

NSCS Information Security Standard 10: Information Technology Acquisition

In accordance with Board Policy 8064, employees must consult with the applicable College CIO or the NSCS SOISO before developing, purchasing or contracting for products, services, and/or consulting with Information Technology components or implications for data or security. This includes but is not limited to cloud services (governed by Standard 13), communication systems, information storage and processing systems, software systems, physical facilities related to such systems and contractual relationships with vendors of such systems and services. In addition, the NSCS SOISO and the CIOs have oversight and coordination responsibility for IT systems and services.

Acquisitions covered by this Standard shall be coordinated within the System Office or College by the SOISO or the CIO. IT shall be consulted with adequate time for proper requirements and security analysis prior to acquisition and implementation. The System Office or College may establish its own procedures to implement this Standard. IT procurement authority is centralized and controlled by the SOISO or the CIO to:

- Protect the NSCS investments by recommending appropriate products compatible with existing systems with a reasonable life span.
- Improving services and support by reducing the number of redundant/disparate solutions.
- Leverage buying power and create efficiencies through system-wide or State contracted purchases.
- Standardize security support.
- Ensure that appropriate maintenance processes are in place.

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