

**Tennessee State Fair and Exposition Commission
Procurement Methods Policy and Procedures**

Adopted: Date

1. Purpose.

To establish a policy and procedure concerning procurement methods used by the Tennessee State Fair and Exposition Commission when procuring goods and services that ensures fairness, transparency and the maximum amount of competition for Commission contracts.

2. Scope.

This policy applies to all procurements and resulting contracts as allowed by statute or rule.

3. General.

The Tennessee State Fair and Exposition Commission was created in 2012 by the “Tennessee State Fair and Exposition Act” at T. C. A. § 4-57-101 et seq. as being the ‘sole body in Tennessee charged with administering a state fair and exposition.” T. C.A. § 4-57-102. Included in the Commission’s enumerated powers at T. C.A. § 4-57-105 is the power and authority to contract with a Tennessee not-for profit corporation for the purpose of operating, managing and conducting at least one (1) fair or exposition annually, under the supervision of the commission; to enter into any contracts necessary to perform the Commission’s purpose; to maintain and manage property for Commission purposes; to accept conveyances of property for the purpose of conducting fairs; and to sell property under Commission management subject to state building commission approval.

As the sole body authorized to contract for the operation and management of an annual state fair, the Commission is not subject to the state contract procurement process; however, it is the Commission’s intent that its contracts be made consistent with the intent of state contract procurement requirements; and, hereby adopts as Commission policy any pertinent rules or policies of the state Central Procurement Office that may be applicable to the Commission’s contract procurement process.