



## *University Process Improvement Uniform Guidance – Micro-purchases*

Review the Uniform Guidance Procurement Standards in order to meet the revised federal regulations by July 1st which requires bids for micro-purchases over \$3500. The current limit for all other University purchases is \$10,000. Identify updates that may be needed for procedural documents, websites and request any system changes for Jaggaer (formerly SciQuest) or Banner.

### **Investigation:**

- 114 invoices paid from federal grants that are between \$3,500 and \$10,000.
- NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act) Statute released in December 2017 and signed by President Trump indicates that microphases made by higher education sets the max to \$10,000 from \$3,000.
- OMB81 Omniscircular hasn't been updated to reflect the NDAA statute changes. However, NDAA statute overrides OMB guidance.
- TBR and other Tennessee institutions plan to remain at the \$10,000 threshold.

### **Outcome:**

- Gil Tran, Senior Policy Analyst for Office of Management and Budget stated that the micro-purchase threshold is \$10,000 for Higher Education institutions. Provided a source document from the NDAA section 217 which overrides the guidance in OMB 81

### **Recommendation:**

- Remain at the current micro-purchase threshold of \$10,000 as allowed by the NDAA Statute released in December 2017. No change would be required to current policy or procedures.