Benefits of Cooperative Procurement

- Ability to use an already solicited and proven contract – saving time in months of independent bidding process
- Assurance that proven, experienced contractors and subcontractors work on your projects
- Ability to secure materials only, or combine with service associated with the installation of products
- Allows the project to start faster with a shorter project execution time
- Minimizes and/or eliminates change orders
- Subject matter experts available as opposed to the limited resources available within one contracting agency
- Support and resources from the cooperative organization

Leveraging Resources

Typical construction bidding takes months to complete, with the development of specifications and scope of work, engineering estimates, advertising, evaluation, negotiations and final award.

Construction and installation services through cooperative contracts provide the same high level of contracting requirements, which have been competitively bid and meeting all federal, state and agency requirements.

KEEPING YOUR PROJECT ON TRACK

Are Prevailing Wages Paid?
Yes, where required by agency or state regulations.

Are permits required and included?
Yes, all contractors and subcontractors are responsible for securing all permits as required by law.

Are bonds required?
The requirement for bonds is driven by the public agency.

Is there a fee for using a cooperative contract?
No. While many cooperatives require an agency to be a member, it is free. Membership provides access to available contracts for commodities, services & construction.

What do you mean by Installation Services?
Many commodities are routinely purchased through a cooperative contract. But consider a large HVAC unit, new lighting systems or security cameras which require labor to install, anchor to buildings, and electrical provision of power sources. Many of those services are now covered through cooperative contracts as a bundled service.

Job Order Contracting (JOC)
A competitively bid contract based on a set of comprehensive detailed pre-priced construction tasks. JOC eliminates the time, expense and administrative burden of completing the normal design-bid-build cycle for each project, and delivers quality construction faster and more cost effectively. Great for repetitive type construction work and repair projects.

IDIQ (Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity) pricing leverages cooperative purchasing to help agencies quickly implement a project and still satisfy all relevant federal, state, and local competitive bidding requirements, including the requirements of federal 2 CFR Part 200. IDIQ solicitations are publicly and widely advertised to ensure multiple responsible bidder participation and satisfy the threshold requirements for competitive bidding.

Key Next Steps

1. Explore and conduct due diligence on those cooperative organizations that offer material, installation services and construction contracts
2. Join as a member and contact vendor for specific information about the contract and services