

Office of Procurement Services Cooperative Purchasing Program



Cooperative Purchasing Venture

What is the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program?

The Ohio Cooperative purchasing program is an easy way to cut purchasing costs as well as save bidding time and resources by purchasing from competitively bid state contracts. Over 2000 members have already joined and do nearly \$180 million dollars of business annually.

How do I participate?

Your local government or board must pass a resolution authorizing participation in the program. A model resolution **can be found here**. Your entity would then fill out the enrollment form and pay a small annual fee based on the population of your municipality. Each quarter your entity would then fill out a usage form to help the program keep track of its members' needs and preferences. All the forms and details can be found on the **Ohio DAS website**. After all necessary documentation has been submitted you will receive a membership certificate by mail and be able to purchase from CUES and many other contracts. All purchase orders, shipping, and billing is still handled through CUES Inc., and our dealer MTech.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM?

- Leveraged purchasing power results in volume discounts and administrative savings.
- Use of your formal bidding processes may not be necessary when utilizing DAS contracts.
- DAS negotiates terms and conditions favorable to Ohio governmental entities.
- You may post your procurement opportunities on the state procurement website @ ohio.gov/procure to increase project exposure and expand competition.
- Receive assistance in resolving supplier compliance disputes on purchases made from DAS contracts.
- Access thousands of registered vendors who can increase your entity's sources of supply



The Cooperative Purchasing Program fully complies with all state laws and is a waiver of competitive bidding. The state procurement office handles purchasing on behalf of the members through formal and informal competitive bidding. You are protected by the benefits from terms and conditions that protect state and local governments in Ohio.

[°] Cooperative Purchasing Features & Benefits

What can I purchase through the program?

- Portable and Truck Mounted Pipeline TV Inspection Equipment
- Cameras
- Camera Transporters
- HD Digital Side Scanning Camera SystemsPipeline Data Acquisition Software & GIS Interface
- Lateral & Mainline Probes
- Lateral Reinstatement Cutters
- Laser/ Sonar Profilers
- All CUES Products!







Links and Contact Information

Ohio Purchasing Website: **Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Website**

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