

RE: Request for Micropurchase Exemption - LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans

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EXTERNAL EMAIL: EVALUATE

Dear Mr. Parker,

I am writing this e-mail in response to your e-mail dated June 29, 2018 and letter dated June 22, 2018, which both request that the Louisiana State University be allowed to retain their micro-purchase threshold at \$25,000 which is in accordance to section 5(A)(25) of the Louisiana Governor's Executive Order.

I am hereby approving your request; effective immediately. As I am responding as expeditiously as possible, there will not be another correspondence sent to you regarding this approval. Therefore, please retain this e-mail approval as your official response for your records. Please contact me if you require further assistance.

Sincerely,
Andrea L. Brandon

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Please see attached request

Rob Parker
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June 22, 2018

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Re: Request for Micro-Purchase Exemption – LSU Health Sciences Center

Dear Ms. Brandon,

Per the process outlined in OMB memorandum M-18-8, the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center requests that the micro-purchase threshold be raised to \$25,000 to be consistent with Louisiana State law. Scientific research is one of the primary missions of the Health Sciences center, and in recognition of that, the Governor's Executive Order defining Small Purchase Procedures (currently JBE 2018-18) outlines the following exemption in Section 5(A)(25):

Section 5: The following items are considered small purchases and may be procured in the following manner:

- A. No competitive process is required for the following items:
 - 25. Scientific and laboratory supplies and equipment when procured by colleges and university for laboratory or scientific research not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per transaction

This exemption has proven to be critical in ensuring continuity and consistency of scientific research results and avoiding the introduction of unnecessary variability into the process. We respectfully request that the micro-purchase threshold be raised to \$25,000 to match this exemption and be consistent with State law.

Regards,



Rob Parker
Director of Purchasing
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