

## Explore Benefits of Cooperative Purchasing

Cooperative purchasing provides resources and solutions to local and state government agencies in Florida seeking the best overall government pricing. In accordance with state procurement laws and regulations, contracts are competitively solicited and allow participating agencies to avoid the bid process. This system saves valuable time and resources by lowering the effort and cost associated with traditional procurement. Cost-saving purchasing cooperatives benefit agencies and institutions by exposing them to quick and efficient sources to procure supplies and services by leveraging the volume of participating agencies from across the country.

The use of a cooperative ultimately reduces the total acquisition cost through economies of a scale. There are no fees to participate and no purchasing minimums, which allow maximum flexibility for participating agencies.

Cooperative purchasing has the following benefits:

- Reduces the administrative burden, which saves time and resources.
- Utilizes nationally leveraged pricing from the most competitive contracts.
- Is available at no cost to participating agencies.
- Quickly and efficiently sources and procures supplies and services.
- Reduces the total acquisition cost through economies of scale.
- Places purchasing power in the hands of agencies.
- Provides access to lower pricing on higher quality items, which ensures that agencies are offered the best government pricing.
- Offers contracts that are non-exclusive and discretionary, so an agency can choose to use any contract that is in its best interest.

U.S. Communities is a leading national cooperative purchasing program. The Florida League of Cities is a state sponsor of the program. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### **FLC University is hosting a “How does U.S. Communities help benefit my city?” webinar on Wednesday, May 16 (2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Eastern Time)**

Cooperative purchasing provides resources and solutions to local and state government agencies in Florida seeking the best overall government pricing. Join us as we welcome representatives from U.S. Communities, in collaboration with your peers, to gain a better understanding of how cooperatives work and learn from examples of success here in Florida.

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