

Benefits

- Free to join
- Eliminate cumbersome and time consuming procurement steps
- Access vendors across many categories (over 60 vendor partners—and growing!)
- Save money by accessing competitively bid products and services
- Simplify your procure-to-pay process

South Carolina Code Information

2013 South Carolina Code of Laws • Title 11 - Public Finance
CHAPTER 35 - SOUTH CAROLINA CONSOLIDATED PROCUREMENT CODE
SECTION 11-35-4810. Cooperative purchasing authorized.

Universal Citation: SC Code § 11-35-4810 (2013)

Any public procurement unit may participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the procurement of any supplies, services, or construction with one or more public procurement units or external procurement activities in accordance with an agreement entered into between the participants. Such cooperative purchasing may include, but is not limited to, joint or multi-party contracts between public procurement units and open-ended state public procurement unit contracts which shall be made available to local public procurement units, except as provided in Section 11-35-4820 or except as may otherwise be limited by the board through regulations.

However, thirty days' notice of a proposed multi-state solicitation must be provided through central advertising and such contracts may be only awarded to manufacturers who will be distributing the products to South Carolina governmental bodies through South Carolina vendors; provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph do not apply to public institutions of higher learning if the institution demonstrates a cost savings to the Office of State Procurement in regard to the multi-state solicitation and procurement.

HISTORY: 1981 Act No. 148, Section 1; 1997 Act No. 153, Section 1; 2011 Act No. 74, Pt V, Section 8, eff August 1, 2011.

You're Invited!

If your organization is a qualified, eligible entity in North or South Carolina, then we'd love the opportunity to serve you. Start taking advantage of the savings right now through our cooperative. No fees for membership, no minimum purchases.

Please visit our website to learn more:

www.CarolinaBuy.com

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Getting Started

1. Visit **www.CarolinaBuy.com** to register for your free membership.
2. View vendors and select products of interest.
3. Request a Quote or Assessment with just a few easy clicks!

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CarolinaBuy

What is CarolinaBuy and AEPA?

CarolinaBuy is a cooperative purchasing program operating as a service of Carolinas Alliance 4 Innovation (CA4I), a public benefit, non-profit 501.c.6. CA4I was approved in 2020 by the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA) as a state representative serving North and South Carolina. AEPA has 29 states across the nation that coordinate bids from Vendors for products to obtain volume discounts which are then passed directly on to Members.

CA4I, dba CarolinaBUY, serves qualified members in both Carolinas, and uses an AEPA approved bid process in compliance with state laws to identify vendor products and services on behalf of its members. These bids then become available exclusively to our members. Vendors enjoy the volume associated with being a part of CarolinaBuy, while schools, agencies and nonprofits enjoy the lower prices that volume purchasing brings as well as the convenience of not having to gather bids themselves.



Who are Qualified Members? Buyers are Active Members!

CarolinaBuy wants to serve all qualified public and private agency members through continuous efforts to solve present and future cooperative purchasing needs. We are excited when a qualified member chooses to be an active buyer!

Qualified Members of CarolinaBuy Include

- Counties, Cities and Municipalities
- Public and Private Schools/ Districts
- Public and Private Colleges & Universities
- Human Service and Recreation Agencies
- Churches & Child Development Centers
- Non Profits & Faith Based Organizations

CarolinaBuy vendors offer products and services that meet your entity's needs and maximize savings. Members may request vendor assessments on projects and quotes are available on all contract-related purchases to identify cost savings.

How Does it Work?

Visit www.CarolinaBuy.com to join now. Your membership is **absolutely free**. Our CarolinaBuy team will be happy to answer questions. Vendor partners are available to help with product needs and quotes.

Members can access vendor info on our website in order to find their favorite brands at lower prices. Order exactly what is needed, when it is needed. Quality is guaranteed, as every product in the program meets strict content and pricing criteria.

2023 Approved Vendors

AMERESCO	Hellas Sports Lighting	Partac Peat/Beam Clay
AmTab Manuf	Hillyard Custodial	Phil Long Gov Fleet
Astroturf Corp	Hoffman Heat Transfer*	Pitsco Education
Best Plumbing	Hoffman & Hoffman Inc*	Playcraft Systems
Blick Art	Hoffman Mech Solutions*	Quill School/Office
BMS CAT Recovery	Hubert Kitchen	Romtec Recreation
Bobcat Equipment	Husqvarna	School Health
Brightly Software	I-Station	School Specialty (3)
Busch Systems	Just Right Reader	Shaw Sports Turf
Carrier Corp	Kajeet Mobile	Signal Restoration
CDW-G	Kellogg K&S E-Rate	SRM Servicemaster
Centegix	Kompan Recreation	SOLIX E-Rate
Complete Book	Konica Minolta	SprinTurf
Daktronics	Kyocera Documents	SporTime
Deledao Education	Lakeshore Learning	SportsFields
Demco Furniture	Lawson Products MRO	SportSurfaces
E-Rate Central	Liftnow Automotive	The Motz Group
E-Rate Elite	Mackin Educational	TinyEYE Therapy
FieldTurf Surfaces	MedicalEshop	TOTAL Technology
Flaghouse HVAC	MeTEOR Education	WTI/ Tremco Roofing
FSG LED Lighting	Midwest Technology	*CarolinaBuy only
Gregory Electric*	Nat'l Business Furniture	
Hellas Construction		

Agreements/Affinity Partners

Carolinas Alliance 4 Innovation
 Olde English Consortium
 Western Piedmont Education Consortium
 Erskine College & ARP Affiliates
 Greenville Baptist Association