



How Illinois School Districts Saved 17% on Just-In-Time Paper

A Joint Procurement Success Story

The Challenge

School districts around the country are struggling with rising costs, especially for everyday supplies needed for their students and administration, such as paper.

Because districts operate independently, they often perform duplicate procurement work, and they have limited negotiating power with suppliers. Their challenges included:

- Individual districts lack purchasing leverage for price negotiations
- Districts perform duplicate procurement processes for similar goods and services

The Solution: Cooperative Purchasing

Illinois ASBO leads **Illinois Together**, a K-12 cooperative purchasing initiative, with operational support and administration provided by Bespoke Community Cooperatives.

Leveraging the cooperative, Barrington Community Unit School District 220 led a contract for just-in-time paper delivery representing ten Illinois school districts with a total estimated \$800,000 in annual paper purchases.

The combined spend and committed group action elicited competitive bids from multiple suppliers and resulted in price savings and procurement efficiencies for these schools, as well as for any other school who wishes to buy via this contract vehicle.

Results

\$150,000

Total annual savings across 10 districts

\$25,000

Administrative savings over 10 districts by utilizing a single procurement process

87.1 Hours

Average personnel hours to complete a new solicitation project*

*NCPP Tracking the Cost of an RFP, August 2024

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Want to use Illinois Together's just-in-time paper contract?

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