

The S.C. Procurement Code ([Code](#)) changed on [May 13, 2019](#) with Interim Regulations published [August 23, 2019](#).

Useful information regarding these changes may be found at The State Fiscal Accountability Authority's Procurement Services [website](#) which includes posted [Webinars](#) for some of the changes to the Procurement Code for the following:

1. Sole Source and Emergency Procurements
2. Indefinite Quantity Contracts and Task Order Contracts
3. Bid Protests and FOIA Requests
4. Commercial Off the Shelf products and software
5. Small Purchase Procedures

Significant changes include mandatory advertisement in [SC Business Opportunities](#) of Sole Source and Emergency Procurements that exceed \$50,000.

In addition, with the Code change on May 13, 2019, the following applies to all contracts entered into by the State:

"Section 11-35-2050. Any term or condition in any contract entered into by the State that requires the State to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless another person, must be void ab initio, unless such term is expressly authorized by law. All contracts must be governed by South Carolina law. Without limiting the applicability of Section 11-35-4230, the exclusive venue for any dispute arising out of or related to any contract is in South Carolina. Any contract containing any terms or conditions inconsistent with any of the foregoing are otherwise enforceable as if it did not contain such term or condition."

No faculty, staff or student of Winthrop University shall sign a contract bidding the University unless such individual has been delegated, in writing, the authority to sign such agreements.

For planning purposes, please consider the additional procedures Winthrop University's Procurement Services may be required to follow regarding these changes.