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Rumsey is a COSTARS approved Supplier giving our customers more options.

COSTARS is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's cooperative purchasing program administered by the Department of General Services (DGS) Bureau of Procurement. The COSTARS program provides registered local public procurement units as well as state-affiliated entities (together "members") and suppliers a tool to find and do business with each other effectively through the use of a contract established by DGS.

Eligible Local Public Procurement Units are defined as:

- Any political subdivision;
- Any public authority;
- Any tax-exempt, nonprofit educational or public health institution or organization;
- Any nonprofit fire, rescue, or ambulance company;
- And to the extent provided by law, any other entity, including a council of government or an area government that expends public funds for the procurement of supplies and services.

What are the benefits of being a COSTARS member?

DOLLAR SAVINGS — Volume purchasing results in lower prices; using established state contracts eliminates the need for specification development; advertising, printing, mailing, and bid evaluation.

CONVENIENCE — Using state contracts facilitates the purchase of goods and services by simply issuing a purchase order to the state contract supplier of record.

FLEXIBILITY AND VARIETY — A broad selection of commodities and suppliers is offered to our several thousand program members. More than 200 state contracts, with a pool of more than 2,000 suppliers, are currently available for use by participants. This variety often gives local public agencies the option of keeping their procurement dollars in their local economy, thereby helping to maintain and generate jobs and advancing local economic development.

EDUCATION — Free training, workshops, and a quarterly newsletter are provided by the COSTARS staff to assist members on how to use state contracts, how to purchase from specific contracts of interest, as well as other topics of interest and trends in government purchasing.

Becoming a member is easy!

To become a COSTARS member, your organization can register online at <http://www.dgs.state.pa.us/costars>.

If your organization does not have access to the Internet, please contact the COSTARS office via the toll-free number at 1-866-768-STAR (7827).