

# WYOMING STATE GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON RESTRICTED TECHNOLOGY

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## Overview

- Between 2018 and 2023, the state of Wyoming spent \$247,723 on restricted Chinese technology from Lenovo, Inc. Just a few of the agencies holding sensitive information that have purchased these products include:
  - The State Treasurer's Office
  - The Legislative Service Office

## 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](http://www.StatesStopChinaTech.com).

## The Process

- In January 2023, China Tech Threat (CTT) obtained Wyoming'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 wyopen.com, a database generated by the state's accounting system 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. For example, the National Association of State Procurement Officers identifies SHI as a [qualified reseller](#) in Wyoming. Any future efforts to identify and restrict purchases of Chinese-owned technology manufacturers should include resellers.

## Lenovo

Between 2018 and 2023, the state of Wyoming spent \$247,723 on Lenovo technology.

In 2023, \$1,420 of technology purchased, including:

- All purchases were made by the State Treasurer's Office.

In 2022, \$165,524 of technology purchased, including:

- The Legislative Service Office: \$138,434
- The State Treasurer's Office: \$27,090

In 2021, \$14,384 of technology purchased, including:

- The State Treasurer's Office: \$13,764

In 2020, \$15,563 of technology purchased, including:

- The State Treasurer's Office: \$14,363

In 2019, \$7,140 of technology purchased, including:

- All purchases made by the Legislative Service Office

In 2018, \$43,692 of technology purchased, including:

- All purchases made by the Legislative Service Office