



**PARTICIPATION IN NASPO VALUEPOINT MASTER AGREEMENTS
FOR WIRELESS DATA, VOICE AND ACCESSORIES
BY
TEXAS SMARTBUY MEMBERS
IN THE
STATE OF TEXAS**

The State Chief Procurement Officer of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' Statewide Procurement Division (SPD), has notified NASPO ValuePoint that SPD does not anticipate that the State of Texas will sign a Participating Addenda for NASPO ValuePoint's new master agreements with Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, Hughes Network Systems and Discount Cell under the new Wireless Data, Voice and Accessories (2019-2024) contract portfolio. SPD's authority as NASPO's primary member for the State of Texas aligns with its statutory authority to execute statewide contracts that may be used by eligible entities in accordance with state law — current Texas SmartBuy members are eligible to participate in Texas statewide contracts and are covered under this blanket authorization notice.

Whenever the State of Texas, through SPD, is participating and signing a Participating Addendum to participate in a NASPO ValuePoint contract, SPD performs a careful review of the solicitation process to ensure it meets applicable procurement laws. In cases where the State of Texas has not signed a Participating Addendum, SPD defers to any other entity eligible to participate, to determine whether the particular procurement complies with the competitive requirements of the Texas Local Government Code or other relevant laws.

As the State is not participating in the above-referenced NASPO ValuePoint contracts, SPD has not reviewed the related solicitation and cannot speak to the specifics. However, SPD has not experienced any issues with the competitive procurement requirements in any of the NASPO ValuePoint contracts for which SPD has signed a Participating Addendum, so the State Chief Procurement Officer finds no reason not to authorize NASPO to accept a request from any current Texas SmartBuy member to participate in any master agreement under NASPO ValuePoint's Wireless Data, Voice and Accessories (2019-2024) contract portfolio.

Scanned copies of all executed participating addendums are to be sent by email in PDF format to PA@NASPOValuePoint.org.

This authorization is limited to the Wireless Data, Voice, and Accessories portfolio, does not apply to any state agency in Texas, and may be rescinded at any time by the State Chief Procurement Officer.

Questions regarding this notice may be sent to the NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Contract Coordinator Team by email at CCC@naspovaluepoint.org.

Effective Date: March 17, 2020 (Via Email)
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