

WEST VIRGINIA STATE GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON RESTRICTED TECHNOLOGY

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Overview

- Between 2016 and 2023, the state of West Virginia spent \$482,606 on restricted Chinese technology from Lexmark, Inc. and Lenovo, Inc. Just a few of the agencies holding sensitive information that have purchased these products include:
 - The Department of Juvenile Services
 - The Division of Financial Institutions
 - The Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority
 - The Division of Motor Vehicles

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 West Virginia'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 West Virginia Checkbook Online, 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 2016 and 2023, the state of West Virginia spent \$401,992 on Lenovo technology.

In 2023, \$6,473 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Marshall University: \$6,249
- Select purchases by Shepherd University

In 2022, \$82 Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Marshall University: \$81,650
- Select purchases by West Virginia University

In 2021, \$14,164 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Marshall University: \$13,157
- Select purchases by the Department of Environmental Protection

In 2020, \$7702 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Marshall University: \$5,011
- West Liberty University: \$1,881
- Select purchases by West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

In 2019, \$27,139 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Marshall University: \$15,912
- Select purchases by West Virginia University and West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

In 2018, \$34,650 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- West Virginia University: \$14,705
- West Liberty University: \$6,126
- Select purchases by Shepherd University and Marshall University

In 2017, \$23,285 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- West Virginia University: \$21,710
- Select purchases by the Lottery Commission

In 2016, \$205,624 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- West Virginia University: \$194,410
- Select purchases by the Division of Juvenile Services and the Department of Information Services and Communications

Lexmark

Between 2016 and 2023, the state of West Virginia purchased \$80,614 of Lexmark technology.

In 2023, \$720 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- All purchases by the Department of Information Services and Communications

In 2022, \$3,327 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- Workforce West Virginia: \$2,643
- Select purchases by the Department of Information Services

In 2021, \$881 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- The Division of Labor: \$591
- Select purchases by the Department of Human Services

In 2020, \$8,437 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- The Division of Motor Vehicles: \$4,774
- Select purchases by the Division of Human Services and the Division of Labor

In 2019, \$7,193 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- The Division of Financial Institutions: \$1,365
- Select purchases by the Division of Health and the Adjutant General

In 2018, \$8,587 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- WorkForce West Virginia: \$2,608
- Select purchases by the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority and the Division of Financial Institutions

In 2017, \$42,709 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- The Division of Information Services and Communications: \$12,544
- Select purchases by the Division of Human Services, the Division of Health, and the Division of Highways

In 2016, \$8,760 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- The Division of Human Services: \$2,986
- Select purchases made by the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority