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"Chapter 28 of 1919 Session Laws imposed upon the Department of Public Works the power to purchase all supplies for the state departments and all charitable, penal, educational, and reformatory institutions." (First Biennial Report of the Department of Public Works, December 1919).

According to the Department of Public Works, no monies were provided for clerk hire, supplies, advertising expenses, bookkeepers, etc., making it "impossible to administer this chapter in full accordance with its terms." This office was removed from the department of Public Works in 1927.

In the early 1970's Idaho's state government was reorganized and State Purchasing was placed under the Department of Administration. After that, no one was officially designated State Purchasing Agency per se.

This list of state purchasing agents was compiled for the biennial reports of the Secretary of State's Office. Dates cited are those of the biennial reports.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>
1920	T. L. Jennings
1922	F. A. Jeter
1924-1928	R. G. Archibald
1930-1932	Parker Carver
1934-1936	W. H. Abendroth
1938	G. B. Craney
1940-1942	R. C. Young
1944	G. O. Wright
1946	George R. Jones
1948	Harold A. Boyd
1950-1954	G. O. Wright
1956-1970	Ted Cramer

Starting in 1970, there was an extensive reorganization of Idaho State Government. State purchasing was placed under the Department of Administration and there was no longer an official State Purchasing Agent. There is a Division of Purchasing Administrator, who oversees the five bureaus of the Division of Purchasing, each with its own administrator. These are:

Bureau of Purchasing
Bureau of Supplies
Bureau of Federal Surplus Property
Bureau of State Surplus Property
Bureau of Printing Services

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