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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Branch Divisions, Departments, and Programs

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SUBJECT: New Procurement Regulations in Effect

On October 2, 2026 the new Navajo Nation Procurement Regulations (“2026 Regulations”) and Procurement Act became effective. All procurements initiated **on or after October 2, 2026** must follow the 2026 Regulations.

A procurement’s initiation date is determined as follows:

- 1) For competitive procurements, such Invitations for Bid and Request for Proposals, the initiation date is the date of public notice, e.g., the day the solicitation was posted on a public website or published in a newspaper.
- 2) For small purchase procurements, the initiation date is the date a written request for a quote is transmitted, e.g., the day an email was sent requesting a quote from a vendor.
- 3) For non-competitive procurements, the initiation date is the date of the written concurrence provided by the required parties.

All procurements initiated **on or before September 30, 2026**, may continue to follow the process provided in the 2023 Procurement Act and its Regulations (“2023 Act and Regulations”). This includes:

- 1) Procurements where the solicitation has already been *issued* through public notice or by seeking quotes on or before September 30, 2026, even if no contract award has been made; and
- 2) Procurements where an appropriate justification memo *received written concurrence* by the required parties in the 2023 Act and Regulations on or before September 20, 2026, even if the contract has not been executed.