

PURCHASING

The fifth edition of Purchasing : Selection and Procurement for the Hospitality Industry maintains the original objectives : It includes discussions of the purchasing activity and product information from a management prospective. Each cheapter has been revised to include the most current concepts available. In essence, great care has been taken to maintain the integrity and readability of the original text while modernizing the discussions of purchasing techniques and practices currently being employed in the hospitality industry. Although many of the theoretical underpinnings of the purchasing function have not changed in decades-product distribution channels and forces that affect the price of goods remain relatively unchanged, and specifications and purchase orders are still re-quired to order these goods-the use of technology in implementing and maintaining effective purchasing policies and procedures has changed drastically. To inform readers about these about these changes, technology applications in the purchasing function are now discussed throughout the majority of the first 16 chapters that encompass purchasing priciples.

