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A local government may purchase goods or services through a competitive reverse auction process that allows offerors to bid on specified goods or services electronically and adjust bid pricing during a specified time period.

This authorization shall not apply to:

- Construction services other than those relating to maintenance, repairs and renovations costing less than \$25,000;
- Architectural or engineering services;
- New or unused motor vehicles unless manufactured for a special purpose; or
- New or unused construction equipment.

Other rules and restrictions apply.

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