**Section 1600.2043 Suppliers**

a) The OLG may contract with any qualified source of supply, but should give preference to Directed Sources, and should consider the following Special Sources.

b) Directed Sources − State-Produced Supplies or Services

1) Correctional Industries. The CPO, after consulting with the Department of Corrections, shall determine the type and extent of the preference OLG shall give to supplies produced or services performed by Correctional Industries. Factors to be considered in determining the preference include, but are not limited to, the ability of Correctional Industries to meet the OLG's requirements, the price charged and the reason for the Correctional Industries program.

2) Central Services. Supplies and services available from the program operations of CMS shall be utilized unless the CPO authorizes procurement from other sources.

c) Special Sources

1) Prior to any equipment procurement, the OLG will consider property available from the State and Federal Surplus Warehouses, which are under the jurisdiction of CMS.

2) Various supplies and services are available from qualified workshops for the disabled and procurement from these workshops is encouraged. Notice and competition is not required pursuant to Section 45-35 of the Code.

3) Various supplies and services are available from State agencies and other governmental units. These may be procured without notice and competition.