

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING GROUPS

Purchases less than \$15,000 may be executed through an approved buying group without the need to seek competitive bids. The District uses groups approved by the State of Missouri. Currently, the District uses the

- **OMNIA Partners** (formerly National IPA & TCPN)
 - <https://www.omniapartners.com/>
- **Education Plus Cooperative Purchasing**
 - <https://www.edplus.org/Page/309>
- **Missouri Cooperative Procurement Program**
 - <https://oa.mo.gov/purchasing/cooperative-procurement-program>

It remains preferable that District purchases are made based on full and open competition (soliciting bids) however the purchasing cooperatives may be used in an emergency situation when the solicitation of competitive bids is not feasible.