

NEW MEXICO STATE GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON RESTRICTED TECHNOLOGY

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Overview

- Between 2018 and 2022, the state of New Mexico spent \$1,043,136 on restricted Chinese technology from Lenovo, Inc. Just a few of the agencies holding sensitive information that have purchased these products include:
 - The Second Judicial District District Attorney
 - The Administrative Hearings Office
 - The Administrative Office of the Courts
 - The Department of Ethics Commission

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 New Mexico's detailed financial records of payments to Lexmark and Lenovo showing amounts, dates and check numbers, payor agencies or departments, and descriptions of services from the New Mexico Sunshine Portal, administered by the Department of Finance 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 2018 and 2022, the state of New Mexico spent \$1,043,136 on Lenovo technology.

In 2022, \$45,902 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: \$43,449
- Select purchases by the Department of Ethics Commission and the Public Employee Labor Relations

In 2021, \$325,072 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Second Judicial District District Attorney: \$285,422
- The Ninth Judicial District District Attorney: \$20,050
- Select purchases by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Administrative Hearings Office

In 2020, \$382,977 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Second Judicial District District Attorney: \$273,710
- The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: \$97,917
- Select purchases by the Public Employee Labor Relation and the Department of Ethics Commission

In 2019, \$249,462 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Second Judicial District District Attorney: \$196,931
- The Administrative Hearings Office: \$25,363
- Select purchases by the Ninth Judicial District District Attorney and the Department of Fish and Game

In 2018, \$39,723 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: \$30,468
- Select purchases by the Department of Fish and Game and the Administrative Hearings Office