

**SPECIAL NOTICE:
NEW JERSEY TO UTILIZE WSCA/NASPO COMPUTER CONTRACTS**

On July 19, 2007, State Treasurer Bradley Abelow announced that the State of New Jersey would be joining a nationally recognized purchasing cooperative to leverage its computer buying power and achieve significant cost savings for taxpayers in state and local government. The press release has generated interest and questions, particularly from the vendor community. This notice is intended to respond to the questions that both potential bidders and current State contractors may have about this innovative move forward in New Jersey State contracting.

New Jersey is currently planning to utilize the WSCA¹/NASPO² 2004-2009 Computer Contracts for two groups of products, namely (1) desktop computers, laptops and tablet PCs, and (2) monitors. New Jersey's participation will occur within 30-60 days of this notice. As a result of this decision, the State's intended contract awards under RFP 06-X-38425, "Micro-computers, Desktop Hardware and Related Services" have been cancelled. Further, RFP 07-X-39105, "Microcomputers: IT Desktop Hardware & Related Services - Supplemental RFP", has been cancelled. These two RFPs and the resultant contracts would have provided the State with desktop computers, laptops, tablet PCs, monitors, printers, and multi-function machines. Instead, when the WSCA/NASPO 2004-2009 Computer Contracts are activated, desktop computers, laptops, tablet PCs and monitors will be available for purchase by both State and local agencies through those contracts. Until that time, desktop computers, laptops, tablet PCs and monitors, as well as printers and multi-function machines will continue to be purchased as they were prior to the Treasurer's press release. There will be a notice posted on this website before any change takes place.

¹ Western States Contracting Alliance

² National Association of State Procurement Officials

In addition, the State is actively working with the manufacturers that are on the WSCA/NASPO 2004-2009 Computer Contracts for desktop computer, laptops, tablet PCs, and monitors to develop a contract addendum that specifically includes the use of New Jersey businesses to fulfill our requirements. It is the State's intention to utilize New Jersey businesses as the distribution channel for the computers and monitors.

Treasurer Abelow's press release also announced cancellation of RFP 07-X-38361, "Servers and Network Equipment & Services". It should be noted that these products are not currently being pursued via the WSCA/NASPO 2004-2009 Computer Contracts. This RFP was cancelled because it was not in line with the strategic direction for information technology that the Governor and Legislature are seeking to establish through Executive Order 42 and P.L. 2007 c.56. The Division of Purchase and Property is working with the State Office of Information Technology to determine the appropriate direction for the procurement of this type of equipment. In the interim, such equipment and services will continue to be available to contract users under the State's existing Minicomputer, Microcomputer, Workstation & Associated Products contract (T0483).