

## PARTICIPATION IN NASPO VALUEPOINT MASTER AGREEMENTS BY ELIGIBLE ENTITIES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE OF MONTANA

The Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) in the Department of Administration, State Financial Services Division, State Procurement Bureau (SPB) has notified NASPO ValuePoint that under the Montana Procurement Act, only non-profit organizations operating a charitable hospital may participate in the state cooperative purchasing program and be eligible to purchase from NASPO ValuePoint contracts adopted by the SPB.

Non-profit organizations in Montana that are not eligible to participate in the state cooperative purchasing program may enter into direct Participating Addendums with willing NASPO ValuePoint contractors if doing so is allowed by their governing rules/policies, without involvement from the SPB.

All Montana entities that are eligible to participate in the state cooperative purchasing program must obtain the authorization of the CPO in the SPD before executing a direct PA with a NASPO ValuePoint contractor.

Scanned copies of all executed participating addendums are to be sent by email in PDF format to <a href="PA@NASPOValuePoint.org">PA@NASPOValuePoint.org</a>.

This guidance does not apply to any state agency or institution in Montana. State agencies or institutions must work through the SPD related to their participation in NASPO ValuePoint contracts.

Questions regarding this notice may be sent to the NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Contract Coordinator Team by email at <a href="CCC@naspovaluepoint.org">CCC@naspovaluepoint.org</a>.

Effective Date: November 13, 2020 (Via Email) Jeff Holden, Cooperative Contract Coordinator