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# **U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance**

# Think of US first for money-saving and time-saving purchasing solutions

**U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance**™ (U.S. Communities™) is a nationwide purchasing and procurement cooperative for cites, counties, school districts (K-12), higher education and nonprofit organizations sponsored by the National League of Cities and four other national organizations.

As a nonprofit government purchasing resource, **U.S. Communities** is able to reduce the cost of purchased goods and services by pooling the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. This is accomplished through competitively solicited contracts for quality products through lead public agencies.

Today more than **38,000** public agencies nationwide utilize U.S. Communities™ contracts and suppliers to purchase more than **\$1.0 billion** in products and services **annually**. Each month more than 400 new public agencies register to participate. The continuing rapid growth of public agency participation is fueled by the program's proven track record.

### Save Time and Money

- Most favorable government pricing on thousands of products
- No user fees, no minimum purchasing requirements
- Staff resources freed up for other public priorities, programs and services
- Contracts are non-exclusive meaning you can purchase from other sources as well

# Competitively Solicited – Meets State Contracting Requirements

- All contracts are competitively solicited government contracts and non-exclusive
- Government agency "piggybacking" requirements are met
- Advisory Board of local government and education purchasing professionals guides program direction, selects products and manages competitive solicitations

#### Harnesses Aggregate Purchasing Power

- Combines potential purchasing power of up to 90,000 local agencies
- Expands purchasing choices beyond state boundaries

#### **Getting Started on U.S. Communities**

It is quick and easy to join U.S. Communities and there is no cost to participate. Visit the U.S. Communities website at www.uscommunities.org and click "Register with US." Proceed to the "product categories" section of the website to contact the supplier and you are on your way to your first money-saving purchase.

For more information on the U.S. Communities program, contact Marc Shapiro, Program Director, Enterprise Programs, NLC, phone:202.626.3019, e-mail: shapiro@nlc.org or visit the U.S. Communities website, www.uscommunities.org or e-mail: info@uscommunities.org.





38,000 Agencies

**41** of the largest 50 cities

**44** of the largest 50 counties

**41** of the largest 50 school districts

**35** of the largest 50 Universities



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### Go Green with US!

U.S. Communities Going Green (www.gogreencommunities.org) is the one-stop source for public agency access to a broad line of responsible purchasing products, services and resources. In addition to comprehensive contracts that offer eco-friendly products, agencies will find a wealth of valuable information and resources that will help lower environmental impact within the community.





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