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TO: UT System Chief Business Officers

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SUBJECT: Revisions to the 2021 Procurement Directive Update

On March 8, 2021, former Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Scott Kelley issued updated procurement directives regarding the way UT institutions process Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) procurements. Today, I am providing the following revision and clarification on one item addressed in that memo.

Upon further review of UT System's requirement for an institution to obtain a minimum of three valid proposals (or two, if there are only two firms in the category) from contracted suppliers of goods and services at accredited GPOs with multiple contract awards will <u>no</u> longer apply to a procurement that is primarily of goods (e.g., software license and associated maintenance).

UT System's requirement to obtain a minimum of three valid proposals (or two, if there are only two firms in the category) will continue to apply when the UT institution is procuring primarily services containing a Scope of Work (SOW) (e.g., consulting services) in order to identify "best value" remains valid.

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cc: UT System Chief Procurement Officers