

of a single purchase and of a single contract. In applying this provision to the purchase of office supplies, separate purchases of supplies by an individual department are not considered to be part of a single purchase and single contract by the county if a specific intent to avoid the requirements of this subchapter is not present.

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 1, § 57(a), eff. Aug. 28, 1989; Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 1250, § 9, eff. Sept. 1, 1989; Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 16, § 13.02(b), eff. Aug. 26, 1991; Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 757, § 13, 38, eff. Sept. 1, 1993; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 442, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1997; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 505, § 2, eff. Sept. 1, 1999; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 436, § 4, eff. May 28, 2001; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1063, § 2, eff. Sept. 1, 2001; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1409, § 4, eff. Sept. 1, 2001; Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, § 12.004, eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

§ 262.0235. PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY COUNTY PURCHASING AGENTS FOR ELECTRONIC BIDS OR PROPOSALS. The county purchasing agent, before receiving electronic bids or proposals, shall adopt rules in conformance with Section 262.011(o) to ensure the identification, security, and confidentiality of electronic bids or proposals.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1063, § 3, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

§ 262.024. DISCRETIONARY EXEMPTIONS. (a) A contract for the purchase of any of the following items is exempt from the requirement established by Section 262.023 if the commissioners court by order grants the exemption:

(1) an item that must be purchased in a case of public calamity if it is necessary to make the purchase promptly to relieve the necessity of the citizens or to preserve the property of the county;

(2) an item necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the county;

(3) an item necessary because of unforeseen damage to public property;

(4) a personal or professional service;

(5) any individual work performed and paid for by the day, as the work progresses, provided that no individual is compensated under this subsection for more than 20 working days in any three month period;

(6) any land or right-of-way;

(7) an item that can be obtained from only one source, including:

(A) items for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes,