



## Consortia or Cooperative Purchasing Entities Effective October 8, 2019

The State Purchasing Division (SPD) has identified the following consortia or cooperative purchasing entities as meeting the requirement under Georgia law (O.C.G.A. Section 50-5-51) and Georgia Procurement Manual (GPM) Section 1.3.4.4. "Consortia or Cooperative Purchasing" of being either a non-profit or governmental entity. Please note that this list is subject to change at any time with or without notice. The state entity **must** seek SPD's approval by submitting a request to [process.improvement@doas.ga.gov](mailto:process.improvement@doas.ga.gov) before using a consortia or cooperative purchasing entity that is not included on this list.

- **Educational & Institutional (E&I) Cooperative Purchasing**
  - E&I is a member-owned, non-profit purchasing cooperative serving the needs of education. Contracts are available to higher education, K-12 and related communities.
  - Please contact SPD if additional information is needed for participation.
- **General Services Administration (GSA)**
  - GSA is a federal government agency providing centralized procurement for the federal government.
  - Use of GSA contracts does not require SPD's prior approval; however, the state entity must comply with the following:
    - The state entity may only utilize those GSA schedules that are open to state government entities.
    - The state entity may only contract with those suppliers with the cooperative purchasing symbol as identified by the GSA.
    - The state entity must comply with the GSA's bidding process as applicable.
- **Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy (MMCAP) Infuse**
  - MMCAP Infuse is a national cooperative group purchasing for government facilities that provide healthcare services. It was established in 1985 and is operated by the State of Minnesota, Office of State Procurement.
  - Please contact SPD if additional information is needed for participation.
- **National Association of State Procurement Officials, Inc. (NASPO)**
  - NASPO is a non-profit association that is made up of the directors of the central purchasing offices in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territories of the United States.
  - Use of NASPO contracts requires SPD's execution of a participating addendum. The State entity must contact SPD prior to posting a public notice to use a NASPO contract. SPD will coordinate with the state entity to ensure compliance with GPM Section 1.3.4.4.
- **Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance or NJPA)**
  - Sourcewell is a service cooperative created by the Minnesota legislature as a local unit of government.
  - Please contact SPD if additional information is needed for participation.