



Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District

Cooperative Purchasing Update
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SRPEDD has been actively pursuing cooperative purchasing opportunities with our 27 member communities.

Current activity is focused on a cooperative purchasing program for **office supplies**. We decided to join a very successful existing office supply program with the Town of Kingston, MA. This program has been in operation for multiple years with a history of obtaining very competitive prices.

The combination of Kingston and SRPEDD communities means we will be submitting a group bid representing about 20 communities. The collective buying power of this group is expected to generate some very competitive prices for office supplies resulting in significant savings for the participating towns. If you have any questions on this program, contact Ross Perry at 508-824-1367 ext 239.

SRPEDD is also looking into a group bid for **street sweepers**. Each city/town will be able to specify the design and features they need and SRPEDD will handle the 30B RFP process. Preliminary conversations with sweeper vendors have indicated that a 5-20% savings may be possible. All that is needed is 2 or more towns to work with SRPEDD to provide their specific requirements for their street sweeper (or other DPW equipment, catch basin cleaners, bucket trucks, stump grinders, etc).

IT Services, including:

- End user remote support, help desk
- On site service and repair
- “Moves, adds, changes”
- Desktop and server management
- Municipal software support
- Training
- Security, virus protection, and backup
- Disaster recovery and business continuity
- Network design and technology consulting

If your community would like to jointly bid and contract for these services contact Ross Perry.