**Section 8.1040 Central Procurement Authority of the CPO**

a) Procurement Requests

CDB must initiate the procurement process through submission of a procurement request to the CPO. The CPO shall designate the format and requirements for submission. Should a PCM request review of a contract before final execution, CDB shall not execute the contract until approved by the SPO after consultation with the PCM and CDB.

b) Chief Procurement Officer's Authority to Reject

When the CPO, after consultation with CDB, decides that processing the requested procurement is clearly not in the best interest of the State, or that further review is needed, the CPO shall return the procurement request to CDB. A written statement of the reasons for its return shall accompany the returned request.

c) Determination of Contractual Terms and Conditions

The CPO or SPO has authority to approve the terms and conditions of solicitations and contracts. The CPO will consult with CDB if CDB requests special terms and conditions.