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FROM: Lisa Eason, Deputy Commissioner, DOAS
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TO: State of Georgia Procurement Professionals
RE: **Amazon Seller Screening Features**

The Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) State Purchasing Division (SPD) is announcing its adoption of screening features for Amazon sellers to be **effective Monday, August 17, 2020**. Through Amazon's screening process, the State of Georgia's centralized Prime Membership account will no longer be able to source items from any sellers that (1) have not enrolled in the tax-exempt program or (2) have been deemed as ineligible by a federal government entity.

- **Tax Exempt Program:** All sellers that wish to conduct transactions with a state government entity must enroll in Amazon's tax exempt program (ATEP), which prevents taxes from being charged to the online transactions. Sellers that have not enrolled in Amazon's tax exempt program will be blocked from purchases in the State of Georgia's account **effective August 17, 2020**.
 - The buyer will receive the following message if selecting a non-participating seller: ***"This seller is blocked because they are not currently participating in Amazon's Tax Exemption Program."***
 - Sellers interested in joining Amazon's tax exempt program may learn more by visiting Amazon.com, Help and Customer Service and search for "ATEP". Any seller questions regarding this program should be submitted directly to Amazon. SPD does not maintain this program.

- **Declared Ineligible by Federal Government Entity:** All sellers that have been declared ineligible by a federal government entity and are prohibited from doing business with the federal government will be blocked from purchases in the State of Georgia's account **effective August 17, 2020**.
 - The buyer will receive the following message if selecting an ineligible seller: ***"This seller is on the Federal debarred/suspended/ineligible list and blocked from use by State entities."***
 - Any Amazon seller disputing designation as an ineligible supplier must contact Amazon or the federal government entity, as applicable. SPD does not maintain this program.

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