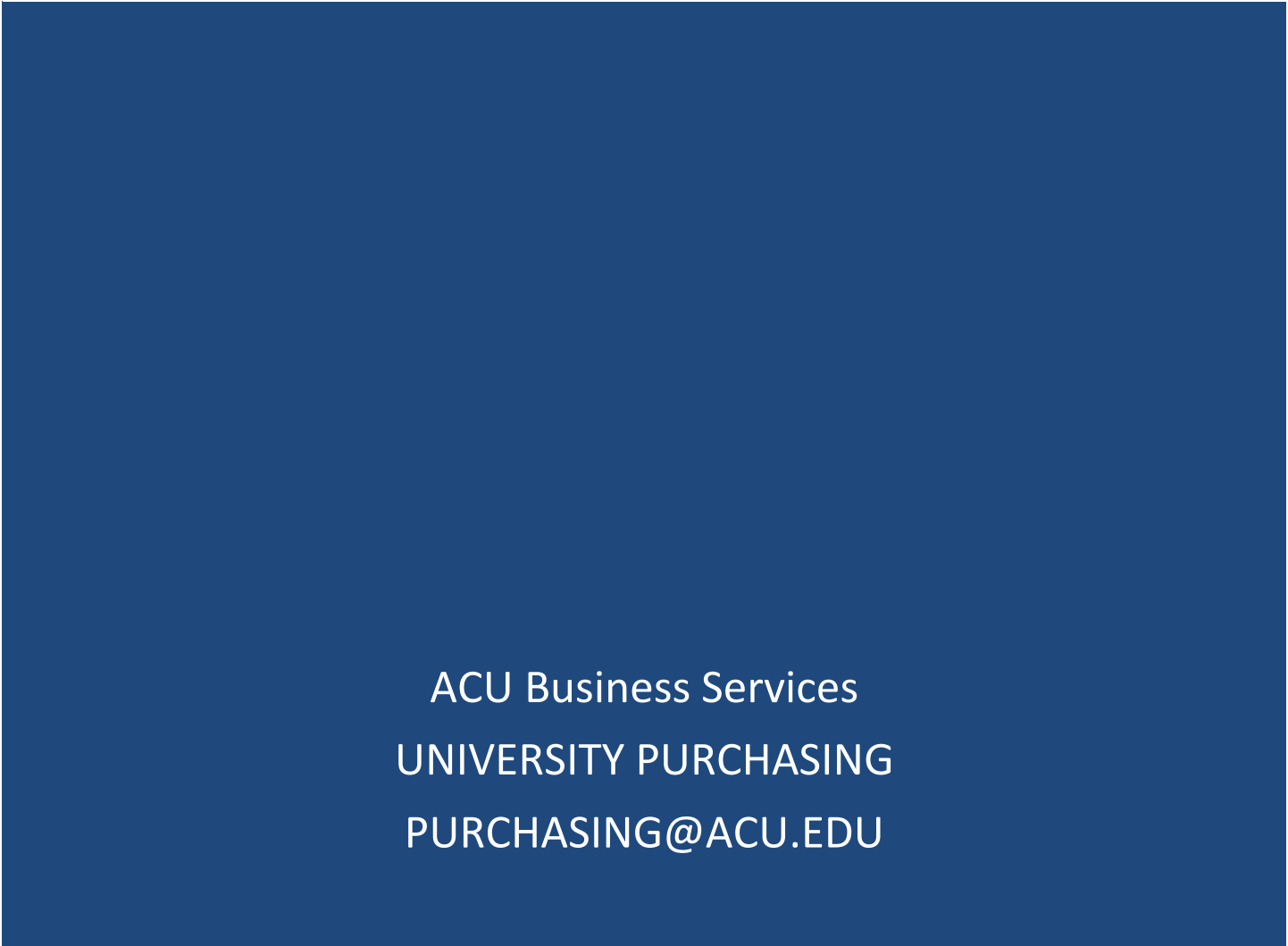




COOPERATIVE PURCHASING NETWORKS SUMMARY



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National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) is a public agency that serves as a member-focused cooperative for over 50,000 member agencies nationally. NJPA offers a multitude of cooperatively contracted products, equipment and service opportunities to education and government entities throughout the country.

