



## Oklahoma Higher Education Procurement Cooperative (OHEPC)

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OHEPC is a voluntary collaboration among Oklahoma's public higher education institutions that was formed in the fall of 2017 at the request of the OSRHE Council of Presidents. It enables institutions to combine purchasing volume, strengthen contract terms, and reduce administrative burden while maintaining full campus autonomy.

#### **Structure**

- Members: Public higher-ed institutions (18) that sign the MOA.
- Chair: selected by Chief Procurement Officials.
- Lead Agency: Runs competitive solicitations and awards master agreements.
- Participating Agencies: Join via master agreement via participating addenda.
- Sourcing Teams: Multi-campus teams that develop requirements and conduct evaluations.

#### **Cooperative contract process**

1. Institutions identify shared purchasing needs.
2. Cooperative Organization approves the category.
3. Lead Agency and Sourcing Team are selected.
4. Lead Agency issues the RFP.
5. Master Agreement awarded.
6. Institutions join via Participating Addenda.

#### **Benefits of collaborative procurement.**

##### **1. Financial:**

- Aggregated volume provides leverage to improve value.
- Better warranties, service level agreements, and commercial terms.
- Reduced duplication of bid and evaluation costs across 25 institutions.
- Access to higher-value contracts and pricing.

##### **2. Administrative:**

- One solicitation instead of many.
- Shared templates and due diligence.
- Reduced administrative burden and protest risk.
- Campuses retain full autonomy.

##### **3. Strategic & Risk Benefits:**

- Supports statewide priorities like cybersecurity, accessibility, and sustainability.
- Stronger unified contract terms.
- Shared vendor performance intelligence.