

## **Cooperative Agreements** <sup>[1]</sup>

The PSC is a member of, or otherwise has access to, multiple Group Purchasing Organizations (GPO) that offer competitively solicited agreements. Purchases can be made against these agreements, also known as Cooperative Agreements, without the need for further competition by the University. Two things to note when using a Cooperative Agreement:

1. The supplier must reference the Cooperative Agreement on their quote or further competition may be required by the University; and
2. The University must still follow its normal contract review process, including security and compliance reviews when applicable.

Although not an exhaustive list, below is information on the most commonly GPOs that the University uses. You can also search these and other GPOs by registering with **Pavilion** <sup>[2]</sup> (formerly CoProcure).

If you have any questions about how to use these GPOs, please contact your **Purchasing Agent** <sup>[3]</sup>.

### **Group Purchasing Organizations**

**State of Colorado** <sup>[4]</sup>: Competitively procured price agreements procured or adopted by the State of Colorado.

**NASPO ValuePoint** <sup>[5]</sup>: NASPO ValuePoint provides the highest standard of excellence in public cooperative contracting. By leveraging the leadership and expertise of all states and the purchasing power of their public entities, NASPO ValuePoint delivers the highest valued, reliable and competitively sourced contracts – offering public entities outstanding prices.

**Omnia Partners** <sup>[6]</sup>: OMNIA Partners is the cooperative purchasing organization driving excellence in higher education procurement. Their extensive scope of best value college cooperative contracts from industry-leading suppliers provides the immediate solutions colleges and universities need to meet their strategic goals. OMNIA Partners contracts are competitively-solicited by a lead public agency in accordance with public purchasing rules and regulations.

**Sourcewell** <sup>[7]</sup>: When it comes to purchasing, public entities get the best of both worlds – local dealer access with national buying power through cooperative purchasing. They keep taxpayer dollars in the community while saving time and money during the procurement process by utilizing Sourcewell contracts to buy equipment, office suppliers, technology, and other goods.

**Vizient** <sup>[8]</sup> (Login required): The Vizient Catalog is an online health care contract catalog that

enables you to quickly locate product and contract related information, available to members that participate in our GPO. Using a search-first approach and integration with additional Vizient solutions, Vizient Catalog provides a single source of truth for GPO pricing contracts, helping you stay informed of changes that could impact your savings and standardization efforts.

**E&I** <sup>[9]</sup>: E&I Cooperative Services is the only member-owned, non-profit sourcing cooperative exclusively focused on serving the education community. And because it's their sole focus, they are uniquely equipped with the knowledge, experience, and passion to meet the specialized needs of educational procurement.

**National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)** <sup>[10]</sup>: NCPA is a leading national government purchasing cooperative working to reduce the costs of goods and services by leveraging the purchasing power of public agencies in all 50 states. NCPA utilizes state of the art procurement resources and solutions that result in cooperative purchasing contracts that ensure all public agencies are receiving products and services of the highest quality at the lowest prices.

**GSA Contracts** <sup>[11]</sup>: The GSA eLibrary is your one source for the latest GSA contract award information. GSA offers unparalleled acquisition solutions to meet today's acquisition challenges. GSA's key goal is to deliver excellent acquisition services that provide best value, in terms of cost, quality and service, for federal agencies and taxpayers.

**TIPS** <sup>[12]</sup>: TIPS is an acronym for The Interlocal Purchasing System. TIPS is a national purchasing cooperative that offers access to competitively procured purchasing contracts to its membership.

**Connection® – Public Sector Solutions** <sup>[13]</sup>: Connection offers special higher education pricing contracts for computer hardware, peripherals, and IT services. With more than 415,000 products available from hundreds of manufacturers, your savings could be significant.

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