Purchase Notice
- Third-Party Consulting section provides additional clarification
- A new agreement form is required when using Third-Party Consultants: SPD-SP040  
  Consultant Confidentiality and Disclosure Agreement Form
- Added "Challenge to Consortia/Cooperative Purchase Notices" to the Types of  
  Challenges section
- Form numbers for the following are now changed to  
  SPD-NI007 Notice to Utilize Consortium Contract or Cooperative Purchase Agreement,  
  and SPD-PS021 Fast Track RFP Request for Approval

Additionally, the Checklist for Bid Posting Times and Protest Filings, SPD-SP014, is updated  
and attached for your information.

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