



County of Rockland

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County's Purchasing Division saves \$104,000 on cooperative copy paper purchases

New City, NY – County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef announced today that the County's Purchasing Division has recently awarded a cooperative contract on behalf of the Hudson Valley Municipal Purchasing Group (HVMPG) for \$104,000 in savings on copy paper purchases. Thirty-three local government agencies and non-profit organizations from the Hudson Valley participated in the cooperative copy paper contract valued at \$1 million dollars annually.

The HVMPG Cooperative currently allows local governments and non-profit agencies that provide services on behalf of local governments, the ability to leverage their purchasing power by participating in cooperative contracts. Cooperative purchasing agreements are used by governments for many items from office supplies to auto parts.

"In a time when saving money is the focus for local governments and non-profits, Rockland County has taken the lead," Vanderhoef said. "This is an example of using taxpayer dollars more effectively. Thanks to Purchasing Director Paul Brennan and his staff for their efforts on this cooperative project."

Brennan explained that the cost savings to the 33 participants, consisting of five counties, two cities, four towns, five villages, nine school districts, one local authority, one library and six non-profits, will actually be greater than the actual price reductions they realize, as each agency will also see administrative cost savings as a result of not having to issue their own bids for copy paper. This was the first cooperative bid that allowed non-profit agency participation that included Cornell Cooperative Extension, Jawonio, Reuben Gittelman Hebrew Day School, Poughkeepsie Day School, Greystone Programs and Volunteer Counseling Services, Inc.

"While the faltering national economy has put added pressure on both local governments and non-profit organizations budgets, many local governments are hesitant to make the commitment to participate in a cooperative contract," said Brennan. "The 33 participants on this current cooperative copy paper contract are only a fraction of the over 500 local governments within the Hudson Valley. We hope these significant savings results encourage all other local governments, especially in Rockland County to participate in future cooperative bidding opportunities."

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Participants in this cooperative opportunity included the following:

Brewster Central School District	Poughkeepsie Day School, Inc.
City of Poughkeepsie	Poughkeepsie Public Library
City of Yonkers	Putnam County
Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County	Reuben Gittelman Hebrew Day School
Dutchess County	Rockland County
East Ramapo Central School District	Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority
	Town Greenburgh
Eastchester Union Free School District	Town of Cortlandt
Garrison Union Free School District	Town of Hyde Park
Greystone Programs, Inc.	Town of Ramapo
Haldane Central School District	VCS, Inc.
Harrison Central School District	Village of Haverstraw
Hyde Park Central School District	Village of Mount Kisco
Jawonio	Village of Scarsdale
Orange County	Village of Tarrytown
Pearl River School District	Village of West Haverstraw
Pelham School District	Westchester County

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