We offer our Members [contract purchasing solutions](#) that are leveraged nationally to enable contracted suppliers and member agencies to work smarter and more efficient as they do business with each other. NJPA does this by establishing a business and service alliance between member buyers and contracted suppliers ensuring a valued and successful national cooperative contract program. Download our [About Us brochure](#) to learn more about our joint powers authority.

Locally in Minnesota, NJPA is one of 9 [Minnesota Service Cooperatives](#) that offers [regional focused programs](#) for our government and education members that comprise an area known as "[Region 5](#)." We successfully aid our local members in the planning, development and provision of valued services in a vast array of fields.

Our Vision: The National Joint Powers Alliance provides member-centered solutions that enable Government, Education, and Non-Profit agencies to work more efficiently and leverages its resources to effectively re-invest in the communities we serve as an invaluable Service Cooperative partner. **Our Mission:** To build valued relationships, deliver innovative solutions with integrity, and exceed the expectations of our members.

Resources:

Education Curriculum	Facility & MRO
Fleet Services & Equipment	Food & Food Services & Equipment
General Merchandise	Healthcare & Pharmacy Solutions
Heavy & Utility Equipment	Logistic Services/Mail Equipment
Office & Classroom Solutions & Equipment	Technology & Communication Solutions
Transportation	Construction
Cooperative Health	National Cooperative Leasing



Your Supply Chain Improvement Partner.

Provista is one of the country's leading supply chain improvement companies. We connect more than 80,000 members nationwide to the most competitive and extensive portfolio of products and services available to reduce supply costs, streamline procurement processes and maximize value. Together with Novation, Provista's supply contracting company, we leverage nearly \$43 billion in annual purchasing power to command the best prices on top-name products and services.

Education Market



Provista's knowledgeable, dedicated university procurement and food service professionals provide solutions that help your school achieve significant cost savings.



Educated solutions for powerful purchasing

Provista helps thousands of colleges, universities, schools and early learning centers across the country reduce and control their operational costs while streamlining the procurement process. **As one of the nation's largest group purchasing organizations, we offer the most comprehensive, competitive portfolio of products and services to support every area of your school: student health services, dining services, facilities management and business products and services.**

We aggregate purchasing volume and use that leverage to negotiate discounts with manufacturers, distributors and other vendors. Unlike a typical purchasing cooperative, Provista leverages nearly \$43 billion in combined annual purchasing power on your school's behalf. Our aggressive price management strategies allow us to define, enforce and monitor pricing throughout the term of your contracts. You can be confident that our open, competitive contracting process helps meet regulatory requirements, while our supplier diversity program addresses compliance and community goals.

State Of Texas (Co-Op Program)

TXMAS Program

The Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS) has established, as an alternative purchasing method, the use of Texas multiple award schedule (TXMAS) contracts that have been developed from contracts awarded by the federal government or any other governmental entity of any state.

As the responsible federal entity, the General Services Administration's (GSA) Federal Supply Service awards Federal Supply Schedule contracts by competitive procurement procedures for more than 50 schedules that cover multiple commodities and services. The prices reflected on GSA schedule contracts are the most favored customer (MFC) prices and the maximum price allowable.

TXMAS contracts take advantage of the MFC pricing and under certain circumstances, an agency or local government entity, may negotiate a lower price for the goods or services offered on a schedule contract. A "best value" purchase can be made by following the TXMAS purchasing procedures.

