

Purchasing Resources for Municipalities

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State of Wisconsin VendorNet (strong options for vehicle purchases)

This is a listing of all State of Wisconsin contracts. You can also view the bids and requests for proposals issued by the State on this site. Most vendors on these contracts will extend their pricing to municipalities.

<https://vendornet.wi.gov/Contracts.aspx>

State of Wisconsin WisBuy

This is an online marketplace where user municipalities can use many State of Wisconsin contracts with a procurement card. This site works very well for office supplies, janitorial supplies and other routine, smaller purchases. It is a quick and easy way to access State contracts.

<https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/DoingBusiness/eProcurementAndWisBuy.aspx>

Federal Government – General Services Administration

The federal government does not allow most of its contracts to be used by local units of government. Only contracts for purchase IT, security, and law enforcement products and services, plus contracts for disaster relief and public health emergencies can be used by municipalities. These contracts are particularly useful for IT and specialized law enforcement product purchases.

<https://www.gsa.gov/buying-selling/purchasing-programs/gsa-schedule/schedule-buyers/state-and-local-governments/cooperative-purchasing>

Purchasing Cooperatives which have contracts accessible by Wisconsin municipalities

BuyBoard (wide variety of offerings)

<https://www.buyboard.com/home.aspx>

Midwestern Higher Education Compact (IT contracts, including Dell)

<https://www.mhec.org/>

NASPO ValuePoint (wide range of offerings)

<https://www.naspovaluepoint.org/#/home/contracts>

NPP Gov (has law enforcement related products and services)

<https://nppgov.com/>

OMNIA Partners (formerly US Communities, wide range of offerings)

<https://www.omniapartners.com/publicsector>

Value Purchasing Network of Wisconsin (group of Wisconsin municipalities, mostly in the Milwaukee/Waukesha area who have formed their own cooperative)

<https://value4gov.org/>

Resources for finding sample bids/ Requests for Proposals

DemandStar (the Wisconsin Association of Public Purchasers has adopted this as their platform of choice for posting bids and RFPs for the purpose of developing a database of samples that member agencies can use. Any municipality can join for free, post/ distribute solicitations and see samples from agencies across Wisconsin and the nation)

<https://network.demandstar.com/>

Resources for comparing cooperative contracts

Procure Coops (an online resource for comparing across cooperatives, this is an emerging technology that is a great idea, but not fully built-out)

<https://www.coprocare.us/>