

## **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. **OMNIA Partners, Public Sector** – National IPA and U.S. Communities are now OMNIA Partners, Public Sector; the nation's largest cooperative purchasing organization dedicated to public sector procurement.

Their mission is to support the ability of public agencies and educational institutions to deliver quality services, by linking public procurement expertise and a competitive marketplace for public benefit.

The cooperative contracts in the OMNIA Partners portfolio are available to public procurement teams and buyers for the following entities:

- States and state agencies
- Cities, counties, municipalities/townships
- Public and private higher education institutions and systems
- Public and private primary education schools, districts and systems
- Nonprofit agencies and charitable organizations
- Special districts such as fire, water, sewer, etc.

3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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.

6. **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.
7. **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 cheaper and products or services meet LCHD/CHC's business model (purchase orders) and purchasing methodology.
8. **Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy (MMCAP)** – MMCAP is a free, voluntary group purchasing organization open to government institutions that provide healthcare services, to include state agencies, counties, cities, school districts, correctional, and public higher education institutions. Members receive access to discounted pricing for pharmaceuticals and other healthcare products and services, including medical supplies, influenza vaccine, dental supplies, drug testing, wholesaler invoice auditing and returned goods processing. MMCAP is operated by the State of Minnesota and adheres to state procurement laws and policies, which are widely recognized for their commitment to fair and open competition.
9. **National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)** – NCPA is a leading national government purchasing cooperative working to reduce the cost 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.

NCPA works with a lead public agency, who competitively solicits master contracts, based on quality, performance and most importantly pricing. There are over 90,000 agencies nationwide from both the public and nonprofit sectors that are eligible to utilize NCPA's cooperative purchasing contracts, including federal and state agencies, cities, counties and local government, healthcare organizations, school districts, higher education and nonprofit corporations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 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 20, 2019  
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