

**01 NCAC 05B .0203 DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIFICATIONS**

(a) A standard specification is intended for general use, applicable insofar as practicable to the needs of agencies and kept current by the Division of Purchase and Contract. In formulating such a specification, advisory committees made up of personnel from various agencies and the private sector may be employed for advice and assistance. This type of specification may be offered also for the review and comments of manufacturers and suppliers who may participate in future bidding on the items in question.

(b) North Carolina's purchasing program shall be built on the principle of competition. Purchasers shall seek competitive offers, except as may be permitted by statute or rule, from qualified and responsible sources of supply. Where competition is available, every purchaser shall use/write specifications and requirements that are reasonable to satisfy the need, but not unduly restrictive, which shall encourage competition in the open market and result in the best possible contract for the commodity, printing or service needed.

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