The University of Akron **Classification Specification**

Job Title:Buyer SrJob Code: 42343Job Function:StaffGrade: 119Job Family:ClassifiedFLSA: Exempt

SOC Description: 2000 Finance / Accounting Division **Date:** 1/1/04;7/1/99

Job Summary:

Receive, evaluate, and process departmental requisitions for the purchase of goods and services as requested. Prepare agreements/contracts for consultants, performers, and other professional services on campus. Advise and counsel faculty, staff and students concerning products and vendors, contract terms and conditions, order status and purchasing policies and procedures.

Essential Functions:

40% Purchase goods and services as requested by departmental requisitions.

20% Develop specifications, perform bid process, and negotiate contract terms for goods and services. Review and forward documents for legal review as required.

15% Advise University employees and students concerning products and vendors, product substitutions, price changes, contract terms and conditions, order status and purchasing policies and procedures. Coordinate resolutions to problems regarding purchases and data in purchasing systems. Collaborate with other departments to assist in resolution process.

15% Provide bid specifications for new purchasing programs and performs other duties as assigned.

5% Prepare reports and information for submission to the University Board of Trustees for purchases within areas of responsibility.

5% Manage the University American Express Corporate Card Program and develop management reports for expenditures.

Education:

Requires a relevant Bachelor's Degree.

Licenses/Certifications/Requirements:

None.

Experience:

Requires a minimum of 2 years experience in purchasing. Strong communication and problem solving skills required. Ability to analyze and negotiate contracts required. Computer skills to include word processing, spreadsheets, and databases. Knowledge of state law, purchasing law, the Uniform Commercial Code and contract law required.

Leadership:

Responsible for directing and monitoring the work of student and/or temporary workers.

Physical Requirements:

Job is physically comfortable; individual is normally seated and has discretion about walking, standing, etc. May occasionally lift very lightweight objects.

Working Conditions:

Standard working environment with possible minor inconveniences due to occasional noise, crowded working conditions and/or minor heating/cooling or ventilation problems. Near continuous use (>70% of the time) of a video display terminal.