
PROCUREMENT AND VENDOR MANAGEMENT

The California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) purchases a wide variety of goods and services through its centralized Procurement and Vendor Management Group (PVMG). CAISO is a California non profit public benefit corporation and emphasizes good business practices in all procurement activities. PVMG ensures that all purchases made are in compliance with the Procurement Standards and other policies of CAISO.

Purpose

PVMG's purpose is to provide corporate support in procuring goods and services through an effective process for selecting vendors and managing costs. PVMG is the primary interface for selecting and managing VARs (Value Added Resellers) and leasing companies where these relationships assist CAISO to effectively manage its buying power. PVMG issues all corporate Purchase Orders and is the focal point for all commercial contracting.

Mission

Strategically source and implement procurement solutions to optimize investments and efficiency in use of purchased goods and services while maximizing business value for the company through business risk analysis, contract structuring, fiscal guidance, and management of vendor relationships.

Department Objectives

- Reduce business and legal risks
- Provide maximum legal protections
- Minimize costs while supporting the business needs within CAISO
- Enhance communication across divisional boundaries
- Ensure proper signing authority
- Provide tracking method and audit trail for each commercial contract
- Contract administration to monitor vendor and CAISO performance

Goods and Services

The following are examples of Goods and Services that CAISO procures.

Goods:

- Computers and Computer Supplies
- Electrical and Power Supplies
- Facilities Supplies
- Office Supplies and Equipment
- Advertising and Promotional products
- Signage
- Safety and First Aid Supplies
- Hardware and hardware maintenance and support services
- Software and software maintenance and support services
- Telecommunication supplies

Services:

- Accounting/Audit

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- Catering
 - Cleaning and Janitorial
 - Consulting Services
 - Landscaping Services
 - Security
 - Shredding Services
 - Staff Augmentation Services
 - Training
 - Travel