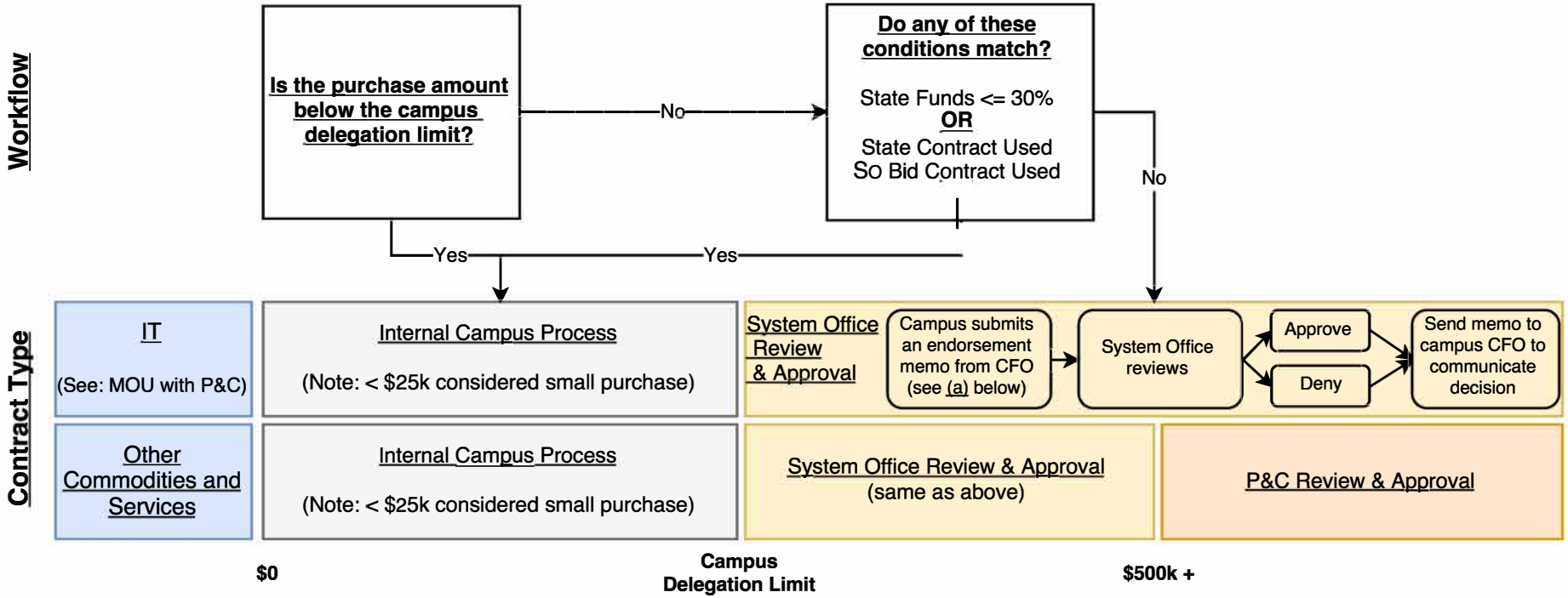
UNC System Purchasing Authority



$500k: **ASU,ECU,NCA&T,NCSU,UNCC,UNC-CH,UNCG,UNCW**
$250k: **NCCU, UNCP, WCU, WSSU**
$100k: **ECSU,FSU,UNCA,UNCSA,UNC SYSTEM OFFICE, NCSSM**

Note: For all contracts greater than $1M:
1) campus is required to notify P&C and
2) campus attorney is required to review
see (b) for details

Cooperative Agreements

There are a variety of purchasing consortia and cooperative agreements that can both streamline the purchasing process and yield lower costs. However, appropriate due diligence is still required when participating in these agreements. The following steps outline a GA-endorsed process the campus can use to correctly interact with these consortia.

1. Identify Agreement

Review and find appropriate option. Example consortia are:

E&I
NIPA
NJPA
US Communications
Internet2 Net+
... etc

2. Competitive quotes

Solicit 2-3 competitive quotes from vendors covered under some/all of these agreements

NOTE: Appropriate reviews and approvals within the workflow above is still required

3. RFQ

Conduct a Request for Quote to obtain official pricing and formally establish the terms and conditions to govern the agreement

4. Contract

Award the RFQ to the desired vendor, thereby establishing a contract for the product/service.

(a) https://tinyurl.com/unc-it-approval
(b) https://tinyurl.com/nc-contract-review