



**PARTICIPATION IN NASPO VALUEPOINT MASTER AGREEMENTS
BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**

The State of Tennessee provides the following references regarding participation in cooperative agreements:

- Higher Education and Local Governments in Tennessee may enter participating addendums to utilize NASPO ValuePoint master agreements if doing so is permissible under their own statutory authority and procurement procedures. Any agreements are subject to the approval of the particular entity involved.
- In general, under Tenn. Code Ann. § [12-3-101](#) all goods and services for the use of state government, shall be purchased and contracted for by the Central Procurement Office unless a particular exemption applies. There are several state governmental entities and types of contracts that are exempt. For a list of exemptions, please see Tenn. Code Ann. § [12-3-102](#).
- The Central Procurement Office may participate in cooperative purchasing agreements, including NASPO ValuePoint contracts, under Tenn. Code Ann. § [12-3-512](#).
- Many exempt governmental entities have their own statutory authority to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement that is awarded through full and open competition.
 - For details regarding some of the cooperative purchasing requirements for a public institution of higher education please see Tenn. Code Ann. § [12-3-512](#).
 - For details regarding some of the cooperative purchasing requirements of a municipality, county, utility district, or other local government of the state please see Tenn. Code Ann. § [12-3-1205](#).

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