## CITY OF STAMFORD PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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# City of Stamford Office of Administration Purchasing



#### Summary of the departments function



- Procure goods and services for all City departments, including capital purchasing for the Board of Education
- Ensure compliance with the City's Purchasing Ordinance and Federal and State procurement regulations.
  - Draft bid and RFP specifications and related documents to issue solicitations
  - Administer RFQ/RFP Selection Committee process
  - Review department requisitions for compliance with the Purchasing Ordinance; authorize and issue purchase orders
  - Award supplier contracts
  - Maintain a Citywide contracts and supplier database in Oracle
  - Process supplier additions and/or revisions for the City and the BOE
  - Prepare and submit reports as required by the Purchasing Ordinance

#### Department Trends



Purchasing – Trends					
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Purchase orders issued*	3,713	3,858	4,015	4,020	3,541
Total Amount	\$137,818,347	\$139,321,243	\$98,588,043	\$105,221,748	\$110,298,956
Competitive bids	87	51	72	68	65
Competitive proposals	34	29	38	44	33
Contracts/amendments based on CT State contracts;	422	445	400	420	70
miscellaneous & coops	132	115	100	129	73
GSA contracts	8	6	6	2	1
Contracts extended	72	164	135	160	176
Bid waivers processed (COS & WPCA)	132	143	211	204	146

<sup>\*</sup>Does not include requests to increase, decrease or cancel. Numbers restated from prior year reports to reflect only the number of purchase orders issued by the COS Purchasing.

#### Fiscal Year 2024-25



- Significant changes
  - No change in headcount; Buyer position will transition, as planned, to 100% City
  - No capital expense request
- New services
  - Maximize use of i.e. Oracle Next Generation Supplier Registration process
- No abandoned or curtailed services or programs proposed

#### Fiscal Year 2024-25 continued



- Key challenges
  - Filling the Contract Compliance Officer position
  - Completing the conversion to Oracle
    - Finalize Purchasing reports
    - Determine best use of deliverables in the agreement module
    - Provide Purchasing specific training for Oracle users
  - Managing the increased number of projects with State and Federal funding
  - Issuing solicitations with multiple funding sources

#### Fiscal Year 2023-24 highlights



- Transition to Oracle
- Issued solicitations for numerous school construction projects
  - Westhill High School
  - Roxbury
- On-going collaboration with the Grants Office on grant funded projects
  - ARP
- Solicitations as of March 2024
  - 52 bids
  - 38 RFQ/RFP
    - With one quarter to go on track for a record year!