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PURCHASING COOPERATIVES

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WHAT IS A PURCHASING COOPERATIVE ??

An arrangement in which multiple businesses combine their buying requirements into a single contract.



WHY USE A PURCHASING COOPERATIVE?

- **Save time in the bid process**
- **Save the trouble of researching specifications**
- **Save money**
- **Meet requirements that a much harder to meet individually**

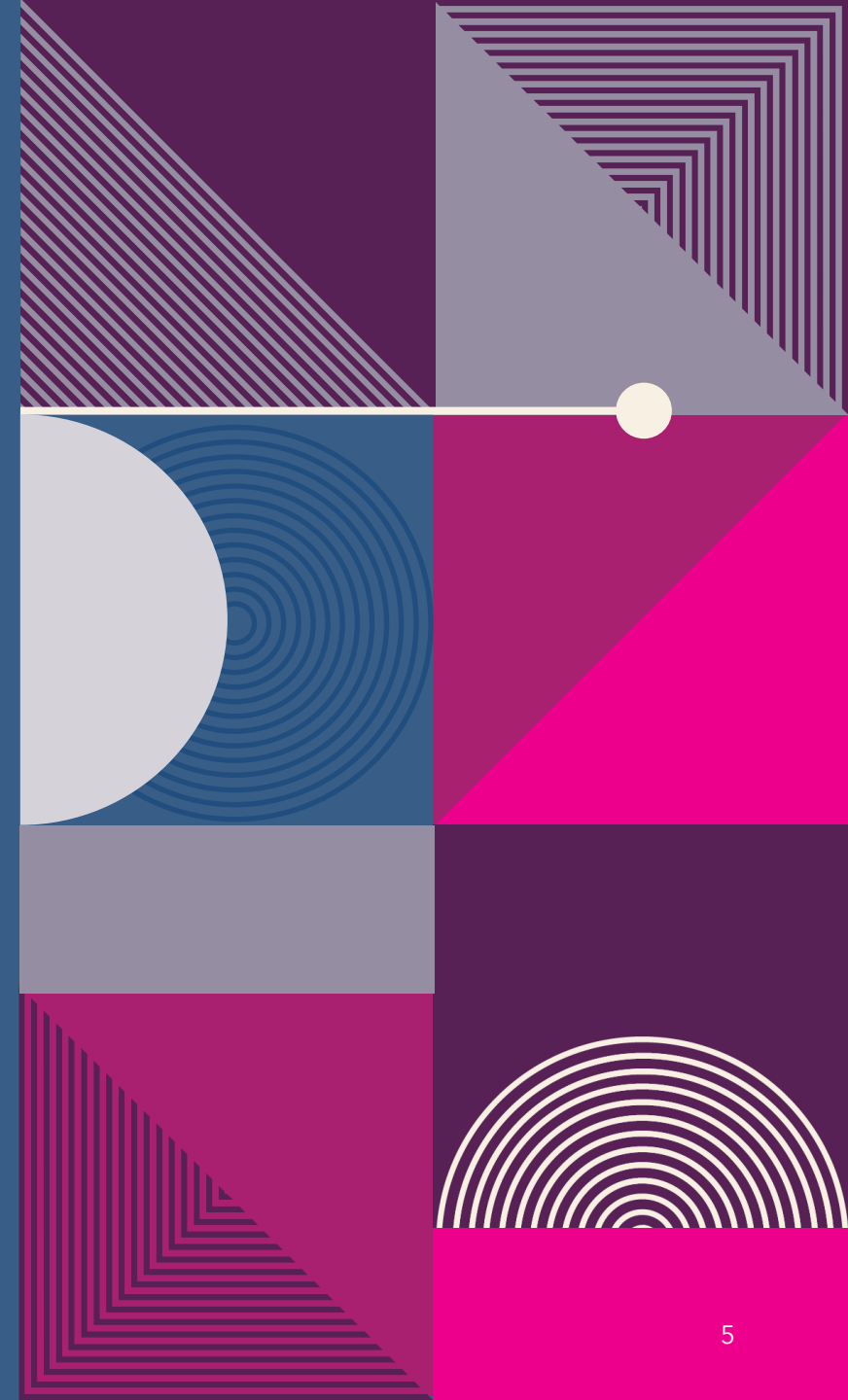


WHEN IS IT BEST TO USE A PURCHASING COOPERATIVE?

- If you see your purchase could go over the current bid law limit (now \$40,000)
- If you don't have time to go thru the bid process

WHEN IS IT BEST TO NOT USE A PURCHASING COOPERATIVE?

- If it's a public works project that installation is included
- If you see the cooperative has a much higher price than you think you can get from doing an individual bid



STATE EXAMINERS APPROVED COOPERATIVES

- Sourcewell
- NCPA Cooperative
- H-GAC Cooperative
- E & I Cooperative Services
- TIPS Cooperative
- NPP Cooperative
- Omnia Partners Public Sector
- Buyboard
- NASPO National Assoc of State Procurement Official
- PEPPM Purchasing Cooperative, CSIU, Apple Inc. RFB-528991

COOPERATIVE APPROVAL- HVAC UNITS OR SYSTEMS

- Sourcewell - HVAC
- NCPA-HVAC
- TIPS- HVAC
- Omia - HVAC



EXAMPLES OF PURCHASES

- Playground equipment
- Gym flooring
- Amazon items (Omnia Cooperative)
- Quill items (Omnia Cooperative)
- Classroom Voice Enhancement systems
- Buses
- Child Nutrition Point of Sale Software
- Sports Equipment
- Edmentum (online education & credit recovery platform)



TIPS & TAKE AWAYS

- You must register with a cooperative to be eligible to participate
- Document in the purchasing process to include the cooperative Contract # and any additional information to ensure your pricing
- Verify the vendor to issue the Purchase Order
- Stay up to date on current bid laws to ensure that it's needed to use the cooperative
- Act 2021-485 provided an exemption from competitive bid law for city & county systems that participate in national or regional cooperative purchasing agreements for the lease and lease/purchase of goods & services



THANK YOU

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