

WESTERN STATES CONTRACTING ALLIANCE  
MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT  
for  
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, PERIPHERALS, AND RELATED SERVICES

Number B27164

This Agreement is made and entered into by Hewlett Packard Company, Hewlett-Packard Company, 11445 Compaq Center Drive W, Houston, TX 77070 ("Contractor" or "HP") and the State of Minnesota, Department of Administration ("State") on behalf of the State of Minnesota, participating members of the National Association of State Procurement officials (NASPO), members of the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) and other authorized Purchasing Entities.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the State has the need to purchase and the Contractor desire to sell; and,  
**WHEREAS**, the State has the authority to offer contracts to CPV members of the State of Minnesota and to other states.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

**INTENT AND PURPOSE**

The intent and purpose of this Agreement is to establish a contractual relationship with equipment manufacturers to provide, warrant, and offer maintenance services on **ALL** Products proposed in their response to the RFP issued by the State of Minnesota. Delivery, support, warranty, and maintenance may be provided by the Contractor using subcontractors. The Contractor agrees to take legal responsibility for the warranty and maintenance of all Products furnished under this Agreement. The Contractor is responsible for the timeliness and quality of all Services provided by individual subcontractors. Subcontractor participation will be governed by individual Participating Entities, who have the sole discretion to determine if they will accept Services from a subcontractor.

Individual Purchasing Entities may enter in to lease agreements for the Products covered in this Master Price Agreement, if they have the legal authority to enter into these types of agreements without going through a competitive process, and if the Contractor submitted copies of its lease agreements with its response to the RFP. The lease agreements were not reviewed or evaluated as part of the RFP evaluation process. The agreements are located in Exhibit C, Value-Added Services.

The Agreement is **NOT** for the purchase of major, large hardware or hardware and software offerings. In general, individual units/configurations for servers and storage (SANs, etc.) should not exceed \$300,000 each. Desktop per unit/configuration costs should not exceed \$100,000. Printers of all types and monitors per unit/configuration costs should not exceed \$50,000 each. It is the expressed intent of some of the Participating States to set this level at not to exceed \$25,000 each, or \$50,000. Contractors must be willing to comply with these restrictions by agreeing to supply Products in those price ranges only. This **IS NOT** a restriction on how many units/configurations can be purchased, but on the value of each individual unit/configuration. Individual Participating States and Participating Entities may set specific limits in a participating addendum above these limits, with the prior approval of the WSCA Directors; or may set specific limits in a participating addendum below these limits.

Contractors may offer, but participating states and entities do not have to accept, limited professional services related **ONLY** to the equipment and configuration of the equipment purchased through the Agreement.

## 1. Definitions

**“Announced Promotional Price”** are prices offered nationally to specific categories of customers (Consumer, Business or government) for defined time periods under predefined terms and conditions.

**“Consumables”** those items that are required for the operation of the Equipment offered or supplied which are consumed over time with the purchaser’s use of the equipment are included – printer cartridges, batteries, projector bulbs, etc. Consumables such as magnetic media, paper and generally available office supplies are excluded.

**“Configuration”** in most instances in this document means a total system configuration. This may include more than one model or part number (or SKU), or a combination of hardware, software, and configuring of the system to make the system work.

**“Contract”** means a binding agreement for the procurement of items of tangible personal property or Services. Contract and Master Price Agreement are used interchangeably in this document.

**“Contractor”** means the successful Responder who enters into a binding Master Price Agreement. The Contractor is responsible for all sales, support, warranty, and maintenance services for the Products included in this Agreement. The Contractor must manufacture or take direct, non-assignable, legal responsibility for the manufacture of the equipment and warranty thereof. For the purposes of this Contract, the term Contractor and Contract Vendor are synonymous.

**“CPV Member”** is any governmental unit having independent policy making and appropriating authority, that is a member of Minnesota’s Cooperative Purchasing Venture (CPV) program.

**“CPV Program.”** The Cooperative Purchasing Venture (CPV) program, as established by Minn. Stat. § 16C.03, subd. 10, authorizes the commissioner of

Administration to "enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement for the provision of goods, services, and utilities with [governmental entities] ..., as described in section 471.59, subdivision 1." Based on this authority, the commissioner of Administration, through the Materials Management Division (MMD), enters into a joint powers agreement that designates MMD as the authorized purchasing agent for the governmental entity. It is not legal for governmental entities that are not members of the CPV program to purchase from a State contract. Vendors are free to respond to other solicitations with the same prices they offer under a contract, but that is not considered use of the "State contract price."

