



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- ^ Why is there a Cooperative Purchasing Program?**
The Legislature wanted to provide political subdivisions with an opportunity to save money on some of their purchases as well as benefit from an expedited procurement process.
- ^ Who is eligible to join the Coop?**
All political subdivisions including counties, cities, villages, townships, port & transit authorities, schools, park districts, other authorities, boards, commissions and instrumentalities that become "properly registered".
- ^ How long does it take to become properly registered?**
Your entity is "properly registered" upon our receipt of a completed Model Resolution, Enrollment Form and payment for your annual fee.
- ^ How much are the fees?**
Fees vary and are based on either population or member category. because of a growing number of members, this year we have been able to reduce fees by 20% across the board. Fees now range from a low of \$100 for a township or small village to a maximum of \$420 for a large city of large county.
- ^ What can we expect to save on our Coop Purchases?**
Savings vary by product type and could range from 10% to 35 or 40% on some items.
- ^ If we join, do we have to make all of our purchases through the Coop?**
No. You decide which Coop contracts you want to use and whether you will buy from a State Coop contract or not. You always have the right to competitively bid any purchase.
- ^ How many members are there in the Coop Program?**
Generally, more than 1600 annually.

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