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Classification Description

PURCHASING AGENT, EXCEPT WHOLESALE, RETAIL, FARM PRODUCT SUPERVISOR

<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Pay Band</u>	<u>Alt Pay Band*</u>
Purchasing Agent, Xcpt Whls/Retail Supv.	C1023S	70	

**In accordance with SPB Rule 1.7.4.10 NMAC, the assignment to alternative pay bands shall be reviewed annually to determine their appropriateness.*

Purpose

Devotes a substantial portion of time assigning and directly supervising work of at least two (2) full time equivalent employees**, acting upon leave requests, conducting annual performance evaluations and recommending disciplinary actions. Interviewing and recommending selection of applicants and conducting training of personnel. Purchases machinery, equipment, tools, parts, supplies, or services necessary for the operation of an establishment. Purchases raw or semi-finished materials for manufacturing. Includes contract specialist, field contractor, purchaser, price analyst, tooling coordinator, and media buyer.

Nature of Work

The Purchasing Agent, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Product Supervisor devotes a substantial portion of time assigning and directly supervising work of at least two (2) full time equivalent employees and buys a vast array of farm products, durable and nondurable goods, and services for companies and institutions. They attempt to get the best deal for their company—the highest quality goods and services at the lowest possible cost. They accomplish this by studying sales records and inventory levels of current stock, identifying foreign and domestic suppliers, and keeping abreast of changes affecting both the supply of, and demand for, needed products and materials. The Purchasing professional considers price, quality, availability, reliability, and technical support when choosing suppliers and merchandise. To be effective, the purchasing professional must have a working technical knowledge of the goods or services to be purchased.

Distinguishing Characteristics

The omission of specific statements does not preclude management from assigning other duties which are reasonably within the scope of the duties.

- Devotes a substantial portion of time assigning and directly supervising work of at least two (2) permanent/full time employees. Acts upon leave requests, conducts annual performance evaluations and recommends disciplinary actions.
- Conducts training of personnel; may interview and recommend selection of applicants.
- Provides career coaching through mentoring and arranges for outside training opportunities when possible.
- Makes well-informed, effective, and timely decisions and perceives the impact and implications of those decisions.

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- Makes point of view in a clear and convincing manner.
- Listens effectively and clarifies information as needed.
- Identifies and analyzes problems; weighs relevance and accuracy of information; generates and evaluates alternative solutions; makes recommendations.
- Writes in a clear and concise manner.
- Develops networks and builds alliance; collaborates across boundaries to build strategic relationships and achieve common goals.
- Builds and manages workforce based on organizational goals, budget considerations, and staffing needs
- Ensures that employees are appropriately recruited, selected, and appraised; addresses performance issues.
- Keeps up to date on occupationally specific technological developments; makes effective use of technology to achieve results.
- Establishes quality control measures.
- Performs the full range of duties involved in the procurement or contract process and direct procurement/contracting operations within an agency or a major statewide procurement or contracting program.
- Employees may be responsible for the maintenance and replacement schedules of district, highway, and field equipment as well as facility buildings and equipment.

Recommended Education and Experience for Full Performance***

Bachelor's degree in Business or Accounting and Finance and four (4) years of experience in accounting, finance, purchasing, procurement or warehouse clerking, two (2) years of which must be supervisory.

Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's degree in Business or Accounting and Finance and two (2) years of experience in accounting, finance, purchasing, procurement and/or warehouse clerking. Any combination of education from an accredited college or university in a related field and/or direct experience in this occupation totaling six (6) years may substitute for the required education and experience.

Knowledge and Skills

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Knowledge

Leadership - Knowledge of leading through influence and persuasion by establishing mutual trust, respect, and loyalty, through shared beliefs, values, and goals; Being cognizant of subordinates' needs, goals, and aspirations, and to carefully consider these personal variables when making decisions.

Mathematics — Knowledge of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, calculus, statistics, and their applications.

Clerical — Knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records, stenography and transcription, designing forms, and other office procedures and terminology.

Administration and Management — Knowledge of business and management principles

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involved in strategic planning, resource allocation, human resources modeling, leadership technique, production methods, and coordination of people and resources.

Economics and Accounting — Knowledge of economic and accounting principles and practices, the financial markets, banking and the analysis and reporting of financial data.

English Language — Knowledge of the structure and content of the English language including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.

Production and Processing — Knowledge of raw materials, production processes, quality control, costs, and other techniques for maximizing the effective manufacture and distribution of goods.

Computers and Electronics — Knowledge of circuit boards, processors, chips, electronic equipment, and computer hardware and software, including applications and programming.

Skills

Leadership - Displaying attributes that makes employees willing to follow; applying effort to increase productiveness in areas needing the most improvement; establishing a spirit of cooperation and cohesion for achieving goals; making the right things happen on time; providing performance feedback, coaching, and career development to individuals to maximize their probability of success; giving subordinates the authority to get things accomplished in the most efficient and timely manner.

Speaking — Talking to others to convey information effectively.

Active Listening — Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.

Critical Thinking — Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.

Judgment and Decision Making — Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.

Monitoring — Monitoring/Assessing performance of yourself, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.

Negotiation — Bringing others together and trying to reconcile differences.

Reading Comprehension — Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents.

Active Learning — Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making.

Complex Problem Solving — Identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions.

Management of Financial Resources — Determining how money will be spent to get the work done, and accounting for these expenditures.

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Statutory Requirements: Subject to the Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, NMSA 1978 and NMAC 1.4.13, as applicable.

Conditions of Employment: Working Conditions for individual positions in this classification will vary based on each *agency's utilization, essential functions, and the recruitment needs* at the time a vacancy is posted. All requirements are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities.

Default FLSA Status: Exempt. FLSA status may be determined to be different at the agency level based on the agency's utilization of the position.

Bargaining Unit: N/A

Established: 04/27/2012 **Revised:**

***Means two (2) or any combination of full-time equivalent (FTE) status that equals at least two (2) regular or term status employees in non-temporary positions.*

****Adapted from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics and are intended to illustrate the typical education and experience required for this occupation. Not to be construed as minimum qualifications.*

Note: Classification description subject to change. Please refer to the SPO website www.spo.state.nm.us to ensure this represents the most current copy of the description.