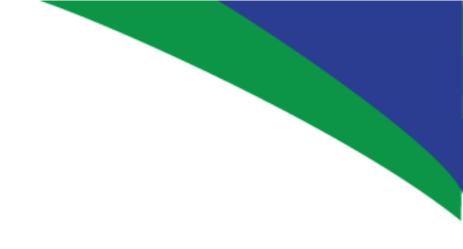


Your go-to destination for Statewide Cooperative Purchasing



NJSTART 101 Training Q1 2025 Navigation/Functionality/Resources

March 4, 2025

HOUSEKEEPING



QUESTIONS

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RECORDING

NJSTART 101 AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- DPP and Periscope a partnership created to support you
- NJSTART Support Overview
- Resources and Terms
- Demo: Let's Take a look
- What we Covered and How to Contact Us



NJSTART – What is it?

NJSTART is the State of New Jersey's Online Purchasing System for the Division of Purchase & Property (DPP)

- The Division of Purchase & Property (DPP is within the NJ Department of Treasury and serves as the State's central procurement agency
- NJSTART includes all active contracts including those open to Cooperative Purchasing
 Participants
- DPP's Cooperative Purchasing Program was established by legislation and extends specific State contract to eligible local buying units
- Examples of "local buying units" are:
 - Municipalities Counties School Districts Volunteer First Aid & Rescue Squads County & State Colleges Independent Authorities Quasi-State Agencies
 - Independent Institutions of Higher Education



Meet the Team

Our State Contract is: T2879 - eProcurement System Transformation, Contract #84203

The State of New Jersey and Periscope (formerly Periscope Holdings) have been working together since 2005. Periscope is a technology and solutions provider focused exclusively on transforming public sector procurement. For the State of New Jersey, Periscope is the technology provider and implementer for NJSTART, including the new NJSTART Marketplace, an enhanced State of New Jersey Cooperative Contracting and eprocurement shared resource for Public Purchasing Entities in New Jersey.

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Some of Periscope's State Contract Responsibilities

State Contract T2879 – eProcurement System Transformation -#84203

Below are just some of Periscope's contracted responsibilities:

- Train and support Cooperative Program Participants in how to use NJSTART
- Market Cooperative Contracts to Cooperative buyers
- Implement a supplier reporting program to enable improved visibility into Cooperative buyer habits and needs
- Collect a procurement efficiency program fee to fund State procurement operations and the support of Cooperative buyers



For most up to date communications regarding NJSTART and Statewide Cooperative Contracts, sign up for our newsletter and follow njstart.info



Customer Advisory Board Established with members from seven NJ public purchasing organizations



Quarterly Newsletter with contract updates and helpful information reaches over 2,500 contacts



Quarterly Publication of Statewide contracts and focused Contract Category Guides



Over 40 workshops and exhibits every year, including onsite training and support for eligible organizations and associations



On demand support! Contact us at coop-njstart@mdfcommerce.com



Poll Questions

1. Do you leverage the njstart.info site?

2. Have you log into njstart.gov?

3. What is the biggest obstacle for you when using State contracts?



RESOURCES AND DEMO

THE WORLD TAKES



NJSTART Online Resource Pages



www.njstart.gov

- Access Statewide contract details including pricing and procedures
- Access select vendor G2B
 punchouts
- Source vendors
- Manage your account
- Access Marketplace
- Do not use Supplier Registration



www.njstart.info

- NJSTART Registration Requests
- FAQs
- Resources for Local Governments
- Quick Reference Guide
- Newsletters & Recorded Training Sessions
- Contracts Reports



www.nj.gov/treasury/purchase/

- Access to fuel pricing
- Master Notification Vehicle Manufacturer Cut Off Dates
- Important Technology Contract Info
- Special Notices such as notices of awards and intent to contract as well as regulatory notices



Sample of Contract Data in the NJSTART Quarterly Contract Report

Category and Description	Contract #	Vendor Name	NJSTART Vendor Number	Blanket Start Date	Blanket End Date	NJ Cooperative Purchasing
G2004 - FURNITURE: OFFICE, LOUNGE AND SYSTEMS – STATEWIDE	81607	Allseating Corporation	V00000913	07/30/12	12/18/28	Y
M0002 Facilities Maintenance and Repair & Operations (MRO) and Industrial Supplies	19-FLEF 90566	Grainger	V00003164	10/01/18	08/31/26	Y
T3121 Software Reseller Services	20-TELE-01509	Corpora o Corpora	V00000150	05/25/2021	05/24/2026	Y
T0200 - MAILROOM EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES		Prior & Nami Business Systems	V00001606	0 /15/16	04/14/25	Y
T0103 - Park and Playground Equipment	16-FLEET-00139	Liberty Parks and Playgrounds Inc	V00013839	05/31/17	05/30/25	Y



