

Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA)

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What is the WSCA-NASPO Cooperative Purchasing Organization?

The National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) has formed a subsidiary entity, the **WSCA-NASPO Cooperative Purchasing Organization** (WSCA-NASPO), LLC to manage its national cooperative purchasing program. The LLC was formed in October of 2012 and began operating officially on January 1, 2013.

Since 1993, the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) served as the primary cooperative purchasing arm of NASPO and encouraged, fostered, and guided participating members to work collaboratively in an effort to create true procurement cooperatives. **WSCA-NASPO represents a unified, nationally-focused cooperative purchasing program** that will leverage the collective expertise and experience of WSCA and NASPO, aggregate the demand of **all 50 states**, the District of Columbia and the five organized territories, and their political subdivisions and other eligible entities, and help spur innovation and competition in the marketplace.

All authorized governmental entities in **any state are welcome to use WSCA-NASPO cooperative contracts with the approval of that state's State Chief Procurement Official.** Cooperative purchasing benefits states as well as cities, counties, public schools, institutions of higher education and other eligible entities.

What does that mean for the Geospatial Community? It means access to public cloud offerings.

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Inception & Expiration

Awarded: August 2012

Expiration: July 31, 2015

Two (2) renewal options remain.

Overview/Summary

The Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA), in collaboration with the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) and a four state consortium of the chief information officers from Colorado, Montana, Oregon and Utah, is pleased to

announce the award of four contracts for its PUBLIC CLOUD HOSTING SERVICES Cooperative Contract. This effort was led by the State of Utah (a collaboration of the Division of Purchasing and General Services, Utah Department of Administrative Services and the Utah Department of Technology Services), with tremendous support from the technology authorities in Colorado, Montana and Oregon.

Like all WSCA and NASPO cooperative contracts, these contracts will be accessible by participating states and all entities within a participating state that have legal access to state contracts, once a Participating Addendum has been executed. Access will be open to all entities authorized by a participating state's statutes to use that state's contracts, including federal agencies in many cases. Because of the nature of the cloud environment, the individual participating state Chief Information Officers will act as the gate keepers and monitors for the actual use of these contracts once a Participating Addendum has been executed between a state and a contractor.

Contractor Information

- [Dell](#)
- [Dewberry & Davis Service Operations, Inc](#)
- [ESRI](#)
- [Unisys](#)

What do they offer?

Each company has a little different offering but for the most part they offer managed services including the following:

- GIS Application Hosting
- GIS Esri licensed hosted solutions (Esri, Dewberry, Unisys)
- Database hosting
- Data Storage
- Consulting services

Challenges –

- Security compliance
- Licenses are cheaper via Master Purchase Agreement