

# PURCHASING NOTES

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## Fleet Manager Certification Program

Classes are scheduled for January 15, 17, 29, 31. After the initial training courses, training will be offered monthly on February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11.

Participants would attend an 8-hour, competency-based training program in which users responsible for vehicle management demonstrate that they have the knowledge and ability to enter vehicle data into MAGIC correctly. Registration is now open in LSO.

The Bureau of Fleet Management must evaluate vehicle acquisition /use/disposal plans on a yearly basis. Please ensure your agency has completed and submitted your agency's 2019 plan to the Bureau of Fleet Management , to comply with the law.

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# Featured Contract: Automotive Batteries

The Automotive Batteries contract will go live February 1, 2019. The contract vendor will be Battery Sales and Service. The MAGIC contract # is 8200043547 and the Smart Contract # is 1130-19-C-SWCT-00206.

Section 3.2 of the Automotive Batteries contract contains the following language:

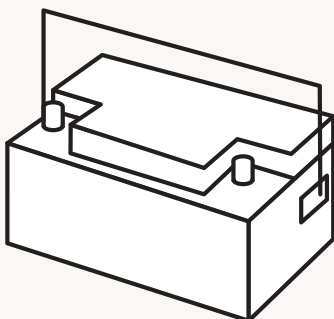
State agencies should follow normal purchasing procedures for a battery B.C.I. Group that is not listed in this catalog. The minimum order quantity is two (2) batteries. State agencies purchasing only one (1) battery will not be required to buy from the contract vendor. The contract vendor may honor the price for orders of less than two (2) batteries.

For clarification purposes, the intent of this section to allow state agencies to purchase 1 battery from a source other than the state contract vendor was to be used in an emergency type situation. For instance, the vehicle is out of town and the battery goes dead, the agency could purchase 1 battery to allow the vehicle to return to its home location. We would encourage you to contact the state contract vendor in all instances as they might be able to get you the battery in a timely manner.

Batteries can be found on several state contracts. If your agency needs to purchase AA, AAA, C, D, or 9 Volt batteries, they can be found at a discount on the following state contracts:

Industrial Equipment and Supplies  
Office Supplies

Batteries can also be purchased from the contract vendor for the Automotive Battery contract.





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



**\*\*\* Chevrolet Police Pursuit Tahoe has been removed from state contract due to the following \*\*\*:**

The Bureau of Fleet Management has been notified by General Motors that the Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle failed to complete testing at both the LASD and MSP testing due to overheating issues. “Per General Motors Engineering, this condition has only been experienced after an extended period of aggressive driving. If your vehicle experiences this condition, take the vehicle to a Chevrolet dealership for service. A Technical Service Bulletin (TSB) for repair of this condition will be released upon final resolution. We will update the electronic posting on our website with the TSB information once received.”



# Certified Mississippi Purchasing Agent

Upcoming Course Dates

**January 22-24, 2019**



NEXT CLASS

**MARCH 26-28, 2019**



If you are interested in taking the CMPA course, please visit the link: <http://www.dfa.ms.gov/dfa-offices/purchasing-travel-and-fleet-management/bureau-of-marketing-travel-and-card-programs/cmpa-training/> for detailed instructions.

# Office of Purchasing, Travel & Fleet Announcements

Congratulations to the new Director of, the  
Bureau of Marketing, Travel and Card



Programs  
Steve Tucker!

## PPRB

### PPRB Meeting Date

- January 9, 2019 9:00 a.m.
- February 6, 2019 9:00 a.m.
- March 6, 2019 9:00 a.m.
- April 3, 2019 9:00 a.m.
- May 1, 2019 9:00 a.m.
- June 5, 2019 9:00 a.m.
- July 10, 2019 9:00 a.m.
- August 7, 2019 9:00 a.m.
- September 4, 2019 9:00 a.m.
- October 2, 2019 9:00 a.m.
- November 6, 2019 9:00 a.m.
- December 4, 2019 9:00 a.m.

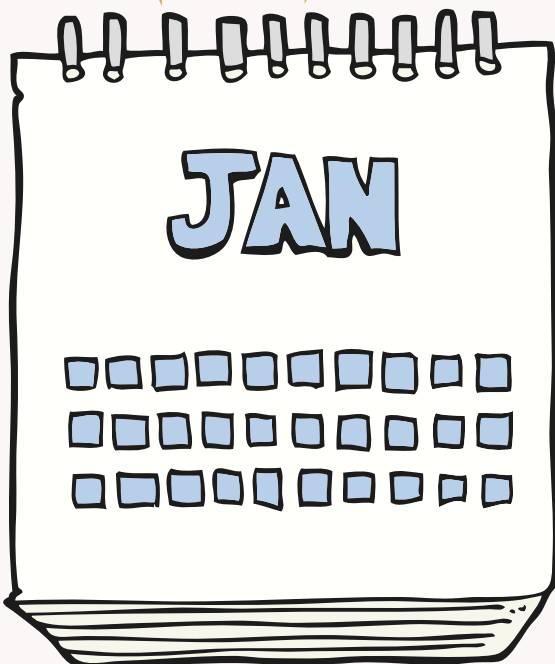
### Submission Deadlines

- December 5, 2018
- January 9, 2019
- February 6, 2019
- March 6, 2019
- April 3, 2019
- May 1, 2019
- June 5, 2019
- July 10, 2019
- August 7, 2019
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*New Year*



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