

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1998 SESSION

CHAPTER 536

An Act to amend and reenact § 2.1-440.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Division of Purchases and Supply; procurement of computer equipment.

[H 1009]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.1-440.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.1-440.1. Procurement of computer equipment to be based on performance specifications.

Should any agency or institution elect to procure personal computers and related peripheral equipment pursuant to any type of blanket purchasing arrangement under which public bodies, as defined in § 11-37, may purchase such goods from any vendor following competitive procurement but without the conduct of an individual procurement by or for the using agency or institution, it shall establish, with the cooperation of the Department of Information Technology, performance-based specifications for the selection of ~~brand name~~ equipment. *Such performance-based specifications shall include (i) vendor stability, service, and support; (ii) appropriate specifications regarding a vendor's warranties, network compatibility, performance, and when available, mean time between failure ratings; and (iii) a vendor's formal quality assurance program drafted in accordance with nationally or internationally recognized standards. However, no certification by a private organization that the personal computer meets such national or international standards shall be required. Any ~~brand of~~ equipment which meets such specifications shall be added to the solicitation for the blanket purchase arrangement at the request of any ~~responsible~~ potential bidder or offeror.*