



## **MASTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT**

This Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (the “**Agreement**”) is entered into by and between those certain government agencies that execute a Principal Procurement Agency Certificate (“**Principal Procurement Agencies**”) with National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Company (“**National IPA**”) to be appended and made a part hereof and such other public agencies (“**Participating Public Agencies**”) who register to participate in the cooperative purchasing programs administered by National IPA and its affiliates and subsidiaries (collectively the “**National IPA Parties**”) by either registering on a National IPA Party website (such as [www.nationalipa.org](http://www.nationalipa.org)), or by executing a copy of this Agreement.

### **RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, after a competitive solicitation and selection process by Principal Procurement Agencies, a number of suppliers have entered into “**Master Agreements**” (herein so called) to provide a variety of goods, products and services (“**Products**”) to the applicable Principal Procurement Agency and the Participating Public Agencies;

**WHEREAS**, Master Agreements are made available by Principal Procurement Agencies through the National IPA Parties and provide that Participating Public Agencies may purchase Products on the same terms, conditions and pricing as the Principal Procurement Agency, subject to any applicable federal and/or local purchasing ordinances and the laws of the State of purchase;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to Master Agreements, the National IPA Parties may from time to time offer Participating Public Agencies the opportunity to acquire Products through other group purchasing agreements;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, and of the mutual benefits to result, the parties agree as follows:

1. That each party will facilitate the cooperative procurement of Products.
2. That the procurement of Products by Participating Public Agencies subject to this Agreement shall be conducted in accordance with and subject to the relevant federal, state and local statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations that govern Participating Public Agency’s procurement practices.
3. That the cooperative use of Master Agreements and other group purchasing agreements shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of such agreements, except as modification of those terms and conditions is otherwise allowed or required by applicable federal, state or local law.
4. That the Principal Procurement Agencies will make available, upon reasonable request and subject to convenience, Master Agreement information which may assist in improving the procurement of Products by the Participating Public Agencies.

5. That the Participating Public Agency agrees that the National IPA Parties may provide access to group purchasing organization (“**GPO**”) agreements directly or indirectly by enrolling the Participating Public Agency in another GPO’s purchasing program, including but not limited to Vizient Supply, LLC, Provista, Inc. and other National IPA affiliates and subsidiaries; provided that the purchase of Products through a National IPA Party or any other GPO shall be at the Participating Public Agency’s sole discretion.
6. That the Participating Public Agencies (each a “**Procuring Party**”) that procure Products through any Master Agreement or GPO Product supply agreement (each a “**GPO Contract**”) will make timely payments to the distributor, manufacturer or other vendor (collectively, “**Supplier**”) for Products received in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement or GPO Contract, as applicable. Payment for Products and inspections and acceptance of Products ordered by the Procuring Party shall be the exclusive obligation of such Procuring Party. Disputes between Procuring Party and any Supplier shall be resolved in accordance with the law and venue rules of the State of purchase unless otherwise agreed to by the Procuring Party and Supplier.
7. The Procuring Party shall not use this Agreement as a method for obtaining additional concessions or reduced prices for similar products or services.
8. The Procuring Party shall be responsible for the ordering of Products under this Agreement. A non-procuring party shall not be liable in any fashion for any violation by a Procuring Party, and the Procuring Party shall hold non-procuring party harmless from any liability that may arise from action or inaction of the Procuring Party. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the National IPA Parties make no representations or warranties regarding any Product, Master Agreement or GPO Contract, and shall have no liability for any act or omission by a Supplier or other party under a Master Agreement or GPO Contract.
9. This Agreement shall remain in effect until termination by a party giving 30 days written notice to the other party. The provisions of paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 hereof shall survive any such termination.
10. This Agreement shall take effect upon (i) execution of the Principal Procurement Agency Certificate or (ii) the registration on a National IPA Party website or the execution of this Agreement by a Participating Public Agency, as applicable.