

### Office of State Procurement

# Statewide Contracts and eCat

**Agency Training** 



# What are Statewide Contracts?

Purchasing contracts established by OSP, available statewide, typically for a year<sup>+</sup> period, to address needs common across State agencies and local governments.



# Who can use SW Contracts?

- All state agencies & departments
- All political subdivisions of the State
- Authorized "quasi" agencies
  - Performing a public function, using public funding
  - Eg.: Charter schools, some non-profits, Indian Tribes



# Who benefits?

- End Users bundled buying power; lower prices
- Vendors economies of scale; Poli Subs in pool
- Taxpayers lower cost of providing public svcs.
- Auditors consolidated usage; fewer risks; data
- OSP fewer contracts to manage; more competent and professional vendors



## **How** are SW Contracts created?

### Variety of Methods:

- Competitive Sealed Bid (ITB)
- Request for Proposals (RFP)
- "Brand Name" Solicitation
- Reverse Auction
- GSA / LaMAS
- Cooperative Purchasing
  - NASPO VP, MMCAP, US Communities, Sourcewell...



# How do we manage SW's?

### OSP is the contract-holder

- OSP handles solicitation, negotiation, award
- OSP meets with contractors regularly to discuss status, usage, issues with contract
- OSP will handle contractor problems and ensure compliance with contract terms
  - Agency should submit a Deficiency Complaint
     form to OSP for Contractors who are not providing good service, after initial remedies fail.

procurement.la.gov

-> Agency Center-> Agency Forms



# Why use Statewide Contracts?

- Price
  - Economies of scale; bundled buying power
  - Bigger total spend = more competition
  - Mutual benefits for agencies of all size
- Selection
  - Bigger contract = more line items available
- Vendor customer service, resources
- Effort carried by OSP
- Compliance



### When to use SW Contracts?

- Agency's needs similar to other agencies'
  - Universal: office supplies; computers
  - Majority: janitorial; copiers; cell phones
  - 50-50: vehicles; security guards;
  - Minority: ammunition; herbicides;
  - Rare: tobacco tax stamps; school buses
- Agency is willing to partner with other agencies to achieve mutual benefits



# When does OSP create SW's?

- Continuously.
- OSP constantly re-examines statewide purchasing patterns to see if its existing contracts portfolio should be adjusted:
  - P-Card Transactions, especially rogue spend
  - Repetitive one-time buys
  - Agency-Term Contracts
  - Statewide Contracts, including E/C contracts



# How much can I spend on SWs?

- ... As much as you need.
  - No bid required if on SW contract
  - Title 38 exemption for Title 39 contracts
  - No cap amount for total contract spend
  - Ultimately limited by agency's budget
  - P-Card cap rules only other limitation
    - Refer to agency's internal LaCarte policy



# How much can I spend on SWs?

- ... Also, as little as you can.
  - Statewide contract pricing is the maximum (NTE) price; agencies are encouraged to ask for volume discounts and promotions.
    - Example: bulk order of hard hats and other PPE from Grainger by DOTD
  - Option to bid vs. using state contracts if a significant price savings is possible.



## Who are the SW contractors?

- Over 650 statewide contracts
  - Too many to list / discuss here
  - Large, representative SWs by category...
- MRO Fastenal; Grainger; MSC; etc.
- Office Supplies Staples; Veritiv; etc.
- Wireless AT&T; Sprint; T-Mobile; Verizon; etc.
- Microcomputers Dell; Lenovo; IBM; Howard; etc...
- IT SHI; Cisco; HP; CarahSoft; Promethean; etc.
- Copiers Kyocera; Xerox; Sharp; Toshiba; etc.
- Heavy/Ag. Equip. John Deere; CAT; Doosan; etc.



