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Risk Management Grant Equipment List FY 2027

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GRANT REQUIREMENTS

- You must consult your risk manager prior to submission of your grant application.
- You must align your grant request with the line of insurance coverage provided by MIIA to your municipality, in accordance with MGL Chapter 152. Please note that items related to police and fire injury-on-duty are not eligible (11F).
- Consideration will be given to high priority areas of program wide risk, such as property/facilities management, cybersecurity, employee health and safety, and/or member specific loss areas.
- Grant funds cannot be applied retroactively to activities already completed or in progress, or for equipment already purchased.
- Grant funds are restricted to the purchase of items specified in the grant items. If you have a question on equipment eligibility, consult with your Risk Manager.
- Equipment must meet all regulations, standards, and approvals, as applicable.
- Members are ineligible for the same grant received the previous year, unless preapproved by a MIIA Risk Manager.
- Excluded grant items include travel expenses, wages (including overtime), and software renewal costs.
- You must send vendor estimates with the application. Once the grant has been approved, you must submit one invoice per vendor, with corresponding W9 for all items.
- You must provide training for new equipment purchases.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS FOR PURCHASING EQUIPMENT

Please find a list below of general equipment categories covered in the grant.

Important Note: Items listed below marked with an asterisk* require a written work plan/program to be submitted:

- Chainsaw – Tools and Equipment
- Confined Space Entry* - Requires a written Permit-Required Confined Space program (29 CFR 1910.146 / 1926.21).
- Fall Prevention and Protection (Personal and Structures)*: Requires a written Fall Protection Plan if standard protection systems (e.g., guardrails, safety nets, harnesses/anchors) cannot be used (29 CFR 1926.502). If you can prove these standard systems are technically impossible to install or create a greater danger to workers, you can bypass them. If you bypass them, you must have a written, site-specific Fall Protection Plan created by a Qualified Person that outlines alternative safety measures.

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- Heat Illness Prevention and Protection* - Requires a written program when workers are required to work when heat index reaches 80°F or higher (OSHA General Duty Clause and Federal OSHA's National Emphasis Program).
- Ladders and Accessories
- Lockout Tagout (Hazardous Energy Control)* - Requires a written Energy Control Program (29 CFR 1910.147).
- Material Handling Equipment
- Thermographic Cameras
- Trench and Excavation Access and Protection* - Requires a written protective system design or program managed by a "Competent Person" for trenches deeper than 5 feet (29 CFR 1926 Subpart P).
- Work Zone Safety Equipment* - Grant recipients utilizing traffic control equipment must verify that all use of this equipment will comply with Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards (DLS) regulations and MUTCD guidelines. A copy of your current Work Zone Safety SOP is preferred.

Recommendations:

- Verify that equipment purchases match your department's formally written safety plans, where applicable.
- Consider specific work areas to insure "right tool for the right job!" Note that the equipment listed in this document serve as examples only; they are not recommendations.
- Perform a hazard assessment to determine need for PPE and safety equipment.
- Consult the manufacturer of equipment prior to final selection.
- Consider vendors to be a working partner in the provision of equipment, manuals and good customer service.

Reminders:

- Maintain manufacturer documentation and follow all recommendations and applicable regulations for equipment training, operation, maintenance, and disposal.
- Document implementation of applicable programs, instructions, training, inspections, and corrective actions.

PROCUREMENT RESOURCES

MASSACHUSETTS STATEWIDE CONTRACTS (SWC) AND PROCUREMENT TOOLS

Value of SWC: COMMBUYS contracts enable municipalities to leverage collective buying power for pre-negotiated lower rates while completely bypassing traditional, local bidding processes. These vendors are vetted for OSHA/ANSI compliance and Massachusetts Chapter 30B procurement rules.

Procurement Tools: You can use the direct links below to the specific contract landing pages and resources by accessing OSD resource hubs, which host the most current contract user guides, vendor lists, and pricing sheets.

Important Ordering Notes:

1. **Volume Discounts** - When submitting requisitions or generating quotes through online punchout profiles, explicitly reference the specific contract code (PSE01, HLS06, or FAC100/124) to unlock volume discounts.
2. **Quote Requirements** - When reviewing the Contract User Guides linked below, always check the "Quote Requirements" section to ensure compliance with any grant multi-quote thresholds.

