

## PARTICIPATION IN NASPO VALUEPOINT MASTER AGREEMENTS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND AUGUST 25, 2020

Maryland's Office of State Procurement has informed NASPO ValuePoint that since it has no authority in regards to local government procurement, it has no objection to Maryland local governments entering into their own Participating Addenda (PAs) with NASPO ValuePoint suppliers if the State of Maryland has not previously adopted a NASPO ValuePoint supplier's contract statewide.

For purposes of statewide efficiency and transparency, please be advised that once Maryland establishes full functionality within its new <a href="mailto:eMarylandMarketplaceAdvantage">eMarylandMarketplace Advantage</a> ("eMMA") eProcurement solution then, each NASPO ValuePoint supplier will be required to only accept orders for ValuePoint contracts in Maryland that are through <a href="mailto:eMMA">eMMA</a>. Use of eMMA is optional for any Maryland local public body, but if a local government needs to use a ValuePoint contract, then they will be required to issue their order in eMMA.

Robert Gleason, Maryland's Chief Procurement Officer, did ask and I agreed, to summarize local government utilization of his authorization.

Effective Date: August 25, 2020 Voight Shealy NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Contract Coordinator III