

KANSAS STATE GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON RESTRICTED TECHNOLOGY

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Update

- In February 2024, China Tech Threat (CTT) accessed [Kanview](#), the new Kansas Transparency Portal.
- The portal reported that since CTT's last report in 2023, the state of Kansas spent an additional \$305,558 in 2023 on restricted Chinese technology from Lenovo, Inc. CTT also found previously unreported data that shows an additional \$55,279 spent in 2018 and \$38,500 in 2016.
- Factoring in the updated numbers, the state of Kansas spent a combined \$4,025,443 on restricted Chinese technology from Lenovo, Inc. and Lexmark, Inc. between 2015 and 2023.

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

- On August 16, 2022, CTT reached out to the Kansas Department of Administration requesting documents relevant to Lexmark and Lenovo, requesting exact numbers, dollars spent, products and services purchased, and the quantity of products and services purchased. Following a series of subsequent emails and phone calls to advance the request, the Office of Chief Counsel attorney provided the contract information on October 5, 2022. In January 2023, CTT accessed the state vendor information for the years 2016 to 2022 through KansasOpenGov (see CTT's prior [Fact Sheet](#), dated February 2023).
- 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 Kansas: CDWG, Woodard Technologies (dba TwoTrees), and SHI. Any future efforts to identify

and restrict purchases of Chinese-owned technology manufacturers should include resellers.

Lexmark

In 2018, \$425,111 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- The Department of Health & Environment: \$408,509
- Select purchases by the Board of Nursing and the State Legislature

In 2017, \$630,980 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- The Department of Health & Environment: \$368,905
- Select purchases by the State Legislature and the Department of Commerce

In 2016, \$905,963 of Lexmark technology purchased, including:

- The Department of Health & Environment: \$824,583
 - The Legislature: \$61,893
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Lenovo

UPDATE: In 2023, \$305,558 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Pittsburg State University: \$147,790
- Kansas State University: \$146,391

In 2022, \$269,402 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Kansas State University: \$263,899

In 2021, \$343,902 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Kansas State University: \$335,712
- Select purchases by the Office of the State Bank Commissioner

In 2020, \$79,602 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Kansas State University: \$76,087
- Select purchases by Wichita State University

In 2019, \$28,405 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Emporia State University: \$25,567
- Select purchases by the Office of the State Bank Commissioner and Kansas State University

UPDATE: In 2018, \$146,367 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- State Bank Commissioner: \$96,806
- Emporia State University: \$49,561

In 2017, \$87,078 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Emporia State University: \$86,553
- Select purchases by the Office of the State Bank Commissioner

UPDATE: In 2016, \$336,538 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Emporia State University: \$262,967
- State Bank Commissioner: \$45,718

In 2015, \$466,537 of Lenovo technology purchased, including:

- Emporia State University: \$306,136
- Office of the State Bank Commissioner: \$81,175
- Department of Corrections: \$50,244
- Select purchases by the Highway Patrol and Kansas State University