POLICY:

This policy corresponds to information also referenced in AHC-IS #3001 Desktop Support Policy. The intention of this policy is to:

1. Document purchasing services for those areas supported by AHC-IS.
2. Ensure AHC computer hardware and software standards and license agreements are followed.
3. Ensure all security measures are implemented prior to use of computer hardware.
4. Ensure documentation exists for all warranty and return activities.

PROCEDURE:

Please see new Policy #3038 for procedure on submitting Request for Purchase web form.

AHC-IS provides purchasing services for all supported customers / offices / areas. This service includes the following components:

- A standard desktop or laptop computer configuration will be available for a “shorter” delivery lead time. This configuration is designed to meet typical computer needs for typical tasks within the AHC.
- AHC-IS will also customize a computer configuration to meet specific needs. AHC-IS will assemble a proposal / quote of recommended hardware components along with associated costs for customer review prior to placing any orders.
- Upon AHC-IS receiving approval from the customer / office / area, AHC-IS will place the necessary order(s) for hardware or software. The customer will be required to provide an appropriate EFS string for the order(s).
- All purchase orders are placed via PeopleSoft with approvals supported through an agreed upon process established between AHC-IS and the customer / office / area.
- All hardware orders will be delivered to the AHC-IS computer set-up area.
- The AHC Finance Cluster will process all payments of invoices.
- Pertinent information about the hardware and software will be entered into AHC-IS desktop management database (ITASCA).
- AHC-IS will un-box hardware, install all necessary software, security profiles, and network configurations per University and AHC-IS standards.
- AHC-IS will then contact the customer / office / area to schedule time for installation.

AHC-IS Responsibilities

- AHC-IS will continually work with vendors to secure the best quality products at the lowest prices.
- AHC-IS will research new products as they are introduced to the market so configurations are continually updated and the customer receives up-to-date technology.
- AHC-IS will make every effort to minimize order and installation lead-time so customers receive new hardware and software ASAP.
- AHC-IS will stay current on evolving security threats and ensure all new equipment has the most current security patches, anti-virus software, and network configurations.
- AHC-IS will install only legally licensed software on the computers guarantying compliance with University license agreements.
**Departmental Responsibilities to AHC-IS**

- AHC-IS requires that supported customers / offices / areas not order computer hardware or software, this process is the responsibility and a service provided by AHC-IS.

- If supported customers / offices / areas have inadvertently ordered and taken delivery of computer hardware or software, they should visit [http://forms.ahc.umn.edu](http://forms.ahc.umn.edu) and/or call the help desk at #626-5100 to request setup and configuration assistance. AHC-IS will try and fit these requests into the installation queue with the understanding that those orders that were processed according to policy will have priority. If equipment does not meet current standards, AHC-IS will not set up or install the equipment.

- No computer equipment should be connected to the University network without first being configured and secured by AHC-IS. Violation of this point can introduce significant security vulnerabilities not only to the immediate hardware but to all equipment connected to the University network.