Texas Multiple Award Schedules

<u>GSA-00CORP</u>	The Consolidated Schedule (formally Corporate Contracts Schedule)
<u>GSA-03FAC</u>	Facilities Maintenance and Management
<u>GSA-23 V</u>	Automotive Superstore
<u>GSA-36</u>	The Office, Imaging and Document Solution Keywords: Photocopier
<u>GSA-48</u>	Transportation, Delivery and Relocation Solutions

<u>GSA-51 V</u>	Hardware Keywords: Generator
<u>GSA-520</u>	Financial and Business Solutions
<u>GSA-541</u>	Advertising Integrated Marketing Solutions (AIMS)
<u>GSA-56</u>	Buildings and Building Materials/Industrial Services and Supplies Keywords: Generators, Liquid Storage, Hydraulic Lifts, Fuel Storage Tanks
<u>GSA-58 I</u>	Professional Audio/Video, Telecommunications, and Security Solutions
<u>GSA-65 IIA</u>	Medical Equipment and Supplies (includes Air Curtain Incinerators)
<u>GSA-66</u>	Scientific Equipment and Services
<u>GSA-67</u>	Photographic equipment - cameras, photographic printers and related supplies services
<u>GSA-71</u>	Furniture
<u>GSA-71 11K</u>	Comprehensive Furniture Management Services (CFMS)
<u>GSA-72</u>	Furnishing and Floor Coverings
<u>GSA-73</u>	Food Service, Hospitality, Cleaning Equipment and Supplies, Chemicals and Services Keywords: Garbage cans,
<u>GSA-736</u>	Temporary Administrative and Professional Staffing (TAPS)
<u>GSA-738 II</u>	Language Services
<u>GSA-738 X</u>	Human Resources Equal Employment Opportunity Services
<u>GSA-75</u>	Office Products/Supplies and Services and New Products/Technology
<u>GSA-751</u>	Leasing of Automobiles and Light Trucks
<u>GSA-76</u>	Publication Media
<u>GSA-78</u>	Sports, Promotional, Outdoor, Recreation, Trophies Signs (Sports), and Off-Road Vehicles Keywords: SIGNS, OFF-ROAD VEHICLES
<u>GSA-81 IB</u>	Shipping, Packaging, and Packing Supplies Keywords: Shipping, Packaging, and Packing Supplies
<u>GSA-84</u>	Total Solutions for Law Enforcement Keywords: Robots, Clothing, Detectors, Security, Night Vision Devices, Drug Testing

[GSA-874](#) Management, Organization, and Business Improvement Services (MOBIS)

[GSA-874V](#) Logistics Worldwide, Moving Services/Office Relocation
Keywords: Logistics

[GSA-899](#) Environmental Services



E&I Cooperative Services is the not-for-profit buying cooperative established in 1934 by members of the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP) to provide goods and services to members at the best possible value.

The Cooperative is owned by its membership of nearly 3,000 colleges, universities, K-12, hospitals, medical research institutions and hospital purchasing organizations located throughout the United States.

[E&I's Board of Directors](#) provides strategic and management oversight while upholding rigorous governing principles on behalf of our membership. The Board is composed of an annually elected group of nine business administrators/procurement professionals who are elected by our member institutions. There is also one member who is appointed to act as a liaison between E&I and NAEP.

The Cooperative's [Bylaws](#) help guide all of our corporate governance practices - ensuring our openness, integrity, responsibility, and accountability.

Mission

To exceed member expectations by providing high quality, cost-effective and timely solutions through a diverse portfolio of competitive contracts and value-added services. This will be accomplished by members, employees, suppliers and business associates working together in an ethical, efficient, professional and respectful manner.

The **NAEP/E&I** **Connection**
NAEP and E&I have served a common membership of procurement professionals within educational institutions since 1934.

While NAEP delivers professional, community and collaborative development exclusively for procurement professionals in education, E&I provides the advantages of collaboration and strategic sourcing, including aggregated purchasing power and a member-driven competitive solicitation process which lowers costs, streamlines the procurement process and meets state compliance standards.

Resources:

Furniture

IT Services

Moving & Relocation

Services

Travel Services

Athletic Training Supplies

Automotive

Books & Media

Computer Software

Computers & Networking

Electronics & Peripherals

Maintenance

Medical Equipment & Supplies

Office Equipment & Supplies

Procurement

Scientific Equipment & Supplies

Express Delivery & Freight

Facilities

Flooring

Food Service

Furnishings



The Cooperative Purchasing Network (“TCPN”) assists Region 4 ESC in helping other public agencies and non-profits reap the benefits of national leveraged pricing, with no cost to the member. TCPN leverages one of the largest pools of purchasing potential. This is accomplished by competitively soliciting proposals and awarding contracts for commonly purchased products and services. Through the TCPN solicitation process, Region 4 ESC awards contracts covering Facilities, Furniture, Office Supplies & Equipment, Security Systems, and Technology and other goods and services industries.

