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E&I JOINS NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PARTNERS

JERICO, N.Y. – E&I is pleased to announce that it has joined National Cooperative Purchasing Partners (NCPP) as a founding member. As the newly formed (2015) Professional Association for Cooperative Procurement, NCPP aspires to become widely recognized and respected as the key authority and source of information regarding cooperative purchasing within the public procurement community.

E&I joins with fellow founding members National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) and National IPA. Together, and with other members, NCPP is committed to working collaboratively and inclusively to promote the highest level of business ethics, best practices and standards to serve the collaborative procurement needs of government, education and nonprofit agencies across the country.

As the use of purchasing cooperatives has grown in the public procurement sector, the time seems appropriate for a professional association to represent this important channel. NCPP efforts will focus on advocacy, legislation analysis, education and training tools for public procurement professionals in areas related to cooperative purchasing. E&I is proud to become a member of this

organization and continue to open doors for our members with regard to cooperative purchasing. To learn more, visit <http://www.nationalcooperativeprocurementpartners.org/>.

About E&I

[E&I Cooperative Services](#) (E&I) is the member-owned, not-for-profit sourcing cooperative delivering expertise, solutions and services to education and related institutions. E&I provides members with access to a diverse portfolio of competitively awarded contracts, electronic procurement platforms and consulting services to help them source effectively. By leveraging the knowledge and expertise of more than 4,000 member institutions, E&I helps members reduce costs and optimize supply chain efficiencies. The Cooperative's member-driven [competitive solicitation process](#) has been validated by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) as being in compliance with generally accepted public procurement standards.