



Start Planning Now for Next Fiscal Year

FY27 Purchasing Deadlines

For products and services needed for FY27 please see the deadlines below and plan ahead now. For FY27 purchases you will need an FY27 Banner Requisition. **To create an FY27 Requisition, the transaction date field in Banner must be manually changed to July 1, 2026 at the time of Requisition entry.** When submitting any emails to Purchasing, **please include the related Requisition number in the Subject line of all correspondence.**

**ALL DEADLINES ON THIS NOTICE APPLY TO PRODUCTS, SERVICES, AND CONTRACTS THAT WILL BE NEEDED AT THE BEGINNING OF FY27
(SPECIFICALLY JULY 1, 2026 – AUG 31, 2026)**

ANNUAL BIDS / PUBLIC WORKS BIDS:

Existing Bids- Deadline March 27:

(Purchasing will email each department a list of their current annual bids by March 13)

- If Renewing – Submit FY27 Banner Requisition
- If Rebidding – Provide [Shakeya Bennett](#) or [Chelsea Carter](#) with Specifications, vendor list and FY27 Banner Requisition.
- If Cancelling Entirely – Email [Shakeya Bennett](#) or [Chelsea Carter](#) to inform them that the services will not be needed for FY27.

New Bids - Deadline May 1:

- For a New Bid – Send Specifications, vendor list and FY27 Banner Requisition number to [Shakeya Bennett](#) or [Chelsea Carter](#).

CONTRACTS ([PPCS](#))/ LEASES:

Existing Contracts / Leases- Deadline April 15:

(Purchasing will email each department a list of their annual contracts by March 13)

- If Renewing a contract which is scheduled to expire in July or Aug 2026 – Confirm current contract has available renewal terms. If so, submit FY27 Banner Requisition.
- If Terminating or opting not to Renew a contract which is scheduled to expire in July or Aug 2026 – email [Beverly Word](#) or [Cheri Perkins](#) of your department's desire to discontinue services. They will review the contract and provide guidance as needed.

New Contracts / New Leases- Deadline April 15*:

- *Deadline Exception – [PPCS](#) contracts using the less than \$2k template will have a deadline of May 29.
- For a New Contract or Lease which needs to be effective by July or Aug 2026 – send [Beverly Word](#) or [Cheri Perkins](#) the draft contract and supporting documents for review along with your FY27 Banner Requisition number.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY "I.T." CONTRACTS - (HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, MAINTENANCE, CLOUD SERVICES, ETC.):

Existing I.T. Contracts- Deadline April 15:

(Purchasing will email each department a list of their annual contracts by March 13)

- If Renewing a contract which is scheduled to expire in July or Aug 2026 – Confirm current contract has available renewal terms. If so, submit FY27 Banner Requisition.
- If Terminating or opting to not Renew a contract which is scheduled to expire in July or Aug 2026 –email [Beverly Word](#) or [Cheri Perkins](#) of your department’s desire to discontinue services. They will review the contract and provide guidance as needed.

New I.T. Contracts- Deadline April 15:

- For a New Contract which needs to be effective by July or Aug 2026 – send [Beverly Word](#) or [Cheri Perkins](#) the draft contract and supporting documents for review along with your FY27 Banner Requisition number. Please also include the approval to proceed that has been provided to you by [Information Technology](#).

COPIERS:

Renewal- Deadline May 15:

- If Renewing – Submit FY27 Banner Requisition with the serial number on the Req.

New Copier- Deadline May 29:

- For New Copiers - Contact [Shakeya Bennett](#) for details and to obtain the serial number which should be included on the FY27 Banner Requisition.

GENERAL PROCUREMENT & SMALL PURCHASES:

Deadlines for General Procurement & Small Purchases will be based on the expense amount and the Requester must provide [Chelsea Carter](#) with Specifications/Quote, vendor list and FY27 Banner Requisition: (I.T. Quotes should be obtained directly from ULM [Information Technology](#) and forwarded to Purchasing. This includes quotes for computers, classroom AV, network devices, etc.)

- \$30,000+ - Deadline May 1
- <\$30,000 - Deadline May 29

For any existing FY26 PO’s that need to be rolled over to FY27, please email [Crystal Landis](#) and make her aware prior to June 30, 2026. (Please note: PO’s with an 11000 fund number cannot be rolled over).

Special thanks from your ULM Purchasing Team!

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To ensure your department has the necessary products and services for FY27, please strictly adhere to the deadlines provided. Requisitions will be processed in the order all required documents are received.