## Who are the SW contractors?

- Food US Foods; PON Foods; Bimbo; McKee; etc.
- Dairy Borden; Kleinpeter; Brown's Velvet; etc.
- Jan. Supp. Economical; Berry Plastics; etc.
- Jan. Chems. AutoChlor; EcoLab; P&G; SupplyWorks; Staples;
   Diversey; WeChem; Steris;
- Furniture HON; Virco; LA School Equip.; etc.
- Vehicle Acq. Gerry Lane; Hixson; Courtesy; etc.
- Vehicle Parts NAPA; Safelite; Goodyear; Bridgestone; etc.
- Vehicle Svcs. FuelTrac; GPS Insight; AssetWorks; etc.
- Specialty Vehicles Farber; Creative Bus; Ferrara Fire; etc.
- Lab/Pharma Fisher; VWR; Morris Dickson; etc.
- Herbicides Dauterive; Houston; ChemSpray; Helena; etc.



### **How** to access SW contracts?

#### LA eCat

- Search by contract description, vendor, contract #, line item description, etc.
- procurement.la.gov > Agency Center > LA eCat - Louisiana's Electronic Catalog
- Email the Purchasing Helpdesk
   (DOA-OSPhelpdesk@la.gov)

#### Welcome to the Office of State Procurement

### procurement.la.gov

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DOA-OSP HELP DESK

Professional Contracts:

DOA-PC HELP DESK

Vendor Inquiries: VENDR INQ



The Office of State Procurement (OSP) serves the agencies and people of Louisiana by ensuring that the state's contracting and purchasing activities are conducted legally, fairly, and efficiently.

OSP is responsible for maintaining standards, and for conducting the review and technical approval of professional, personal, consulting and social services contracts needed by state agencies. The office verifies that the competition process for each contract is fair, that funding has been appropriated to pay for services, and that the proposed services are reasonable and advisable in relation to the agency's mission and the state's priorities.

OSP also manages the purchasing of equipment, goods, supplies and operating services needed by state agencies. The office researches, develops and issues both statewide and agency-specific contracts and competitively bids items not covered under annual contracts. In all of its purchasing activities the office strives to reduce costs to the state by harnessing the purchasing power of the entire state to obtain the best pricing for all agencies, large and small.

OSP strives to ensure a fair, competitive bidding environment for all vendors, while also ensuring that vendors have performed well in their contractual duties to state agencies and the public. It also manages the Hudson and Veterans Initiatives for Small Entrepreneurships to ensure that agencies give due consideration to contracting with local small businesses.

#### **New Information**





Contact Information	New Information	Agency Forms	Agency Questions
imployee Purchase Program	Excluded Parties List System	Featured Contracts	LaCarte Procurement Card
LA <i>e</i> Cat - Louisiana's Electronic Catalog	LaPAC - Online Solicitations & Award Information	UNSPSC Product Categories (Commodity Codes)	Legal Information
Louisiana's Hudson (Small Entrepreneurship) and Veteran initiatives	Hudson Initiative (SE) Certified Vendors from LaPAC - Quick List	Veteran initiative (LaVet) Certified Vendors from LaPAC - Quick List	OSP Help Desk
OSP Memos	ProAct - Procurement	Procurement Links	Procurement Support Tear (PST)
Publications	Purchasing Complex Services - Request for Proposals (RFPs)	Training Center	State Agency Retail Discount Program
State by State Reciprocal Preference			



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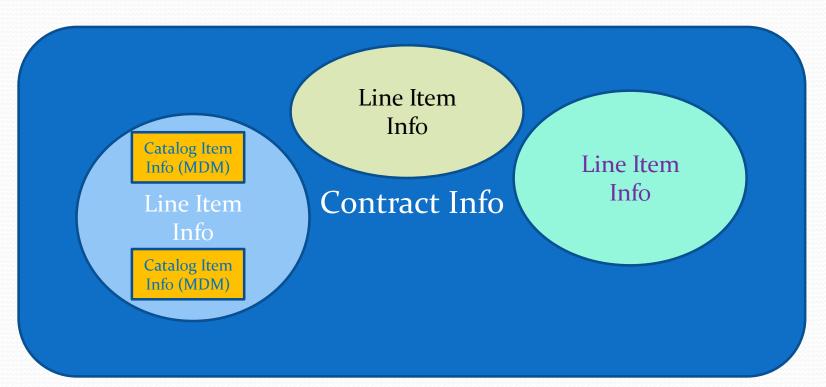


