

UNDERSTANDING COOPERATIVE PURCHASING



WHY USE CO-OPS?

Cooperative purchasing, or "Co-Ops", is a widely accepted method of procurement for Public entities. The District participates in several Cooperative Purchasing Programs to save time and resources when the District lacks the capacity to issue independent solicitations.

HOW IT WORKS

A **Lead Agency** (State, County, City, or Municipality) issues a public solicitation, and includes language indicating that the solicitation is "Cooperative", and that the resulting contract will be available to other government entities. This allows other public agencies to "piggyback" on competitively awarded contracts.

BENEFITS TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Participating agencies benefit from: **economies of scale**, **reduced administrative costs**, and **favorable contract terms** that **align with procurement and risk management standards**.

BENEFITS TO VENDORS

Cooperative contracts are ideal for vendors as they provide a **wider client base** across government sectors, **financial security** working with public agencies, **streamlined processes** (less time bidding and managing contracts), and often results in **highly competitive pricing**.

MEETS PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

The solicitation conducted by the Lead Agency satisfies **State and Federal competition rules**, and is allowable per Purchasing and Contracting Policy 440.14



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NOTABLE ENHANCEMENTS TO SCOPE OF WORK

- Initial Clean at service start to establish a high standard from "ground zero"
- Services aligned with ISSA K12 Cleaning Standards
- Includes support for:
 - Building Rentals
 Ad-Hoc / Unscheduled Needs
- Contractor will provide:
 - Equipment & Cleaning Supplies
 - Consumable Supplies (e.g., paper products, soap)
- District maintains:
 - Supplies & equipment for Day Custodians
 - Two **separate custodial closets** at each site:
 - ▶ One for FNSBSD staff
 - ► One for Contractor staff

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- Supplemental Services available upon request
- Performance Assessments & Quality Control
- Background Checks & Fingerprinting conducted by the District;
 - ► Billed to Contractor
- To reduce costs & support operations, District will provide:
 - Office, staging, and storage space for Contractor

CURRENT STATUS

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STATUS

Administration is nearing completion of the finalized contract

- Aligned with **budget** and **operational priorities**
- Full agreement available for Board review

PRICE AND SAVINGS

- FY26 cost: \$4,074,500
- Estimated savings: \$2,900,000 (includes General and Risk Funds)

CURRENT ABM SERVICE SITES (TEMPORARY CONTRACT)

Evening/shift custodial services currently provided at **eight** district buildings and schools.

School administrators report noticeable **improvements in service quality** and **excellent responsiveness** from ABM.

