



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIES**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Local Government Procurement

PURPOSE: To examine efforts to improve transparency, fairness, and efficiency around current local government commodity procurement laws and the role of emerging technology in achieving such goals

Wednesday
November 12, 2025
10 a.m.
Legislative Office Building, Hearing Room C
Albany, New York 12248

ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY

Each year, local governments across New York State spend billions of dollars to procure a wide variety of goods, from office supplies to life-saving emergency equipment. State laws governing municipal procurement generally require purchase contracts above \$20,000 to be competitively bid and awarded to the “lowest responsible bidder” or the bidder that represents the “best value” according to certain procurement criteria. As municipalities continue to navigate an evolving economic landscape, there have been calls for additional flexibility, transparency, and fairness throughout the procurement process, as well as questions concerning how technology may be better utilized to achieve these goals. The purpose of this hearing is to examine current state laws governing local government commodity procurement to determine what, if any, changes are needed to make the commodity procurement process more transparent, fair, and efficient, and what role, if any, emerging technology should play in these efforts.

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