Specific Statewide Contracts - personal protective equipment (PPE) and industrial safety supplies are primarily procured under three key Statewide Contracts:

1. **FAC100 / FAC124: Maintenance, Repair, and Operations (MRO)** - *For facilities maintenance, commercial-grade tools, civil engineering, and general utility workflows.*
 - **Covered Equipment and Supplies:**
 - **Ladders and Fall Prevention:** Stepladders, multi-position ladders, telescoping structures, rooftop anchors, permanent guardrails, and skylight screen protection.
 - **Lockout Tagout (LOTO):** Industrial control padlocks, group LOTO hasps, electrical breakers, valve seals, and warning signage.
 - **Material Handling Equipment:** Fixed/mobile lift tables, pallet positioners, utility carts, heavy dollies, and specialty hand trucks.
 - **Primary Vendor Example:** Grainger
 - **Contract User Guide Resource:** <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-statewide-contract-user-guide>
2. **HLS06: Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Traffic Safety Supplies** - *Specialized public works and traffic safety supplies. Note: Items related to injured-on-duty are not eligible.*

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- **Covered Equipment and Supplies:**
 - **Category 2 (PPE):** General and chemical/hazardous material body protection.
 - **Category 4 (Public Works and Traffic Safety):** Work zone safety supplies, tactical warning signs, stands, traffic cones, and road safety equipment.
 - **Confined Space and Air Monitoring:** Gas detectors, confined space ventilation blowers, and retrieval systems.
 - **Primary Vendor Example:** Stay Safe Traffic Products
 - **Contract User Guide Resource:** <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/public-safety-and-security-contract-user-guides>
3. **PSE01: Public Safety Equipment and Two-Way Radio** - *Combines and expands upon older public safety agreements (FIR04/FIR04A) for high-performance and tactical safety supplies. Note: Items related to injured-on-duty are not eligible.*
- **Covered Equipment and Supplies:**
 - **Chainsaw and Forestry Equipment:** Specialized arborist helmets, face protection, chainsaw chaps, high-visibility clothing, and chainsaw gloves.
 - **Fall and Tactical Gear:** Specialized harnesses, high-exposure safety systems, and arborist-grade communication rigs.
 - **Contract User Guide Resource:** <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/public-safety-and-security-contract-user-guides>

Other Specialty Procurement and Portal Links

1. For Equipment Rental and Shoring Systems (such as renting heavy machinery, safety boxes, or modular shoring equipment), you can navigate specialized service schedules here: <https://www.mass.gov/buy-from-a-statewide-contract>.
2. To look up a specific vendor's Master Bid Procurement Order (MBPO) number, or to check if niche vendors (e.g., TreeStuff, Monroe Infrared) are linked via an active punch-out catalog, log in directly: <https://www.commbuys.com/bs/>.

ALTERNATIVE PROCUREMENT OPTIONS

1. **National Cooperatives** - If a Massachusetts Statewide Contract (SWC) does not list the item you need, check national cooperatives such as Sourcewell, OMNIA Partners, or HGACBuy. Major manufacturers frequently host their primary governmental discount catalogs on these cooperative agreements.

Note that under Section 22 of Chapter 30B, municipalities may utilize out-of-state or national cooperatives, provided the original contract was awarded through a fair, open, and fully competitive process that explicitly allows piggybacking by Massachusetts public entities.

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2. **Dedicated Vendor Contract Representatives** - For complex or customized systems (e.g., *Flexible Lifeline Systems*), work directly with dedicated corporate government account reps rather than general customer service, when possible. They specialize in municipal and grant workflows and can provide:

- Pre-written contract templates matching grant rules.
- Instant application of pre-negotiated government discounts.
- Direct engineering assistance with custom configurations (such as trench box sizing).

Contact these reps first as a “fast track procurement strategy” to see if their quote can be tied directly to a Massachusetts Statewide Contract number. If it cannot, ask for their active Sourcewell or OMNIA contract number and forward it directly to your purchasing department to see if it complies with 30B.

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LISTING OF VENDORS AND EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF EQUIPMENT THEY PROVIDE

INTRODUCTION

- The following list provides a sample of vendors and items, not an exhaustive directory.
- Vendors may carry additional items not listed here, and their full inventories may vary.
- You are not required to use these specific vendors.
- Some of these vendors are on COMMBUYS SWC and some are not.

VENDORS AND EQUIPMENT

TreeStuff

- **Link:** <https://www.treestuff.com/>, 877.408.7337
- **Equipment Offered:**
 - **TCIA Pocket Guide Series** – concise, 40-page field guides published by the Tree Care Industry Association, Inc. Designed to fit into a work pocket, they serve as an on-the-job references to promote accident prevention and safety in tree care operations.



- **Helmets:** KASK Super Plasma, Husqvarna Technical Forest, and Petzl Vertex Vent ANSI Clear Visor Kits
- **Helmet Accessories:** Petzl Vizir Face Shields and VIZEN MESH Full Face Shields
- **Communication Systems:** SENA Integrated Communication Systems (DIY) and SENA TuffTalk Lite (Over-the-head and Helmet-mounted variants)
- **Chainsaw Maintenance Tools:** Pferd Dozen Round Files, Pferd Depth Gauge Files, Pferd Chain Saw Sharp CS-X, and Timberline Chainsaw Sharpener Kits

Major Safety

- **Link:** <https://www.majorsafety.com/>, **Phone:** 800.446.8274
- **Equipment Offered:**
 - **Confined Space Entry:** FrenchCreek Compliance Plus Confined Space Contractor Kits, tripods, 3M DBI-SALA pole hoists, and FrenchCreek quadpod or davit arm systems. Training must be provided as part of the grant purchase.

