

## **Appendix:**

### **Sourcewell**

Sourcewell is part of the Minnesota Service Cooperatives created by the Minnesota Legislature as a local unit of government (Minn. Const. Art. XII, Sec. 3). Sourcewell exists to help government, education, and nonprofits work more efficiently by providing a wide range of cooperative contracts while complying with competitive bid process requirements. Their contracts are designed to help fulfill purchasing needs while making the buying process more efficient. All vendor agreements are the result of formal bids or negotiated contracts for equipment, products, and services.

State Statutes showing Sourcewell is in compliance with competitive bidding requirements:

- Minnesota Statute 471.345 Subdivision 15 “A municipality may contract for the purchase of supplies, materials, or equipment without regard to the competitive bidding requirements of this section if the purchase is through a national municipal association’s purchasing alliance or cooperative created by a joint powers agreement that purchases items from more than one source on the basis of competitive bids or competitive quotation.”
- SDCL 5-18A-22.3 states “any purchase of supplies or services, other than professional services, by purchasing agencies from any active contract that has been awarded by any government entity by competitive sealed bids or competitive sealed proposals or from any contract that was competitively solicited and awarded within the previous twelve months.”

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