

Piggybacking in New York

Now agencies in New York can take advantage of cost savings for products and services and eliminate the costs associated with competitive bids. U.S. Communities can help you reduce time and resources for contract solicitation at no cost with NY cooperative contracts.

With U.S. Communities, you will find more than costs savings - you will find a procurement solution partner. An impartial lead public agency competitively solicits, evaluates and awards all contracts. Our program is designed to provide costs savings with the lowest overall public agency pricing, drive efficiencies and deliver value.

Timeline

August 1, 2012: Governor Cuomo approved [Senate Bill 5525](#)

Bill modified the State's procurement code to make piggyback contracts available to local government agencies within New York.

November 2012: Comptroller's Office requested that certain [clarifications be made to the new law](#) in order to make it clear that contracts awarded based upon best value could be utilized in a piggyback manner.

November 13, 2013: Governor Cuomo signed [Senate Bill 3766](#) into law.

Public agencies may adopt a piggyback contract that was either let to the lowest responsible bidder or based upon the best overall value.

November 2013: Comptroller's Office releases the [official guidance](#) for New York agencies.

Next Steps

Public agencies wishing to utilize a NY cooperative contract awarded based upon best value (whether through their own solicitation or when piggybacking another contract) must first pass a local law, rule, regulation or resolution authorizing such practice.

Note: School districts will only need to pass a resolution. Political subdivisions other than New York City are required to first authorize the use of "best value" awards by local law, or in the case of district corporations, school districts and BOCES, by rule, regulation, or resolution.

[Request Sample Local Law & Resolution](#)

Resources

U.S. Communities NY Postings

Learn more about the posting details and documents for competitive solicitations posted in New York. Resulting contracts will be made available through the U.S. Communities cooperative purchasing program.

State Statutes

Access the New York Intergovernmental Purchasing Statutes.

Cooperative Standards

Not all purchasing cooperatives are equal. Use this helpful information when choosing cooperative contracts to ensure best value and protection for you and your agency.

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U.S. Communities contracts are established to meet both the competitive solicitation and consent requirements. Access to U.S. Communities contracts includes consent to a Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.