**Section 2000.2043 Suppliers**

a) The Procurement Officer may contract with any qualified source of supply, but must procure from the Directed Sources except as permitted by those sources, and must 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 given 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 State'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 the Department of Central Management Services shall be utilized whenever possible.

c) Special Sources

1) Prior to any equipment procurement, the SOS may consider property available from the State and Federal Surplus Warehouses, which are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Central Management Services. The State Property Control Act [30 ILCS 605/7a] requires that surplus furniture be considered before any purchase of new furniture valued at $500 or more per piece.

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. Information regarding the workshops is available from DCMS.

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