Special Request Items
A Guide to Faster, Correct Ordering

This Job Aid illustrates the ways to fill in the necessary text fields for a Special Request item on an online eProcurement requisition form.

It’s very important to complete these fields correctly, otherwise your orders will be delayed or possibly canceled. This is especially true for Special Request orders, because they take longer to fill.

The steps in this Job Aid begin from a blank ePro requisition form. If you don’t know how to log into PeopleSoft eProcurement and arrive at a blank ePro requisition, then please refer to the Job Aid entitled How to Log Into PeopleSoft Financials.

NOTE: You should only use the Special Request page if you cannot order your item through the preset ePro catalogs, or through a Direct Connect vendor such as Office Depot or Waxie.

Important General Information about the Special Request Fields

- **Item Description**: Always type as much detail as you can about the item you’re ordering. Always begin with the noun for the item:
  - Type the noun for the item (Examples: Chair or Book or Lamp)
  - Then type the item’s Make (Examples: Acme or Safco or IBM)
  - Then type the item’s Model (Examples: Sec’y, Chair or A2B3C4 or Deluxe)
  - Then type the item’s Color, Size, etc. (Examples: Gray 24” aluminum base)
- **Price**: Price per unit without shipping or tax.
- **Quantity**: Numeral indicating how many you want for each Unit Of Measure (UOM).
- **Category**: Very important! Please refer to the Job Aid: How to Find Categories for Special Request Orders
- **Unit of Measure (UOM)**: Abbreviation indicating how the item comes packaged.
  - Example UOMs: EA (each) or SET (set) or GL (gallons)
- **Due Date**: Depends on what you’re ordering.
  - For Goods: Leave blank. It will be processed as soon as possible, by default.
  - For Services: Type in the date service is to be completed by.
- **Supplier**: Name of business (vendor) you are buying that item from.
- **Additional Information**: First always type your own name, phone, and site location. Include any additional details about the item you’re ordering that you could not fit into the Item Description field.

Start from the Special Request screen of a new, blank requisition.
II. Goods

You’ll know you’re ordering Goods items if the following is true:
- The item is physical...that is, you can touch it with your hand; it’s not a service.
- The item is worth less than $500 per unit.
- The item is not related in any way to an order for an Asset item on the same requisition.

NOTE: If you aren’t sure whether or not the item you’re ordering is a Good, always ask!

Below is an illustration of the correct way to complete the Special Request fields for Goods that are not Assets. Please keep in mind this illustration is only an example, and does not represent information to use on any specific order.

Example: How to Order an Office Chair

![Special Request Form Illustration]

Send to Supplier  Show at Receipt  Show at Voucher
I. Asset Items

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Item Description must be in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS for Asset Items.

You’ll know you’re ordering an Asset item if the following is true:
- The item is worth $500 or more per unit.
- The item is a Good (a physical item, not a service).
- The item is non-consumable (it can’t be eaten or used up).
- The item is cheaper to repair than to replace.
- The item, while not an Asset by itself, is related to an obvious Asset item. For example, if you order a $650 bookcase and it costs $75 to ship it, then the $75 shipping fee is considered an Asset item and should be entered as such on the requisition. (Shipping fees must be entered as separate line items).

NOTE: If you aren’t sure whether or not the item you’re ordering is an Asset, always ask!

Below is an example of the correct way to complete the Special Request fields for an Asset item. Please keep in mind this illustration is only an example, and does not represent information to use on any specific order.

Example: How to Order a Computer Printer

Notice...all capital letters for Asset Items!
You’ll know you’re ordering a Service item if the following is true:

- The item is non-tangible; that is, you can’t actually touch it with your hand.
- The item is a task or series of tasks being performed by a non-district employee, such as an outside contractor. An example would be if you were hiring a landscaper to come trim the trees on your campus site.
- The item is not related in any way to an order for an Asset item on the same requisition.

**NOTE:** If you aren’t sure whether or not the item you’re ordering is a Service, *always ask!*

Below is an illustration of the correct way to complete the Special Request fields for Services. In this example we are suggesting a new vendor instead of inputting the Vendor ID number for one already established with the school district. Please keep in mind this illustration is only an example, and does not represent information to use on any specific order.

**Example: How to Order Payment to an Outside Contractor**

![Special Requests Screenshot]
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ASSISTANCE

Anytime you’d like assistance with GENERAL SPECIAL REQUEST ORDERS, please don’t hesitate to contact Robin Hoffpauir, the eProcurement SME (Subject Matter Expert).

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Anytime you’d like assistance with ASSET ORDERS, please don’t hesitate to contact one of the experts listed below. Our goal is to support you and help you be successful.

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