

## Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) replacing its \$18.6 billion PC contracts

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*With state budgets growing tighter by the day, cooperative purchasing will be an increasingly popular option for saving money. Eligible vendors should not overlook the WSCA schedule.*

The state of Minnesota, on behalf of the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) and the National Association of State Procurement Officers (NASPO), released an [RFP](#) on September 29 seeking to establish agreements with pc, server, and peripheral manufacturers to replace incumbent contracts expiring in 2009.

Minnesota is again acting as the lead state on these contracts for which 31 states have at this point submitted an Intent to Participate. In the almost 10 year existence of the WSCA PC contracts, participating states and localities have spent more than \$18.6 billion through the contracts.

The new RFP is directed to manufacturers of:

- Servers
- Desktops
- Laptops
- Tablet PCs
- PDAs
- Printers
- Multifunctional printing devices
- Storage solutions
- Monitors
- Local area network devices
- Instructional bundles

The RFP also includes EPEAT requirements and has preferences for manufacturers with verification of third-party certifications. Responder questions are due October 23 and proposals are due January 23, 2009.