



Message from the President and CEO

Dear Colleagues,

As your national voice, one of the American Association of Community Colleges' (AACC) primary goals is to provide high-quality, just-in-time resources to you. We form valuable relationships that help member colleges propel themselves forward while at the same time keeping costs down. Because we know that many college employees wear multiple hats, and when purchasing supplies and equipment for your colleges you are looking for the most competitive rate, we are pleased to highlight the partnership that AACC has entered into with Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance).

Sourcewell's cooperative purchasing program gives members access to nationally awarded procurement contracts which allows colleges to save money and staff resources by cooperatively purchasing products and equipment important to your daily operation. Sourcewell has done all of the work to satisfy your state rules and regulations for purchasing by establishing contract relationships and solutions with industry-leading vendors, resulting in streamlined purchasing solutions which simplify the public procurement process. In addition, this partnership likely gives your institution access to the lowest possible cost for the purchase you are considering.

In the coming weeks, we encourage you to visit the AACC website's Corporate Program page to access a direct link to see a choice of more than 240 competitively awarded national contracts through world-class vendors. You also can price the supplies and equipment that you regularly purchase to see your cost savings. No matter the size of your college, you can purchase what you need while being able to focus on helping your students succeed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Walter G. Bumphus'.

Walter G. Bumphus, Ph.D.