**"Cumulative Volume Discount"** refers to the increased discounts by Product group or Band under the HP Product and Service Schedule (PSS) which may be offered by HP based on HP's evaluation of its pricing policies and structures on a periodic six month basis. If Cumulative Volume Discounts are recommended by HP, HP's written request for the increased discount is submitted to the WSCA/NASPO Contract Administrator for approval. The increased Cumulative Volume Discount is effective for orders after the later date of receipt of approval from the WSCA/NASPO Contract Administrator or the effective date specified in the HP written request for approval.

**"Documentation"** refers to manuals, handbooks, and other publications listed in the PSS, or supplied with Products listed in the PSS, or supplied in connection with Services. Documentation may be provided on magnetic media or may be downloaded from the Contractor's web site.

**"E-Rate"** is a program sponsored by the Federal Communications Commission whereby educational and other qualifying institutions may purchase authorized technology at reduced prices.

**"Educational Discount Price"** means the price offered in a nationally announced promotion, which is limited to educational customers only.

**"Equipment"** means workstations, desktop, laptop (includes Tablet PC's), handheld (PDA) devices, projectors, servers, printers, monitors, computing hardware, including upgrade components such as memory, storage drives, and spare parts. AUDIO VISUAL PRODUCTS (digital cameras, televisions, whiteboards, etc.) are NOT included in this RFP or subsequent contracts. The exception to this definition is whiteboards, which can be sold as part of the Instructional Bundles, but not as a stand-alone item.

**"FCC"** means the Federal Communications Commission or successor federal agency. In the event of deregulation, this term applies to one or more state regulatory agencies or other governing bodies charged to perform the same, or similar, role.

**"General Price Reduction Price"** means the manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) offered to consumer, business or governmental purchasers at prices lower than PSS pricing. General price reduction prices will be reflected in the PSS as soon as practical.

**"Lead State"** means the State conducting this cooperative solicitation and centrally administering any resulting Master Price Agreement(s). For this Master

Price Agreement, the Lead State is Minnesota.

**“Mandatory”** The terms “must” and “shall” identify a mandatory item or factor.

**“Manufacturer”** means a company that, as its primary business function, designs, assembles, owns the trademark/patent and markets computer equipment including workstations, desktop computers, laptop (includes Tablet PC’s) computers, handheld (PDA) devices, servers, printers, and storage solutions/auxiliary storage devices. The manufacturer must provide direct un-infringed unlimited OEM warranties on the Products. The manufacturer’s name(s) shall appear on the computer equipment. The Contractor(s) shall provide the warranty service and maintenance for Equipment on a Master Price Agreement as well as a Takeback Program.

**“Master Price Agreement”** means the contract that MMD will approve that contains the foundation terms and conditions for the acquisition of the Contractor’s Products and/or Services by Purchasing Entities. The “Master Price Agreement” is a permissive price agreement. In order for a Purchase Entity to participate in a Master Price Agreement, the appropriate state procurement official or other designated procurement official must be a Participating State or Participating Entity.

**“Materials Management Division” or “MMD”** means the procurement official for the State of Minnesota or a designated representative.

**“NASPO”** means the National Association of State Procurement Officials

**“Participating Addendum” or “Participating Addenda”** means a bilateral agreement executed by the Contractor and a Participating State or political subdivision of a State that clarifies the operation of the price agreement for the State or political subdivision concerned, e.g. ordering procedures specific to a State or political subdivision and other specific language or other requirements. Terms and conditions contained in a Participating Addendum shall take precedence over the corresponding terms in the master price agreement. Additional terms and conditions, including but not limited to payment terms, may be added via the Participating Addendum. However, a Participating Addendum may not alter the scope of this Agreement or any other Participating Addendum. ***Unless otherwise specified, the Participating Addendum shall renew consecutively with the Master Price Agreement.*** One digitally formatted, executed copy of the Participating Addendum must be submitted to the WSCA/NASPO Contract Administrator PRIOR to any orders being processed.

**“Participating State” or “Participating Entity”** means a member of NASPO (Participating State) or a political subdivision of a NASPO member (Participating Entity) who has indicated its intent to participate by signing an Intent to Participate, where required, or another state or political subdivision of another state authorized by the WSCA Directors to be a party to the resulting Master Price Agreement.

**“PDA”** means a Personal Digital Assistant and refers to a wide variety of handheld and palm-size PCs, and electronic organizers. PDA’s usually can store phone numbers, appointments, and to-do lists. PDA’s can have a small keyboard, and/or have only a special pen that is used for input and output. The

