

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What is the purpose of the Cooperative Purchasing Program?

A. The purpose of the program is to leverage spend across all entities to obtain deeper volume discounts.

Q. If we join, do we have to make all of our purchases through the program?

A. Participation is voluntary. Purchasing from DAS contracts is an option to save you money and time. You may select which contracts to utilize depending upon the needs of your particular entity.

Q. How many members are currently enrolled in the program?

A. Nearly 2,000 Ohio entities currently participate.

Q. How much do entities spend on cooperative contracts annually?

A. Member entities spend nearly \$180 million annually.

Q. When can I begin using the cooperative purchasing program?

A. You can expect to receive your membership certificate within five business days once we receive your signed resolution, enrollment form and annual membership fee.

Q. What reporting is necessary?

A. As a participating member, your entity's usage of DAS contracts will need to be submitted to our office quarterly. The online form, available from our website, makes quarterly reporting quick and easy. Your timely reporting enables our office to track what is being purchased from DAS contracts as well as to leverage our spend and obtain greater volume discounts.