

May 3, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

The private, nonprofit institutions of higher education chartered in Tennessee pursuant to *TCA 12-3-101, et seq. Exempt agencies and purchases – [Amended effective October 1, 2011. See the Compiler's Notes.]* are authorized to purchase from and contract for the purchase of any materials, supplies and equipment and services through the department of general services. The private nonprofit institutions of higher education chartered in Tennessee include but may not be limited to:

Aquinas College	Freed-Hardeman University	Maryville College	Tennessee Wesleyan University
Baptist College of Health Sciences	Johnson University	Meharry Medical College	Trevecca Nazarene University
Belmont University	King University	Memphis College of Art	Tusculum College
Bethel University	Lane College	Middle TN School of Anesthesia	Union University
Bryan College	Lee University	Milligan College	Vanderbilt University
Carson-Newman University	LeMoyne-Owen College	Rhodes College	Watkins College of Art, Design & Film
Christian Brothers University	Lincoln Memorial University	Sewanee: The University of the South	Welch College
Cumberland University	Lipscomb University	Southern Adventist University	
Fisk University	Martin Methodist University	Southern College of Optometry	

For the purposes outlined in *TCA 12-3-101, et seq.*, the aforementioned private, nonprofit institutions of higher education chartered in Tennessee should be considered by any vendor contracting with the State of Tennessee to provide materials, supplies and equipment and services as a state entity.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Perry  
Chief Procurement Officer