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E&I Cooperative Services Launches its E-Procurement Solution, E&I Marketplace *Two new e-procurement platforms now available to E&I members*

Jericho, N.Y. – E&I Cooperative Services (E&I), the only member-owned, non-profit procurement cooperative focused exclusively on education, today announced the launch of two new e-procurement solutions designed to help its members optimize their sourcing operations. The new solutions include the no-cost, plug-and-play E&I Marketplace, and EqualLevel, Sponsored by E&I, an e-procurement platform that makes it easy for institutions that may have previously found the implementation of e-procurement difficult to justify.

E&I Marketplace is a no-cost online service that allows users across an institution's departments to shop for products and services available through E&I's supplier contracts. This will help members increase spend under contract, create efficiencies, and control costs. The solution enables users to easily take advantage of the Cooperative's large portfolio of contracts, most of which have been competitively solicited.

"We are launching new e-procurement solutions to meet the needs of educational institutions of every shape and size in higher ed and K-12. E&I Marketplace is a game changer," said Eric Frank, President & Chief Executive Officer of E&I. "Members can instantly achieve many of the benefits of e-procurement without the related costs or administrative complexities. This new venture is an important step in E&I's ongoing transformation from a cooperative contracting organization to a complete strategic sourcing solutions provider."

EqualLevel, Sponsored by E&I is a standalone solution for members who need a more complete, robust, and customizable e-procurement platform. E&I Marketplace is embedded within the platform, delivering an instant, ready-to-use shopping experience. The additional functionality this option offers includes full administrative control, the ability to include non-E&I supplier catalogs, ERP integration, data analytics, custom branding, and more.

E&I's full range of e-procurement platform offerings now include:

- E&I Marketplace
- EqualLevel, Sponsored by E&I
- JAGGAER
- Unimarket

E&I also has the capability to help members who already have e-procurement or ERP systems optimize their catalog enablement strategies and/or punchout to the E&I Marketplace to round out their existing offerings.

To learn more, please visit <u>www.eandi.org/services/e-procurement</u>.



About E&I Cooperative Services

E&I Cooperative Services (E&I) is the only member-owned, non-profit procurement cooperative exclusively focused on serving education. E&I delivers unsurpassed value and an exceptional experience to its members through a broad portfolio of competitively solicited contracts with industry-leading suppliers as well as innovative sourcing solutions. The Cooperative empowers its members to make informed, analytics-driven decisions to capture more spend and optimize their education dollars. For more information, please visit <u>www.eandi.org</u>.

About EqualLevel

EqualLevel was founded with the goal of creating a straightforward procurement solution that helps public sector organizations streamline operations and optimize spending. EqualLevel combines the best e-procurement marketplace and e-invoicing capabilities into a single solution that is easier to use, faster to configure and deploy, and more cost-effective than any other procurement platform available today. With deep domain knowledge in e-procurement, a best-in-class cloud platform, a fast-growing community of customers, and industry-first innovations like ELSA (an AI-powered savings advisor), EqualLevel is leading the way in helping the public sector spend smartly and save more. For more information visit https://equallevel.com.

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