**Section 1.7015 Inspections**

a) Inspection of Plant or Site

The State may enter a vendor's or subcontractor's plant or place of business to:

1) inspect supplies or services for acceptance by the State pursuant to the terms of a contract;

2) audit the books and records of any vendor or subcontractor pursuant to Section 1.7020 (Records and Audits) of this Part;

3) investigate an action to debar or suspend a person from consideration for award of contracts pursuant to the Code;

4) determine whether the standards of responsibility have been met or are capable of being met;

5) determine if the contract is being performed in accordance with its terms; and

6) accomplish any other purpose permitted by law.

b) Inspection and Testing of Supplies and Services

1) Solicitation and Contractual Provisions. State contracts may provide that the State may inspect supplies and services at the vendor's or subcontractor's facility and perform tests to determine whether the supplies or services conform to solicitation requirements, or, after award, to contract requirements, and are therefore acceptable. Such inspections and tests shall be conducted in accordance with the terms of the solicitation and contract.

2) Procedures for Trial Use and Testing. The Procurement Officers may establish operational procedures governing the testing and trial use of equipment, material, and other supplies by any State agency, and the application of resulting information and data to specifications or procurements.

c) Conduct of Inspections

1) Inspectors. Inspections or tests shall be performed so as not to unduly delay the work of the vendor or subcontractor. No inspector other than the Procurement Officer may change any provision of the specifications or the contract without written authorization of the Procurement Officer. The presence or absence of an inspector shall not relieve the vendor or subcontractor from any requirements of the contract.

2) Location. When an inspection is made in the plant or place of business of a vendor or subcontractor, such vendor or subcontractor shall provide without charge all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the person performing the inspection or testing.

3) Time. Inspection or testing of supplies and services performed at the plant or place of business of any vendor or subcontractor shall be performed at reasonable times.

d) Inspection of Construction Projects

On-site inspection of construction shall be performed in accordance with the terms of the contract.