



MASSACHUSETTS STATE GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON RESTRICTED TECHNOLOGY

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Overview

- Between 2015 and 2023, the state of Massachusetts spent \$10,226,739 on restricted Chinese technology from Lenovo, Inc. Just a few of the agencies holding sensitive information that have purchased these products include:
 - The Supreme Judicial Court
 - The State Ethics Commission
 - The Executive Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security

The Problem

- Chinese government-owned technology manufacturers Lenovo and Lexmark have been restricted from U.S. military and intelligence agencies due to their connection to the Chinese government and military. While federal policy directs information security at the federal level, states must determine their own security standards making states vulnerable to intrusion through the purchase of these risky Chinese technology products. For more detail on these two manufacturers and others, see our briefing paper at www.StatesStopChinaTech.com.

The Process

- In January 2023, China Tech Threat (CTT) obtained Massachusetts' detailed financial records of payments to Lexmark and Lenovo, showing payment amounts, dates and check numbers, payor agencies or departments, and descriptions of services through CTHRU, the Commonwealth's Financial Records Transparency Platform administered by the Comptroller and made available to improve transparency.
- However, purchases of restricted technology through third-party resellers, which can be significant, are not yet captured in our research. Any future efforts to identify and restrict purchases of Chinese-owned technology manufacturers should include resellers.

Lenovo

Between 2015 and 2023, the state of Massachusetts purchased \$10,226,739 of Lenovo technology.

In 2023, \$74,677 of Lenovo technology purchased:

- The Department of Transportation

In 2022, \$598,986 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Department of Transportation: \$584,536
- The Lottery and Gaming Commission: \$10,712
- Select purchases made by the State Auditor and the Trial Court Office

In 2021, \$889,014 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Department of Transportation: \$561,989
- The Trial Court Office: \$252,193
- The Lottery and Gaming Commission: \$55,731
- Select purchases made by the Sheriff's Department of Worcester and the State Auditor's Office

In 2020, \$2,443,604 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Trial Court Office: \$1,174,241
- The Department of Transportation: \$470,932
- The Appeals Court: \$14,768
- Select purchases made by the Office of the Comptroller, the Supreme Judicial Court and the Board of Bar Examiners

In 2019, \$1,005,672 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Trial Court Office: \$180,686
- The Appeals Court: \$52,134
- The Department of Transportation: \$598,692
- Select purchases made by the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security, the State Reclamation Board, and the Supreme Judicial Court

In 2018, \$738,960 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Trial Court Office: \$266,143
- The Department of Transportation: \$255,289
- The Supreme Judicial Court: \$48,014
- Select purchases made by the State Auditor's Office, the Appeals Court, and the State Ethics Commission



In 2017, \$513,728 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Department of Transportation: \$331,507
- The Supreme Judicial Court: \$23,732
- Select purchases made by the Division of Banks, the Center for Health Information & Analysis, and the Division of Insurance

In 2016, \$701,875 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Department of Transportation: \$473,036
- The Executive Office of Public Safety & Homeland Security: \$40,506
- The Trial Court Office: \$15,328
- Select purchases made by the Supreme Judicial Court, the Northwestern District Attorney, and the Massachusetts Office of Information Technology

In 2015, \$3,621,122 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Department of Transportation: \$3,495,734
- The Lottery and Gaming Commission: \$56,572
- The Office of Information Technology: \$36,315
- Select purchases from the Sheriff's Department of Worcester and the State Auditor's Office