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**E&I Cooperative Services Joins e-Literate's Empirical Educator Project**  
*Collaboration will Support COVID-Related Procurement for Education*

**Jericho, N.Y.** – [E&I Cooperative Services](#) (E&I), the only member-owned, non-profit sourcing cooperative focused solely on education, has formed a strategic partnership with [e-Literate](#), an organization dedicated to helping higher education enable more students to succeed.

E&I will be contributing its [Recovery Solutions Navigator](#) to e-Literate's [Empirical Educator Project](#) (EEP) as a resilience network procurement solution. E&I's Recovery Solutions Navigator is a comprehensive tool aimed at helping institutions easily find the COVID-related products and services they need to aid in their recovery efforts. EEP is a network of higher education institutions and providers that focuses on ensuring student success while helping schools adapt to changing educational needs.

"At a time when education needs even greater support, E&I's participation in the Empirical Educator Project is incredibly important," said Michael Feldstein, e-Literate's *Chief Accountability Officer*. "E&I's comprehensive Recovery Solutions Navigator will be extremely valuable in helping institutions procure the COVID-related technology products and services they need quickly and efficiently – which is top priority in this challenging environment."

As part of this new partnership, e-Literate will advise E&I on areas of need in teaching, learning, and student success. E&I and EEP will also collaborate on the creation and execution of procurement processes that effectively incorporate research and evidence of impact. The result will be an easier process for institutions to evaluate and procure instructional technology products, services, and solutions that have a proven impact on educational outcomes.

"As an organization focused on the needs of education, we are honored to work with e-Literate and EEP to further our shared goals for student, and institutional, success," said Keith Fowlkes, *Vice President, Technology* at E&I. "Our collaboration will result in the development of instructional technology contracts that will provide E&I members with tremendous value now and into the future."

For more information about this new collaboration, visit [www.eandi.org/media-room/technology-viewpoints/](http://www.eandi.org/media-room/technology-viewpoints/).

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