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Electric Vehicle Procurement

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is pleased to share information about a recent legislative update to M.G.L. c. 30B (Chapter 30B) regarding the opportunity to conduct a single procurement for electric vehicles and associated charging infrastructure under Chapter 30B.

The recently enacted Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2024 includes a change to Section 23 of Chapter 30B that will make it easier for cities, towns, and school districts to purchase electric vehicles and install charging stations in either a single procurement or separate procurements.

This new Section 23 of Chapter 30B marks a significant change: until now, cities, towns, and school districts procuring electric vehicles and charging infrastructure have had to conduct separate procurements under different statutes. The new law simplifies the procurement process, making it possible for cities, towns, and school districts to purchase electric vehicles and charging stations together in one open, fair, and competitive procurement. This new option provides the opportunity to better control timing, coordinate funding, and address supply chain issues.

What else does this mean? If you purchase electric vehicles or charging stations under Chapter 30B, you can:

- Use a non-price-based selection process
- Use a cooperative contract without a price threshold
- Increase the final contract amount up to 25% of the total contract price rather than issuing a new procurement, if the increase is necessary and justified.

The new Section 23 incorporates elements of a public construction contract for governmental bodies for the installation of charging infrastructure. Accordingly, cities, towns, and school districts will need to adhere to the standard public construction requirements for labor harmony certification, OSHA training certification, prevailing wage, and bonding. The OIG will be publishing more detailed guidance about these revisions to Chapter 30B. The OIG will also keep you informed about any future updates to Chapter 30B.

Please contact the OIG's Public Procurement Technical Support Team with questions about amendments to Chapter 30B or for technical assistance by emailing OIGProcurementSupport@mass.gov or calling our technical assistance line at (617) 722-8838.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence in public procurement.

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