

Axia Cooperative

MASTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

This Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (this “**Agreement**”) is entered into by and between those certain government agencies that execute a Lead Procurement Agency Certificate (“**Lead Procurement Agencies**”) with Axia Coop LLC (“**Axia Cooperative**”) to be appended and made a part hereof and such other public agencies (“**Participating Public Agencies**”) who register to participate in the cooperative purchasing program administered by Axia Cooperative by either registering on a Axia Cooperative website (www.axiacoop.org), or by executing a copy of this Agreement.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, after a competitive solicitation and selection process by Lead Procurement Agencies, a number of suppliers have entered into “**Master Agreements**” (herein so called) to provide a variety of goods, products and services (“**Products**”) to the applicable Lead Procurement Agency and the Participating Public Agencies;

WHEREAS, Master Agreements are made available by Principal Procurement Agencies through the Axia Cooperative and provide that Participating Public Agencies may purchase Products on the same terms, conditions and pricing as the Lead Procurement Agency, subject to any applicable federal and/or local purchasing ordinances and the laws of the State of purchase; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, and of the mutual benefits to result, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Each party will facilitate the cooperative procurement of Products.
2. The Participating Public Agencies shall procure Products in accordance with and subject to the relevant federal, state and local statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations that govern Participating Public Agency’s procurement practices. The Participating Public Agencies hereby acknowledge and agree that it is the intent of the parties that all provisions of this Agreement and that Principal Procurement Agencies’ participation in the program described herein comply with all applicable laws, including but not limited to the requirements of 42 C.F.R. § 1001.952(h), as may be amended from time to time. The Participating Public Agencies further acknowledge and agree that they are solely responsible for their compliance with all applicable “safe harbor” regulations, including but not limited to any and all obligations to fully and accurately report discounts and incentives.
3. The cooperative use of Master Agreements shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Master Agreements, except as modification of those terms and conditions is otherwise required by applicable federal, state or local law.
4. The Principal Procurement Agencies will make available, upon reasonable request, Master Agreement information which may assist in improving the procurement of Products by the Participating Public Agencies.

5. The Participating Public Agencies (each a “**Procuring Party**”) that procure Products through any Master Agreement will make timely payments to the distributor, manufacturer, or other vendor (collectively, “**Supplier**”) for Products received in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement, as applicable. Payment for Products and inspections and acceptance of Products ordered by the Procuring Party shall be the exclusive obligation of such Procuring Party. Disputes between Procuring Party and any Supplier shall be resolved in accordance with the law and venue rules of the State of purchase unless otherwise agreed to by the Procuring Party and Supplier.
6. The Procuring Party shall not use this Agreement as a method for obtaining additional concessions or reduced prices for similar products or services.
7. The Procuring Party shall be responsible for the ordering of Products under this Agreement. A non- procuring party shall not be liable in any fashion for any violation by a Procuring Party, and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Procuring Party shall hold non-procuring party harmless from any liability that may arise from the acts or omissions of the Procuring Party.
8. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, AXIA COOPERATIVE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL EXPRESS OR IMPLIED REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES REGARDING ANY PRODUCT OR MASTER AGREEMENT. AXIA COOPERATIVE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE IN ANY WAY FOR ANY SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY, PUNITIVE, OR RELIANCE DAMAGES, EVEN IF THE AXIA COOPERATIVE IS ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. FURTHER, THE PROCURING PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT AXIA COOPERATIVE SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY FOR ANY ACT OR OMISSION BY A SUPPLIER OR OTHER PARTY UNDER A MASTER AGREEMENT.
9. This Agreement shall remain in effect until termination by a party giving thirty (30) days’ written notice to the other party. The provisions of Paragraphs 6 - 10 hereof shall survive any such termination.
10. This Agreement shall take effect upon (i) execution of the Lead Procurement Agency Certificate, or (ii) the registration on the Axia Cooperative website or the execution of this Agreement by a Participating Public Agency, as applicable.