

Fraudulent Purchase Order Attempts

Please be aware there are active fraudulent attempts to place purchase orders and request for quotations that supposedly originate from the University of West Florida. While the university cannot prevent this illegal activity, we are actively working with law enforcement to investigate these fraudulent attempts.

Here are common traits or themes in these fraudulent attempts that may assist identifying fraudulent requests:

- The email message is poorly written, with misspellings and awkward sentence structure
- The sender's email address, domain or website link are not authentic to the University of West Florida
- The message may request shipment of products to a non-University of West Florida address
- The message may include an attachment that is designed to look like a purchase order, may include a logo or other graphic, and a signature that may look legitimate

Procurement & Contracts at the University of West Florida appreciates the very important role our suppliers play in providing goods and services to our faculty and staff in support of their academic, research, and patient care endeavors.

If your company has been contacted, please use the [Internet Crime Complaint Center](#) to file a complaint.

www.ic3.gov

Submissions to this site are monitored by the appropriate Federal Agencies for on-line scams

If your company has shipped an order based on a fraudulent PO issued under the UWF name and are facing a financial loss, please also contact your local Law Enforcement agency.