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## Member Advantages

### Compliance and transparency

Contracts and vendors awarded through BuyBoard have been competitively procured, to assist members with compliance with local and state procurement requirements and a documented audit trail. Transparency in the procurement process is treated with a high degree of focus and is of paramount importance. All vendors are treated on equal terms and are on the same plane of competition.

### Value and choice

With a wide range of contracts available, members will find almost everything needed to support their organization. The BuyBoard philosophy has always been that members know best which products they need, and the choice of vendor is their decision to make.

### Efficiency and cost savings

Because a competitive procurement process has been completed by the Cooperative, members may save time and resources that would have been spent on preparing and conducting a formal RFP. Besides reducing administrative costs, members achieve additional savings through competitive pricing.

## **Request for Quotes (RFQ) application**

BuyBoard's RFQ functionality allows members to request pricing on volume needs from multiple vendors. This convenient and efficient process can be finalized in a matter of days, versus weeks or months, for a typical formal bid/proposal process.

## **Member governed**

The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is governed by an nine-member board of directors composed of participating members. The board's only function is to govern the Cooperative and award all contracts directly with no delegation of authority to staff.

## **Support of public education and local governments**

BuyBoard was created to support and serve public schools, municipalities, counties, and all types of local government agencies and nonprofits. That support and service is evidenced in the list of organizations that sponsor the program and in turn support their respective membership. Purchasing through the BuyBoard means your agency is helping to support the statewide organizations that support you.

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## Ready to Join BuyBoard?

Becoming a member of the National Purchasing Cooperative, d/b/a National BuyBoard® or BuyBoard®, requires only a few simple steps – and membership is free!

### Governmental Entity

Complete the required fields below to execute the National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement on behalf of your entity and become a BuyBoard member. Review the *Interlocal Participation Agreement (/National/documents/interlocal-participation-agreement.pdf)* (pdf). If you prefer to execute a hard copy of the Agreement, click the Resources tab above and email [buyboard@nsba.org](mailto:buyboard@nsba.org) (<mailto:buyboard@nsba.org>) the completed and signed agreement.

**If action by your entity's governing body is required prior to joining**, follow your policy/procedure before agreeing and submitting the Interlocal Participation Agreement to establish your membership.

### Nonprofit Entity and Texas Governmental Entity

#### DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM

Nonprofit entities must complete the *Nonprofit Subscriber Agreement (/documentation/nonprofit\_subscriber\_agreement.pdf)* (pdf) and Texas governmental entities must complete The Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (a.k.a. Texas Cooperative) Interlocal Participation Agreement, and e-mail [info@buyboard.com](mailto:info@buyboard.com) (<mailto:info@buyboard.com?subject=BuyBoard%20Membership>) the agreement to the BuyBoard to establish membership.

### Vendors

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