

# **ELIGIBILITY AS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY TO PARTICIPATE IN OGS CENTRALIZED CONTRACTING PROGRAM**

Sections 100 and 104 of the General Municipal Law, as amended, allow certain New York **fire companies** to make purchases through the State's Office of General Services. For your information, these laws provide as follows:

100. Definitions. (2) "Fire Company" means:

- a. A volunteer fire company of a county, city, town, village or fire district fire department, whether or not any such company has been incorporated under any general or special law.
- b. A fire corporation the members of which are volunteer firemen and which was incorporated under or is subject to the provisions of section fourteen hundred two of the not-for-profit corporation law, which is not included within paragraph a above, if such corporation is by law under the general control of, or recognized as a fire corporation by, the governing board of a city, town, village or fire district, or
- c. A fire corporation the members of which are volunteer firemen and which was incorporated under, or established pursuant to the provisions of, any general or special law, which is not included within paragraphs a and b above, if such corporation is by law under the general control of, or recognized as a fire corporation by, the governing board of a city, town, village fire district or district corporation other than a fire district.

104. Purchases through office of general services. Notwithstanding the provisions of section one hundred three of this chapter or of any other general, special or local law, any officer, board or agency of a ... fire company authorized to make purchases of materials, equipment, food products or supplies, or services available pursuant to section one hundred sixty-one of the state finance law, may make such purchases, except of printed material, through the office of general services subject to such rules as may be established from time to time pursuant to section one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law or through the general services administration pursuant to section 1555 of the federal acquisition streamlining act of 1994, P.L. 103-355; provided that any such purchase shall exceed five hundred dollars and that the ...fire company for which such officer, board or agency acts shall accept sole responsibility for any payment due the vendor. All purchases shall be subject to audit and inspection by the ...fire company for which made. No officer, board or agency of a .... fire company shall make any purchase through such office when bids have been received for such purchase ... unless such purchase may be made upon the same terms, conditions and specifications at a lower price through such office. Two or more ... fire company may join in making purchases pursuant to this section, and for the purposes of this section such groups shall be deemed " ... fire company."

Qualifying entities interested in participating in this program must submit the required [Certification of Qualification form](#) together with their mailing list application.