



# COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, PERIPHERALS AND RELATED SERVICES

## INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide the members of the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) and other members of the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) the opportunity to participate in multi-state cooperative contracts for computer equipment, software, peripherals and services. The solicitation replaced the highly successful national computer equipment contracts sponsored by WSCA and NASPO.

A cooperative procurement of computer equipment, software, peripherals and related services is considered in the best interests of WSCA and the Participating States because:

1. Access to a broad, web-based catalog is a requirement for nearly all states to enable them to meet anticipated requirements for computer equipment, software, peripherals and related services in a timely manner.
2. All states are seeking ways to provide their users with high quality technology products at the lowest possible volume discounted prices. The current contracts have achieved eighteen cumulative volume discounts based on a combined volume of \$3.9 billion in sales. All participants have and will continue to receive lower prices for quality computer equipment products than they would alone.
3. National distribution chains exist which are compatible with these objectives;
4. WSCA and NASPO expect that a centrally procured and administered computer equipment contract will reduce local administrative burden and achieve better efficiencies in ordering.
5. The solicitation and master price agreements shall be structured to accommodate any participating states' localized requirements via a Participating Addendum.

### EFFECTIVE DATES OF THIS INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

This agreement shall remain in effect until the term of the resulting contracts (September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2009) has ended or has been terminated in writing by the signatory state notifying Minnesota of its decision to terminate.

### SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT

The State of Minnesota, the lead State effective January 23, 2004, was authorized by WSCA and the original potential participants to act as the procurement officer in developing and conducting this multi-state cooperative solicitation. Minnesota will administer the resulting master price agreements on behalf of all participants.

### TERM OF THE CONTRACT

The initial contract will be established for three (3) years from date of award (September 1, 2004), with the option of two (2) one (1) year extensions.

Minnesota is responsible for the handling and disposition of all protests.



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The State of Nebraska, a member of either the Western States Contracting Alliance or a signatory of an Intent to Participate with the National Association of State Procurement Officials cooperative purchasing initiative, and based on the authority of its statutes and regulations, intends to participate in the WSCA/NASPO PC Contracts, as entered into by the State of Minnesota, effective September 1, 2004, that were the result of an open, competitive solicitation and award process.

### PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT

The parties to this Agreement have affixed their signatures below in witness and in execution of this Intent to Participate, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2004.

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