

Why haven't you joined the **MRESC Co-op #65MCESCCPS?**

We are New Jersey State Approved!

**Call me. Let's talk about the
benefits of joining!**

**Let us help you save valuable tax dollars.
Contact us today.**

The MRESC's NJ State Approved Cooperative Pricing System's membership has eclipsed **625** government entities. It is the largest Cooperative Pricing System in the state of New Jersey. Members **do not** pay administrative service fees. **Unlike other co-ops, not only do you join for free — it is free to use!!**

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WE ARE MEMBER DRIVEN! NEW CONTRACTS APPROVED AS NEEDED.

What Are The Benefits Of The Cooperative Purchasing Program

BUYING POWER — Save money by using contracts that provide for volume driven cost reductions. The MRESC through its membership has gained leverage to get the best prices and product values.

SOLICITATION PROCESS CONVENIENCE — Why reinvent the wheel. Save staff time and related expenses.

QUALIFIED VENDORS AND PRODUCT FLEXIBILITY — A wide selection of goods and services is offered through qualified/approved vendors.

VENDOR MANAGEMENT / COMPLIANCE — If issues arise with MRESC contracts, our staff is available to assist in resolving any bid/contract issues.



MRESC New Jersey State Approved Coop # 65MCESCCPS- Current Bids

ACT Telecommunications (Regional/Lg. Distance Service)	MRESC 11/12-38	7/1/12 - 6/30/15
ACT Data/Broadband/Hosted Services	MRESC 11/12-47	3/6/12 - 3/5/15
Asset Id. Services/Marketing/Advertising for the Purpose of Generating Revenue	RFP# MRESC 11/12-01	10/21/11-10/20/16
Athletic Equipment & Supplies	MRESC 10/11-48	5/9/11-5/8/12 Extended through 5/8/13
Athletic Equipment Reconditioning and Repair	MRESC 10/11-20	11/19/10 - 11/18/11 Extended to 11/18/12
Bleacher (Interior) Systems- Purchase & Installation	MRESC 11/12-41	3/23/12 - 3/22/13
Carpet	MRESC 12/13-10	7/1/12 - 6/30/14
Classroom Supplies	MRESC 11/12-09	7/1/11 - 6/30/12 Extended 7/1/12 to 6/30/13
Classroom Supplies - <i>Cosmetology</i>	MRESC12/13-06	7/28/12-7/27/13
Copy Paper	MRESC 11/12-11	7/1/11 - 12/31/11 Extended to 6/30/12; Extended to 12/31/12
Custodial Supplies	MRESC 11/12-29	1/2/12 - 1/1/13
Custodial Supplies-Trash Liners	MRESC 11/12-29A	1/2/12 - 6/30/12 Extended to 12/31/12
Demand Response	MRESC 08/09-34	7/1/09 - 6/30/12 Extended to 6/30/13
Electricity - Supply of	MRESC 11/12-48	See Pricing for dates.
Electrician - Time & Material - Round One	MRESC 10/11-44	3/28/11 - 3/27/12 Extended to 3/27/13
Diesel/Gasoline	MRESC 11/12-32	10/21/11 - 10/20/12
Document Management	MRESC 12/13-22	7/1/12 - 6/30/15
Electrician - Time & Material - Round Two	MRESC 10/11-53	6/6/11 - 6/5/12 Extended 6/6/12 to 6/5/13
Energy Awareness I-Energy (SEE Program)	MRESC RFP	7/1/09 - 6/30/14
Flexible Spending Account Management	MRESC RFP	7/1/12-12/31/14
Flooring	MRESC 12/13-11	6/4/12 - 6/3/14
Furniture-School & Office	MRESC 11/12-12	6/6/11 - 6/5/12 Extended to 7/1/13
General Office Supplies	MRESC 10/11-42	7/1/11 - 6/30/12 Extended 7/1/12 to 6/30/13
Grounds Equipment	MRESC 12/13-24	8/1/12- 7/31/13
T & M	MRESC 10/11-46	5/9/11 - 5/8/12 Extended through 5/8/13
H.V.A.C. Bid	MRESC 10/11-38	3/1/11- 2/28/13
Lockers-Purchase/Refurbishment	MRESC 10/11-40	5/9/11 - 5/8/12 Extended through 5/8/13
Maintenance Equipment	MRESC 11/12 - 40	1/23/12- 1/22/13
Medical Nurse Supplies	MRESC 10/11-35	Extended through 1/20/13
Natural Gas - Supply of	MRESC 11/12-10	PSE&G - 12/1/11 - 11/30/13
		E-Town and NJ Natural 12/1/11 - 10/31/13
Nursing Services	MRESC 11/12-31	1/23/12 - 1/22/14
Occupational and Physical Therapy	MRESC 11/12-30	1/1/12 - 12/31/13
Painting Services	MRESC11/12-34	2/27/12 - 2/26/13
Playground Equipment & Outdoor Circuit Training	MRESC12/13-13	7/1/12 - 6/30/13
Playground Surfacing	MRESC 12/13-17	7/1/12-6/30/13
Plumbing - Time & Material- Round One	MRESC 10/11-43	3/28/11 - 3/27/12 Extended 3/27/13
Plumbing - Time & Material- Round Two	MRESC 10/11-52	6/6/11-6/5/12 Extended 6/6/12 - 6/5/13
Pool Supplies	MRESC 11/12-39	3/26/12 - 3/25/13
Printing Services	MRESC 12/13-09	9/1/12 - 8/31/13
School Buses	MRESC 11/12-46	3/1/12 - 2/28/13
School Bus Advertising for the Purpose of Generating Revenue	RFP 12/13-20	8/1/12 - 7/31/15
Shredding & Disposal of Records	MRESC 10/11-50	5/9/11 - 5/8/12 Extended 5/9/12 to 5/8/13
SMART Board Technology	MRESC 12/13-18	7/1/12 - 6/30/13
Technology Supplies	MRESC 10/11-41	7/1/11 - 6/30/12 Extended 7/1/12 to 6/30/13



The Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC) New Jersey State Approved Co-op# “65MCESCCPS”

How do I use this Co-op?

If your organization is a member then simply visit our web site at www.mresc.k12.nj.us to learn more about the program and current contracts.

If you are not a member then you must pass a resolution to join the Co-op and execute the “AGREEMENT FOR A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM” and send original certified copies to Mr. Patrick M. Moran at the MRESC. Once your information is received your organization will be registered with the Division of Local Government Services and you can use the bids available through the Co-op.

Who is eligible to join the Co-op?

N.J.S.A. 40A11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement to participate in a Cooperative Pricing System. 18A:18A-11 permits School Districts to enter into joint agreements with Counties and Municipalities. Therefore all Public School Districts, Counties, Municipalities, State Universities, Colleges and County Colleges are eligible to join.

Why is it legal to purchase off a Co-op contract?

It is legal to purchase off a Co-op contract because this system is registered with the Division of Local Government Services and bids are developed in accordance with New Jersey Public Contracts Law and only offered to registered members.

How will my organization benefit from using Co-op contracts?

The primary benefit to using a Co-op contract is the aggressive bid pricing that is received by vendors who want access to an established pool of potential clients.

Other benefits include the savings realized from not having to develop bid specifications and pay for advertising. Members get access to quality products provided by reliable vendors who have established reputations and a track record of success. The elimination of the need to award a contract to a vendor who may not be qualified or reject and re-bid when time is critical.

To learn more about the MRESC and the Co-op offerings visit our website at www.mresc.k12.nj.us where you can review the bid documents and obtain the membership resolution and agreement.

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RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION
IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE (CONTRACTING UNIT)
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NUMBER

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on (DATE OF ACTION) the governing body of the (CONTRACTING UNIT), County of (COUNTY OF LOCATION) , State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the (CONTRACTING UNIT)

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER) is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

CERTIFICATION

I Hereby, certify that the above resolution was adopted by the (District name) Board of Education at the Board meeting held on (Date).

BY:

(NAME AND TITLE)

ATTEST BY:

(NAME AND TITLE)

COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM AGREEMENT

THE MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES COMMISSION
65MCESCCPS

AGREEMENT FOR A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

This Agreement made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the, MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION and the _____ who desire to participate in the MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, specifically authorizes two or more contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services and enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION is conducting a voluntary Cooperative Pricing System with other contracting units; and

WHEREAS, this Cooperative Pricing System is to effect substantial economies in the provision and performance of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, all parties hereto have approved the within Agreement by Resolution' in accordance with the aforesaid statute; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of all parties to enter into such Agreement for said purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF the promises and of the covenants, terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, it is mutually agreed as follows:

The goods or services to be priced cooperatively may include supplies and materials, time and material bids, energy aggregation and such other items that two or more participating contracting units in the system agree can be purchased on a cooperative basis.

