



Exceeding your expectations in cooperative public procurement!

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### **OVERVIEW**

- Introductions
- Why Cooperative Purchasing
- Who is NPPGov
- ☐ Procurement 101
- ☐ Use of our agreement
- ☐ Resources and Wrap up



# **MAGIC WAND**





## **COOPERATIVE PURCHASING?**

- Cooperative purchasing:
  - Shortens your sales time/cycle
    - More time for additional sales
  - Gets the customer what they want
    - Happy Customer
    - Better chance for referrals
  - Potentially keeps your competitors out of the deal
    - Easier process
    - Less price pressure



## WHAT IS IN IT FOR YOU?

- Complete more sales
- May not have to discount as much
- Minimize competitive influence
- Ultimately...





## WHO IS NPPGOV



**PROGRAMS** 







# PUBLIC SAFETY CONNECTION

- o Co-founded by the Fire Service
- Strong connection with Fire Chiefs Associations
  - Daily Dispatch
  - Revenue Share
  - FireRescue GPO Advisory Council
- Developing Police Chiefs association relationships





# NPPGov MEMBERSHIP

- Free to join takes less than 5 minutes
  - www.nppgov.com
- No purchase volume commitments
- Benefits:
  - Reduces your number for RFP
  - Saves time and money in your procurement process



# **MARKETS**

#### NPPGov serves

- Government
- Public Safety
- Education
- Non-Profit

### Programs of NPPGov

- FireRescue GPO
- Law Enforcement GPO







### COOPERATIVE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT 101

- Fiduciary Responsibility
- Authorized in State Statutes allow cooperative purchasing in all 50 states
- Specific process
- Public Solicitation process:
  - Coop contract is created in a special way
  - Solicitation process
  - Wording to include members of the coops



#### WHAT MAKES OUR AGREEMENT DIFFERENT THAN OTHER COOPERATIVES?

- Lead Public Agencies: Separate
- Easier to use than other COOPs
- Team of professionals to help and support you with our agreement
- Different solicitation processes
  - Advertising
  - Lead agency
  - T&C tend to be more flexible
  - More creative and salesish (creative outreach, marketing, introductions)



### HOW ARE THEY USING OUR AGREEMENT?

- Vendor Representatives:
  - Educate their customers on our agreement
  - Provide details about our agreement to their customer
  - Involve our team to in your process:
    - Answer question
    - Provide materials
    - Support you to assure the process goes smoothly

#### **VENDOR DISCUSSIONS ARE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL**



## HOW DO YOU USE OUR AGREEMENTS?

Vendor Contact

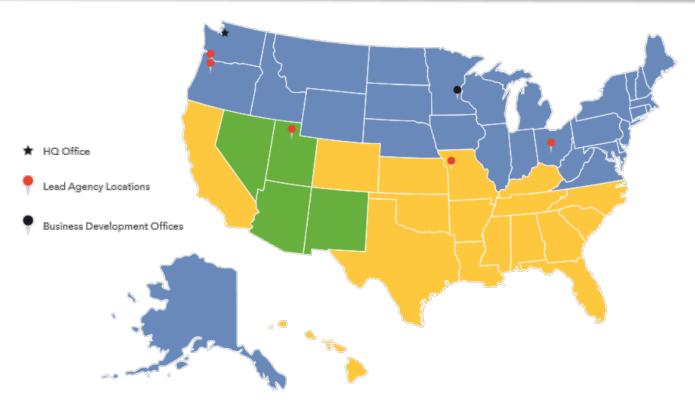


### **HOW DOES A CUSTOMER USE OUR AGREEMENT?**

- Need to be a member of NPPGov
  - Simple 5 minute process
  - Free of charge
  - Salesperson can sign up the customer
- Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) needs to be:
  - Agreement between the Lead Public agency our member
  - Simple process
  - Completed
- Member works directly with Vendor to purchase



# RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU





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- staff to assist you 6 AM to 5 PM (PST) M to F:
  - Assistance <u>before</u> and <u>after</u> the sales with your customer
  - Dedicated Regional Managers
  - Contact information
- Legal counsel available to assist you and your customers with questions about contract use



# **QUESTIONS?**

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