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Procurement plays a major role in acquiring goods and services and best practices should be followed in order to attain efficiency and economy in the successful delivery of goods and services. This project report takes a look at some of the purchasing activities at the St. Augustine Campus of The University of the West Indies and compares them with those of select international, regional and local organisations in an effort to increase efficiency and economy in its procurement practices. It also takes a look at the actual procurement process to determine whether or not it contributes to delays in the acquisition of goods and services. The procurement practices at the St. Augustine Campus have been found to compare favourably with those of the international organisations.

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