Reviewing Contracts (Blankets) & Attachments in NJSTART

There are 3 types of Cooperative Contracts available



A State contract established through an advertised solicitation by DPP



A State contract established based on Federally-Based Contracts



A State contract established by joining an existing Cooperative Agreement Typical Attachments Tab Contents, use in conjunction with the Items Tab

For State Managed Contracts

- Final Bid Solicitation
- Sections 1/2/3/4/5 usually most helpful

For National Cooperatives

- Master Agreement
- Participating Addendum

Common docs important to you

- MOO Method of Operations
- At-A-Glance
- Award Summary



Suggested Best Practices for utilizing NJ State Cooperative Purchasing Contracts

I. Validate that a contract is "Active and Purchasable"

a. in NJSTART the contract shows in "SENT" status and the expiration date is future date (example: 01/10/2025)

2. Make sure every vendor quote has the following:

a. SONJ Contract Number

b. Recommend requesting exact details from State approved price list or Items Tab when data is available

i. Review the Items and Attachments tabs to make sure that pricing is the most recent pricing (even if vendor tells you provided pricing is current, it cannot be used if it is not approved by the State and in NJSTART)

ii. Validate that the items you want to purchase are the EXACT make/model/part/etc. that is on the contract item list or price list

3. Review the Vendor tab for vendor information:

a. Review the Distributor sub-tab to validate (reseller/distributor/fulfillment partner)

i. If a company is not listed, it cannot be used

4. Review the MBPO/contracts items tab for contract award and other clarifying information

5. Review the following documents found on the Attachments Tab:

<u>Note</u>: These best practices are meant to provide general guidance. Not every document will be present on every contract Always follow the outlined procedures and if you are uncertain of legal requirements, consult our legal counsel a. Final Bid Solicitation

i. Sometimes referred to as Bid Solicitation, RFP, or Revised Bid Solicitation

- b. For National Cooperative Contracts review Participating Addendum
- c. For GSA contracts, review RFQ if available

d. Method of Operations

e. At a glance

f. Award Summary

g. Price List

h. Every contract will have some combination of these documents

i. Understand how to use the contract and quote requirements

i. This is critical with multi-vendor awards

6. Associated items that are NOT on State contract should have a separate quote and/or purchase order

7. Every purchase order must include:

- a. NJ Cooperative Purchasing System Number "NJAC 5:34-7.29"
- b. SONJ Contract Number (must be on all vendor quotes you receive)

Don't forget, whether in NJSTART or not, <u>always</u> enter the SONJ contract number and the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing System Number of "1 NJCP" on your PO (NJAC 5:34-7.29).



REMEMBER TO ALWAYS FOLLOW YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC PURCHASING GUIDELINES!

Let's Take a Look Together!

Some helpful tips when using NJSTART

- Be sure to login to <u>https://www.njstart.gov</u> to get the best search experience
- Use the Advanced Search Feature to filter for cooperative contracts
- Remember, in NJSTART, contracts are now called "Contract"
- Take advantage of viewing contracts with easy-to-use punch outs
- The Items and Attachments Tabs have the most information needed to learn about the contract
- Monitor DPP's website for important updates: <u>https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/</u>
- Monitor the NJSTART informational site for resources and contract guides: <u>https://www.njstart.info/</u>
- Non-State Agency Users with log in credentials to the NJSTART platform are NOT able to reset their passwords themselves. If you need your password resent, please contact <u>coop-njstart@mdfcommerce.com</u> and your password will be reset, and a new temporary password will be generated.

What we covered

NJSTART Login: Remember to login every 90 days NJSTART Dashboard Navigation Maximize Punchouts G2B **NJSTART's** Value to Contract Search By Item, By Description, By TNumber, By Vendor Name and Marketplace Search you! Summary Tab/Items Tab/Attachments Tab (Important to Review) Vendor Search & Review of Term and Categories Leverage the newsletter and the <u>nistart.info</u> website!





NEXT STEPS

Contact Trevor Day and Bill Hnatiuk

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Go to our online resource page to express interest and sign-up for access to njstart.gov and our newsletters njstart.info

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Questions ?





THANK YOU!

