



WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON RESTRICTED TECHNOLOGY

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Overview

- Between 2016 and 2023, the state of Washington spent \$11,131,168 on restricted Chinese technology from Lenovo, Inc. and Lexmark, Inc. Just a few of the agencies holding sensitive information that have purchased these products include:
 - The Joint Legislative Systems Committee
 - The Administrative Office of the Courts
 - The Department of Revenue
 - The Secretary of State (which oversees elections)

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 March 2023, China Tech Threat (CTT) obtained Washington's 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 Washington's Office of Financial Management's Open Checkbook, a collaborative effort between the Office of Financial Management and the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee 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. For example, the National Association of State Procurement Officers identifies the following [qualified resellers](#) in Washington: CDWG, ConvergeOne, GovConnection, Micro K-12, Ovation Technology, Trinity3 Technology, Firefly, Jones & Associates. Any future efforts to identify and restrict purchases of Chinese-owned technology manufacturers should include resellers.
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Lenovo

Between 2016 and 2023 the state of Washington spent \$6,143,296 on Lenovo technology.

In 2023, \$829,448 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Joint Legislative Systems Committee: \$429,766
- Social and Health Services: \$399,682

In 2022, \$280,075 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Joint Legislative Systems Committee: \$132,380
- Social and Health Services: \$116,312
- Select purchases by The Secretary of State

In 2021, \$630,912 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Joint Legislative Systems Committee: \$444,823
- Consolidated Technology Services: \$121,047

In 2020, \$769,218 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Joint Legislative Systems Committee: \$494,886
- Consolidated Technology Services: \$163,494
- The Health Care Authority: \$40,374

In 2019, \$1,168,587 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- The Joint Legislative Systems Committee: \$871,454
- The Department of Health: \$197,193
- Consolidated Technology Services: \$67,582

In 2018, \$345,561 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Enterprise Services: \$135,478
- The Department of Health: \$99,442
- Consolidated Technology Services: \$45,798

In 2017, \$617,970 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Enterprise Services: \$431,257
 - Social and Health Services: \$52,801
 - The Criminal Justice Training Commission: \$44,429
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In 2016, \$1,501,525 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Enterprise Services: \$500,784
- Consolidated Technology Services: \$482,731
- The Administrative Office of the Courts: \$224,847
- Select purchases by the Court of Appeals

Lexmark

Between 2016 and 2023 the state of Washington spent \$4,987,872 on Lexmark technology.

In 2021, \$101,617 of Lexmark technology purchased:

- All purchases made by the Department of Revenue

In 2020, \$487,712 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- The Department of Revenue: \$275,898
- The Department of Labor and Industries: \$211,814

In 2019, \$1,035,774 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- The Department of Labor and Industries: \$749,458
- The Department of Revenue: \$282,336

In 2018, \$1,200,065 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- The Department of Labor and Industries: \$893,946
- The Department of Revenue: \$306,120

In 2017, \$1,191,542 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- The Department of Labor and Industries: \$901,484
- The Department of Revenue: \$290,059

In 2016, \$971,162 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- The Department of Labor and Industries: \$709,849
 - The Department of Revenue: \$251,127
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