Cooperative purchasing utilizes a lead agent to competitively solicit a master agreement that contains language to be utilized by a state or nationally. Doing so results in several benefits to its members to include but not limited to:

- Money savings
- Time savings
- Limited need for personnel to run and review solicitations
- Ability to obtain higher quality products
- Expertise on the solicitation process
- Lower prices due to volume of members
- Convenience
- Well written and reviewed T&C
**NCPA’S Master Agreement Solicitation Process**

- The lead agent competitively solicits national master agreement for use by public agencies
- The solicitation is advertised nationally for a minimum of 30 days
- The solicitation has language that allows “piggybacking” for states whose laws allow intergovernmental contract use
- The lead agent evaluates the responses and awards contracts

**WHO CAN USE NCPA’s Contracts**

90,000 agencies nationwide, both the public and nonprofit sectors are eligible. These include, but are not limited to the following agency types:

- School Districts (including K-12, Charter Schools, and Private K-12)
- Higher Education (including Universities, Community Colleges, Private Colleges, and Technical / Vocational Schools)
- Cities, Counties, and any Local Government
- State Agencies
- Healthcare Organizations
- Church/Religious
- Nonprofit Corporations

**CONTRACT #09-11**

- **Lead Agent:** Region 14 ESC
- **Contract Terms:** December 13, 2021 - December 31, 2024
- **Categories Awarded:** Digital Healthcare Diagnostic Testing and Related Products and Services
- **Become a member:** ncpa.us/register
- **Learn more by visiting:** info.waxie.com/contracts/NCPA

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