

Purchasing Cooperatives

The State Examiners of Public Accounts approved the following national purchasing cooperatives for LEAs. School boards may utilize the bids awarded by these cooperatives for the purchases of goods or services, other than voice or data wireless communication services, through December 31, 2021.

Omnia Partners – www.omniapartners.com/publicsector (*U. S. Communities*)

Sourcewell – www.sourcewell-mn.gov (*NJPA Cooperative*)

NCPA Cooperative – www.ncpa.us/vendors

H-GAC Cooperatives – <https://www.hgacbuy.org>

E & I Cooperative Services

TIPS – <http://www.tips-usa.com>

NPP – <https://nppgov.com>

Buyboard – <https://www.buyboard.com/national.aspx>

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Prior to utilizing the purchasing cooperative, the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 16-13B-2 requires the school board to verify that the goods or services are not at the time available on the state purchasing program, or that they are available at a price equal to or less than that on the state purchasing program. Additionally required is the verification that the purchase is made through a participating Alabama vendor holding an Alabama business license if such as vendor exists.

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