I. Purpose of TCPN

- Provide governmental and public entities opportunities for greater efficiency and economy in procuring goods and services.
- Take advantage of state-of-the-art purchasing procedures to ensure the most competitive contracts.
- Provide competitive price and bulk purchasing for multiple government or public entities that yields economic benefits unobtainable by the individual entity.
- Provide quick and efficient delivery of goods and services.
- Equalize purchasing power for smaller agencies that are unable to command the best contracts for themselves.
- Help in assisting with use of best business practices.

II. Customer Service

- TCPN is dedicated to making our contracts successful for both our members and our awarded vendors.
- TCPN is committed to providing our members and awarded vendors with high quality service.
- TCPN has dedicated staff available to answer questions, offer guidance and help in any way possible.

Resources:

Commercial Flooring

Disaster Restoration

Elevator Products & Services

Energy Savings

Fencing

HVAC

Job Order Contracting

Maintenance/Repair/Operations

Modular Facilities

Security

Technology

Athletic

Media

Food Service

Janitorial Supplies

Facility Solutions

Services

Other Facility Services

Systems/Services

Assistive Technology

Books/Readers/Digital

Equipment Rental

Furniture

Music

General Products

Energy



BuyBoard is The Local Government Purchasing Cooperative, a joint venture of the Texas Association of School Boards, Texas Municipal League, and Texas Association of Counties.

The Cooperative is serving the needs of hundreds of educational and governmental entities throughout the state by providing a valuable resource for decision makers. With a wide variety of products and vendors to source, the Cooperative is saving members time and money, not only from the price of the products, but also the convenience and efficiency created in procuring products.

Resources:

Athletic Supplies & Equipment	Auction Services
Audio Visual Equipment & Supplies	Automotive Parts/Tires/Equip/Fuel
Awards & Trophies	Building Maintenance/Repair/Operation
Classroom/Teach Aids Supplies	Computers/Technology/ Software & Equipment
Custodial Supplies & Equipment	First Aid/Medical Supplies
Floor Covering & Sports Surfaces	Food Services Supplies & Equip
Furniture	Job Order Contracting
Fertilizer/Irrigation	Library Supplies & Equipment
Modular Buildings/Ramp Systems	Music/Theater
Office Supplies & Equipment	Paper/Toner
Parks & Recreation	Public Safety

Public Works Supplies & Equipment

Uniforms

Vehicles

Water Treatment Supplies &
Equipment

U.S. COMMUNITIES | NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

U.S. Communities was founded in 1996 as a partnership between the Association of School Business Officials, the National Association of Counties, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, the National League of Cities and the United States Conference of Mayors.

U.S. Communities is the leading national government purchasing cooperative, providing world class government procurement resources and solutions to local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education institutes, and nonprofits looking for the best overall supplier government pricing.

The program offers:

- **No User Fees** – no costs or fees to participate.
- **Best Overall Supplier Government Pricing** – by combining the potential cooperative purchasing power of up to 90,000 public agencies, you are able to access the best overall supplier government pricing.
- **Quality Brands** – thousands of the best brands in a wide variety of categories, services and solutions.
- **Integrity and Experience** – unlike other government cooperative purchasing organizations, U.S. Communities national government purchasing cooperative is founded by 5 national sponsors and over 70 state, city and regional organizations.
- **Oversight by Public Purchasing Professionals** – our third party audits on contracts ensure that program pricing commitments are met, with benchmark analyses against other suppliers and retailers to guarantee participants the best overall value.

Get started with U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Cooperative today! [Register](#) to participate with U.S. Communities government purchasing cooperative now – it's quick, easy and completely free – and learn how to purchase under any of our competitively solicited contracts.

Resources:

Facilities

Office & Supplies & Equipment

Specialty

Technology