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- **Blowers:** Euramco RamFan and Allegro Confined Space Blower Systems
- **Gas Detection:** RKI Gas Monitors/Detectors, Calibration and Bump Kits, and RKI Dock Stations
- **Manhole Accessories:** Guardrails, material lifts, cover lifters, economy work tents, umbrella stands, and deluxe umbrellas
- **Personal Fall Protection:** Anchorage straps/plates, wall anchors, beam anchors, door jamb anchors, roof top anchors, full-body harnesses, suspension trauma safety straps, shock-absorbing lanyards, self-retracting lifelines, nylon rope lifelines, and fixed ladder fall systems
- **Structural Fall Protection:** Bluewater and Frenchcreek portable guardrail kits, bases, EZ Movers, and securing pins

Garlock Safety Systems

- **Link:** <https://www.garlocksafety.com/>, **Phone:** 877.791.4446
- **Equipment Offered:**
 - Mobile Fall Arrest Systems (LifePoint™ Deluxe and Badger™ mobile carts)
 - Structural fall protection barriers (RailGuard 200™ Safety Guardrails, Fit-Rite™ Safety Rails, and ScreenGuard™ Skylight Covers)
 - Trench Box Clamp-on Guardrail Systems

Flexible Lifeline Systems (Fall Arrest)

- **Link:** <https://www.fall-arrest.com/>, **Phone:** 855.353.1999
- **Equipment Offered:**
 - Hatch Kits, Skylight Guardrails, and Skylight Screens
 - Permanent, Mobile, Parapet, and Metal Roof Guardrail Solutions

Ergodyne

- **Link:** <https://www.ergodyne.com/>, **Phone:** 651.642.9889
- **Equipment Offered:**
 - **Chill-Its Cooling Gear:** Heat stress recovery kits, rechargeable portable jobsite fans, evaporative towels, hi-vis and phase change cooling vests, ranger hats, cooling bandanas, hard hat brims/inserts/liners, and low-profile hydration packs
 - **Shax Work Shelters:** Heavy-duty pop-up tents, tent kits with mesh windows, lightweight work umbrellas, umbrella stakes, and trailer hitch umbrella holders

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- **Statewide Contract Availability:** Available through the COMMBUYS PunchOut systems of prime distributors, such as Grainger or Safeware. Their product lines, including PPE, high-visibility gear, and climate-protection equipment, are accessible under safety contract HLS06 and public safety contract PSE01.

Grainger

- **Link:** <https://www.grainger.com/>, **Phone:** 800.GRAINGER
- **Equipment Offered:**
 - **Ladders and Accessories:** Step, multi-position, podium, platform, leaning, telescoping, and extension ladders; walk-through gates, ladder levelers, anchors, and stabilizers
 - **Material Handling Equipment:** Fixed/mobile lift tables, turntables, pallet positioners, carousels, utility/shelf carts, stock trucks, hand trucks, bulk tilt trucks, platform trucks, various specialty dollies (general, drum, cylinder, pallet, roll, desk), machinery movers, and skates
- **Statewide Contract Availability:** Accessible primarily through HLS06 (Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Traffic Safety Supplies), and FAC123 (Facilities Maintenance, Repair, and Operations – MRO; formerly FAC101).

Master Lock

- **Link:** <https://www.masterlock.com/products/lockout-tagout>, **Phone:** 800.464.2088
- **Equipment Offered:**
 - **Complete Lockout Tagout (LOTO) equipment lines:** padlocks, safety tags, group lockout hasps, cable lockouts, electrical/circuit breaker lockouts, valve lockouts, and specialized lockout kits
- **Statewide Contract Availability:** Available through the COMMBUYS PunchOut systems of prime distributors, such as Fastenal or Grainger. Their lockout-tagout (LOTO) and security equipment are accessible through MRO prime contract FAC123 (formerly FAC101) and safety contract HLS06.

Monroe Infrared

- **Link:** <https://monroeinfrared.com/>, **Phone:** 781.974.8782, or 781.784.6700
- **Equipment Offered:**
 - Thermographic: Rugged thermographic point-and-shoot cameras (FLIR E6 Pro and FLIR E8 Pro), HIKMICRO Thermographic Handheld Cameras
 - FLIR MR40 Moisture Meters
- **FAQ for Thermal Cameras:** <https://monroeinfrared.com/knowledgebase>
- **Types of Inspections:** <https://monroeinfrared.com/infrared-inspections>

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Stay Safe Traffic Products

- **Link:** <https://www.staysafetraffic.com/work-zone>, **Phone:** 978.692.211
- **Equipment Offered:**
 - **Work Zone:** signage, tripods, Zephyr sign stands, and general traffic control equipment (cones, barriers, lights)
- **Statewide Contract Availability:** Available through SWC HLS06: Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Traffic Safety Supplies (Category 4: Public Works/Traffic Safety Supplies).