1. The items and classes of items which may be designated by the participating contracting units hereto may be purchased cooperatively for the period commencing with the execution of this Agreement and continuing until terminated as hereinafter provided.
2. The Lead Agency, on behalf of all participating contracting units, shall upon approval of the registration of the System and annually thereafter IN JANUARY OF EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR publish a legal ad in such format as required by *N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.9(a)* in its official newspaper normally used for such purposes by it to include such information as:
 - (A) The name of Lead Agency soliciting competitive bids or informal quotations.
 - (B) The address and telephone number of Lead Agency.
 - (C) The names of the participating contracting units.
 - (D) The State Identification Code assigned to the Cooperative Pricing System.
 - (E) The expiration date of the Cooperative Pricing System.
3. Each of the participating contracting units shall designate, in writing, to the Lead Agency, the items to be purchased and indicate therein the approximate quantities if required, the location for delivery and other requirements, to permit the preparation of specifications as provided by law.
4. The specifications shall be prepared and approved by the Lead Agency and no changes shall be made thereafter except as permitted by law. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent changes in specifications for subsequent purchases.
5. A single advertisement for bids or the solicitation of informal quotations for the goods or services to be purchased shall be prepared by the Lead Agency on behalf of all of the participating contracting units desiring to purchase any item.
6. The Lead Agency when advertising for bids or soliciting informal quotations shall receive bids or quotations on behalf of all participating contracting units. Following the receipt of bids, the Lead Agency shall review said bids and on behalf of all participating contracting units, either reject all or certain of the bids or make one award to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders for each separate item. This award shall result in the Lead Agency entering into a Master Contract with the successful bidder(s) providing for two categories of purchases:

(A) The quantities ordered for the Lead Agency's own needs, and

(B) The estimated aggregate quantities to be ordered by other participating contracting units by separate contracts, subject to the specifications and prices set forth in the Lead Agency's Master Contract.

7. The Lead Agency shall enter into a formal written contract(s) directly with the successful bidder(s) only after it has certified the funds available for its own needs.
8. Each participating contracting unit shall also certify the funds available only for its own needs ordered; enter into a formal written contract, when required by law, directly with the successful bidder(s); issue purchase orders in its own name directly to successful vendor(s) against said contract; accept its own deliveries; be invoiced by and receive statements from the successful vendor(s); make payment directly to the successful vendor(s) and be responsible for any tax liability.
9. No participating contracting unit in the Cooperative Pricing System shall be responsible for payment for any items ordered or for performance generally, by any other participating contracting unit. Each participating contracting unit shall accordingly be liable only for its own performance and for items ordered and received by it and none assumes any additional responsibility or liability.
10. The provisions of Paragraphs 7, 8, 9, and 10 above shall be quoted or referred to and sufficiently described in all specifications so that each bidder shall be on notice as to the respective responsibilities and liabilities of the participating contracting units.
11. No participating contracting unit in the Cooperative Pricing System shall issue a purchase order or contract for a price which exceeds any other price available to it from any other such system in which it is authorized to participate or from bids or quotations which it has itself received.
12. The Lead Agency reserves the right to exclude from consideration any good or service if, in its opinion, the pooling of purchasing requirements or needs of the participating contracting units is either not beneficial or not workable.
13. The Lead Agency shall appropriate sufficient funds to enable it to perform the administrative responsibilities assumed pursuant to this Agreement.
14. *It is understood that all fees for each participating contracting unit are paid to the Lead Agency by the successful bidder as follows:*
 - *Supplies, materials, goods and services at 2.2% of sales.*
 - *Natural Gas .00325 per therm*

- *Electrical Aggregation.00125 per kilowatt hour*
- *Demand Response at 7% of reimbursement*

All fees are included within the bid price and are subject to change with new awards and notice to all cooperative members will be provided.

- 15 This Agreement shall become effective on 4/23/2009 subject to the review and approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and shall continue in effect for a period not to exceed five (5) years from said date unless any party to this Agreement shall give written notice of its intention to terminate its participation.
16. *Additional local contracting units may from time to time, execute this Agreement by means of a Rider annexed hereto, which addition shall not invalidate this Agreement with respect to other signatories. The Lead Agency is authorized to execute the Rider on behalf of the members of the System.*
17. All records and documents maintained or utilized pursuant to terms of this Agreement shall be identified by the System Identifier assigned by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, and such other numbers as are assigned by the Lead Agency for purposes of identifying each contract and item awarded.
18. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed and executed by their authorized corporate officers and their respective seals to be hereto affixed the day and year above written.

FOR THE LEAD AGENCY

BY: _____
Patrick M Moran
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

ATTEST BY: _____
Name and Title

For: _____
Participating Unit

BY: _____
Name and Title

ATTEST BY: _____
Name and Title