

### **1H SBCCC 500.1 Noncertified Source Purchases**

- (a) Community colleges may purchase the same or substantially similar supplies, equipment, and materials from noncertified sources as provided in G.S. 115D-58.5(b) and G.S. 115D-58.14. “Noncertified sources” are defined as vendors that do not provide supplies, equipment, and materials through a State term contract. "Substantially similar" is defined as items having comparable, but not identical characteristics in terms of quality, service and performance as items available under State term contracts.
- (b) Each college shall submit to the System Office an annual report showing the number of purchases made from noncertified sources for supplies, equipment, or materials; the amount of funds expended for each purchase; and the amount of funds that would have been expended under the State term contract. When exercising the purchasing authority granted by G.S. 115D-58.14, each college shall also document the use of this authority on the purchase order.
- (c) The System Office shall monitor the use of noncertified source purchases and shall make an annual report to the State Board. The report shall include the number of noncertified source purchases made by the colleges and the amount of funds expended.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; 115D-20; 115D-58.14; S.L. 2009-132;*

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