

JOINT PURCHASING PROGRAMS, CONSORTIUMS AND COOPERATIVES RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act in Illinois sets forth requirements for public letting of purchases and allows public agencies of the State of Illinois to participate jointly with any other public agency of any other state, or of the United States.

IS IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE Lake County Board of Health, Waukegan, Illinois that said Lake County Board of Health does hereby agree on a voluntary basis to enter into the following joint governmental purchasing programs, consortiums and cooperatives for the term of this Lake County Board of Health:

1. **Illinois Joint Purchasing Program** - Illinois General Assembly passed an Act authorizing certain governmental units to purchase personal property and supplies jointly, to include the State of Illinois.
2. **U.S. Communities Contracts** - U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance is a government purchasing cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. More than 44,000 registered public agencies utilize U.S. Communities government cooperative contracts to procure more than 1 billion dollars in products and services annually. They achieve bulk volume discounts on behalf of public agencies, conduct competitive solicitations for quality products or services. Third party audits are performed on all contracts and benchmarking analyses ensure ongoing value.

U.S. Communities is the only government cooperative purchasing organization to be founded by the National Association of Counties (NACo), The National League of Cities (NLC), The Association of School Business Officials, International (ASBO), the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), and the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM). U.S. Communities is overseen by an Advisory Board of key public procurement professionals.

3. **National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Company – National IPA**
National IPA is a cooperative purchasing organization, established through a collaborative effort of public agencies across the United States with the specific purpose of reducing procurement costs by leveraging group volume. National IPA aggregates purchasing volume of participating agencies in order to receive larger volume discounts from suppliers. All master agreements are publicly solicited, awarded, and held by a Principal Procurement Agency (public agency). The agreements are made available to local units of government, public and private educational institutions, special districts, government-education healthcare entities, and nonprofits. There are no minimum volume requirements.
4. **Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA)** - WSCA was formed in 1993 by the state purchasing directors from fifteen NASPO (National Association of State Procurement Officials) western states. The primary purpose of creating WSCA was to establish a process for participating states to join together in cooperative multi-state contracting. The cooperative multi-state contracting helps states achieve cost-effective and efficient acquisitions of quality products and services. Cooperative purchases are developed by member states; a “lead-state” model is used in undertaking the cooperative multi-state contracts.

5. **Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC)** - The SPC is a joint purchasing program sponsored by the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC), DuPage mayors & Managers Conference (DMMC), South Suburban Mayors and Management Association (SSMMA), and Will County Governmental League (WCGL). The SPC represents 145 municipalities and townships in the Chicago land region. The goal of the PCS is to combine the resources and purchasing power of governments and not-for-profits entities to jointly negotiate advantageous contract terms on a line of high quality products at the lowest possible price. Economics of scale in terms of pricing and staff resources are the prime objectives of the SPC Joint Purchasing Program. Participants not only save money but time as well.
6. **Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA)** - LCHD/CHC is a member of IPHCA. IPHCA's Primary Health Purchasing Alliance is an arrangement that leverages purchasing power of IPHCA members, allowing members to save money on products and services already used by the members. IPHCA members can access products and services from affiliated vendors at no cost with no volume requirements or limitations.
7. **National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)** - LCHD/CHC is a member of NACHC. NACHC is the only national membership organization representing all Federally Qualified Health Centers. Community Health Ventures (CHV) is the business development affiliate of NACHC, responsible for developing products around health center business. The Value in Purchasing (ViP) program is one of three programs developed by CHV to date. It is administered by both CHV and Provista. Specifically, ViP is a group purchasing program for medical, dental and office supplies as well as capital equipment. Provista is responsible for negotiating costing with manufacturers of products to ensure the lowest price. There are no membership fees, no contractual obligation, and no volume ordering limitations.

NACHC offers a 340Better pharmacy program that contracts with pharmacy manufacturers for pricing below 340B and locks that contract pricing in for at least one calendar year.

8. **United States General Services Administration (GSA)** - GSA offers a cooperative purchasing program, GSA Schedule 70 and Consolidated Schedule contracts for Information Technology Special Item Numbers, to state and local units of government to certain items offered through the GSA department. GSA establishes long-term government wide contracts with commercial firms to provide access to millions of commercial products and services at volume discount pricing through contracted suppliers. GSA offers fast, flexible, cost-effective procurement solutions. These can be ordered directly from GSA Schedule contractors.
9. **Lake County** - LCHD/CHC is included on many crossover Bids or Requests for Proposals Lake County issues, especially when there may be cross-over usage by LCHD/CHC. LCHD/CHC's Materials Management/Purchasing Department will encourage staff to purchase from the County's solicitations if they are less expensive and products or services meet LCHD/CHC's business model (purchase orders) and purchasing methodology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Director of Business Operations be and is
Hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH all
necessary forms applications, requisitions and other documents relating to the above-named programs.

DATE OF PASSAGE: December 11, 1989

REAFFIRMED: November 29, 2017

NAME: LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ADDRESS: 3010 Grand Avenue

CITY/STATE: Waukegan, IL 60085

PHONE: 847/377-8000

OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Timothy Sashko, President

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH