



## COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT for use of WSCA/NASPO PC Contracts 2004-2009

This Joint Powers Agreement is between the State of Minnesota, through its commissioner of Administration, Materials Management Division ("Division") and the State of Maryland, Department of Budget and Management on behalf of all Maryland State Agencies ("Authorized Governmental Unit"), in accordance with §13-110 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Maryland Annotated Code and the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 21.05.09.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16C.03, subd. 10, the Division acquires various supplies, commodities, equipment, and services for state agencies and governmental units (as defined in Minn. Stat. § 471.59, subd. 1) through competitive bidding or requests for proposals. The Division, through Minn. Stat. § 16C.11, and the Authorized Governmental Unit wish to combine their purchasing functions, as specifically provided below, so that the Authorized Governmental Unit may avail itself of the prices which have been agreed upon by the Division and its vendors.

This cooperative agreement is intended to make the WSCA/NASPO PC Contracts ("Contracts") that the Division leads and manages for WSCA/NASPO available to the Authorized Governmental Unit.

The WSCA/NASPO PC Contracts are effective on September 1, 2004, and will expire on August 31, 2009, permitted extension are not exercised.

### The parties agree as follows:

- 1. Term.** This cooperative agreement will be effective on the date Division obtains all required signatures under Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 2, and remains effective until the WSCA/NASPO PC Contracts expire, based on the Division's management of these contracts. Unless the Authorized Governmental Unit chooses to set a different date, this cooperative agreement has the same "term" as the basic WSCA/NASPO PC Contracts. This cooperative agreement may be canceled by either party upon 30 days' written notice to the other party.
- 2. Services.** The Division will make the WSCA/NASPO PC Contracts, listed on the WSCA website, available to the Authorized Governmental Unit. These services are provided, by Division for WSCA/NASPO, in return for the volume Authorized Governmental Unit adds to the cooperative.
- 3. Use of WSCA/NASPO PC Contracts.** After this cooperative agreement has been executed, to be eligible to purchase from the WSCA/NASPO PC Contracts, the Authorized Governmental Unit must sign a separate Participating Addendum with one or more of the Contractors on the WSCA/NASPO PC Contracts. Each Participating Addendum acts as a Authorized Governmental Unit amendment to the basic WSCA/NASPO PC Contracts, defining Authorized Governmental Unit unique requirements, terms and conditions. The Authorized Governmental Unit will not use the goods available under the Division's contracts for the purposes of resale and the Authorized Governmental Unit must be the end user of the goods purchased.
- 4. Liability.** The Authorized Governmental Unit agrees that neither the Division nor its employees personally assume responsibility or liability for any amounts due or claimed to be due pursuant to any purchase order issued by the Authorized Governmental Unit. The Authorized Governmental Unit will indemnify, save and hold harmless the Division and its employees from any loss, damage or expense, including payment of attorney fees allowable by law, which arise or may arise from the Authorized Governmental Unit's use of this cooperative agreement and from any dispute or claim arising from any transaction between the Authorized Governmental Unit and the Division's vendors, whether or not the loss, damage, dispute or claim arises during or after the period of this joint powers agreement. The Division's liability is governed by the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 3.736.
- 5. Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Contract Complete**
  - Assignment.** The Authorized Governmental Unit may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this agreement without the prior written consent of the Division and a fully executed Assignment Agreement, executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved this agreement, or their successors in office.

**Amendments.** Any amendment to this agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original



**Waiver.** agreement, or their successors in office.  
If the Division fails to enforce any provision of this agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.

**Contract Complete.** This agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the Division and the Authorized Governmental Unit. No other understanding regarding this agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

**6. Government Data Practices**

The Division must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the Division under this agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Division under this agreement. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by the Division.

If the Authorized Governmental Unit receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Authorized Governmental Unit must immediately notify the Division. The Division will give the Authorized Governmental Unit instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released.

**7. Venue**

Venue for all legal proceedings out of this agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

**8. Designated Contacts**

The Division has designated a Contract Administrator and a Procurement Manager who are responsible for the conduct and management of the WSCA/NASPO PC Contracts.

Contract Administrator (responsible for managing the contracts, relationships with Purchasing Entities and all actions related to the Master Price Agreements)

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Procurement Manager (Minnesota's representative to WSCA Board of Directors and responsible for managing relationships with WSCA, NASPO, and Participating States/Participating Entities)

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Authorized Governmental Unit has designated the following individual as the official point of contact:

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The Authorized Governmental Unit may change the official point of contact at any time by written notice.

AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT UNIT (Authorized Government Unit certifies that the individual executing this agreement has the legal authority to bind the Authorized Governmental Unit to contracts and agreements.)

STATE OF MINNESOTA For the Commissioner of Administration by delegation:

By: [Signature] (Authorized Signatory)

By: [Signature] Assistant Director, Materials Management Division

ELLIS L. KITCHEN (Typed or Printed Name of Individual Signing)

21 JUNE 2006 (Date)

State Chief of Information Technology (Title)

June 21, 2006 (Date)

Approved for form and legal sufficiency this 21st day of June, 2006.

[Signature] Assistant Attorney General