

Teammates,

The Department of Administrative Services is uniquely positioned to support administration policy decisions that meaningfully impact our Nation’s foreign policy. Leveraging the purchasing power of our Materiel Division, which is responsible for the procurement of goods for State government, we can make sure Nebraska’s tax dollars support American values and interests globally. Some examples of how we have done this in recent years include:

**International Ethical Commitments:**

In March of 2021, we formalized our procurement policies regarding how and who we do international business with. Our longstanding practice in State government is that we will not do business with firms or countries that threaten the security of the United States, support terrorism, or fail to uphold American ideals. Under the 2021 policy, State agencies can’t contract with entities sanctioned by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of Treasury, or companies owned by the Chinese Communist Party.

**Purchasing of the United States Flag:**

Our purchasing power can also be used to honor our great country and support domestic industry. In January of this year, [I issued a directive](#) that the State of Nebraska would only purchase American flags made on U.S. soil by Americans.

**Surplus Armor to Ukraine:**

Earlier this year when Russia invaded Ukraine, we had an opportunity to show our opposition to wars of aggression and territorial ambition by supporting the Ukrainian people. [At Governor Ricketts’ direction](#), and with the partnership of the Ukrainian Resistance Foundation, we were able to [provide defensive and life-saving supplies to Ukraine](#). Our Surplus Property Division worked with the

Nebraska State Patrol and allied agencies in other states to provide surplus body armor and helmets to the Ukrainians as they defend their homeland.

Collectively, these initiatives have allowed us to support American industry, values, and foreign policy objectives. I want to extend a special thanks to all our teammates in Materiel Division for their values based efforts on behalf of Nebraskans.

Regards,

**Jason Jackson**

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