



# Authorization to Delegate Contracting Officer Authority

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# Procurement Laws and Regulations

Texas Transportation Code Section 452.106(a)(2)(A) authorizes DART's Board of Directors to adopt and enforce procurement rules

Texas Transportation Code Section 452.108(b) authorizes DART's Board of Directors to delegate to designated persons the authority to contract for procurement items

The DART Procurement Regulations authorizes DART's CEO, with the approval of the Board of Directors, to delegate designated persons the authority to purchase procurement items

# What is Contracting Officer Authority?

- This grants authority to Contracting Officers to award contracts, execute contract modifications, and enter other types of similar agreements on behalf of DART as permitted under the DART Procurement Regulations (DPR) and policies (DPR Section 2-100 - Authority and Responsibility)
- Contract Officers may, under supervision, and up to their designated limits, also approve payments, initiate work orders, convey or imply obligations, or give direction to a contractor on DART's behalf to procure property (other than real property), materials, services, or construction (Contract Administration Policy 1-1)
  - An Assistant Vice President, under supervision of the Vice President, must conform to all requirements in the DPR and procurement policies

# **Delegate Contracting Officer Authority**

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# Thank you



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