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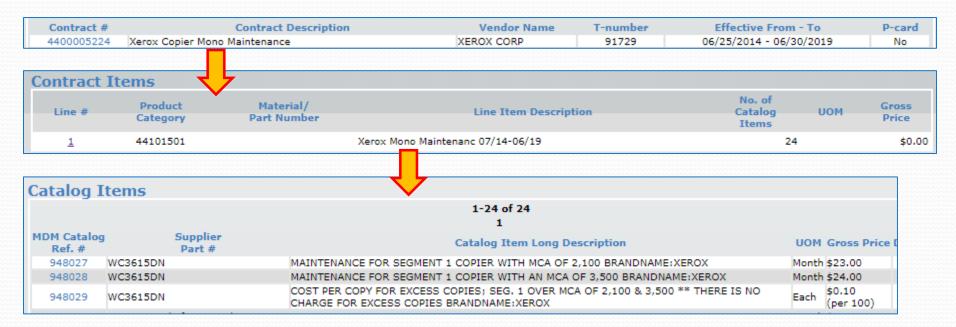
Nested Hierarchy of Detail Levels





### **eCat Search Features**

- Recommend start broad, then zoom in
- Contract page contains all details



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4400011611 Kyocera Monochrome Purchase Copier	KYOCERA DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS AMERICA.	91729	07/01/2017 - 06/30/2020	No	
4400011612 Dick Roundtree Mono Copier Purchase	DICK ROUNDTREE COPIERS INC		07/01/2017 - 06/30/2020	Yes	
4400011613 Toshiba Monochrome Copier Bundled Rental	TOSHIBA AMERICA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	91729	07/01/2017 - 06/30/2022	No	
4400011614 Sharp Monochrome Purchase Copier	SHARP ELECTRONICS CORP		07/01/2017 - 06/30/2020	Yes	
4400011615 Xerox Monochrome Purchase Copier	XEROX CORP		07/01/2017 - 06/30/2020	No	
4400011616 Canon Monochrome Purchase Copier	CANON USA INC		07/01/2017 - 06/30/2020	No	
4400011619 Kyocera Color Purchase Copier	KYOCERA DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS AMERICA.	91729	07/01/2017 - 06/30/2020	No	



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# **eCat Search Features**

- Recommend using combination of different fields to narrow results
- Recommend to always "View Contract" and view "Additional Attachments"

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4400004459	DATA COMMUNICATIONS PROD & SVC WSCA	HP INC	92534	09/18/2014 - 05/31/2019	Yes
4400006569	Office Supplies for State of Louisiana	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL INC	91265	05/16/2015 - 06/30/2019	Yes
4400007559	HEWLETT PACKARD COMPANY - NASPO VP	HP INC	91528	10/01/2015 - 03/31/2020	Yes
4400008316	TRIPP LITE BN COMPUTER PERIPHERALS	TRIPPE MFG CO	92154	01/06/2016 - 01/05/2019	Yes
4400010056	Diversey BN Janitorial Chemicals	DIVERSEY INC	90157	11/02/2016 - 11/01/2019	No
4400010525	FURNITURE: WOOD SEATING & WOOD TABLES	KNU LLC	91312	02/01/2017 - 01/31/2019	No
4400011786	SHREDDERS AND SUPPLIES SW CONTRACT	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL INC	91879	07/01/2017 - 06/30/2019	Yes
4400013588	OFFICE FURNITURE-ALLSTEEL	ALLSTEEL INC	92933	01/19/2018 - 01/21/2023	No
4400014362	CHEMICALS, JANITORIAL, PROCTER & GAMBLE	PROCTER & GAMBLE DISTRIBUTING	92417	04/05/2018 - 04/04/2019	Yes
4400014370	Staples Janitorial Chemicals & Supplies	STAPIACE CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL INC	92939	05/02/2018 - 02/01/2020	Yes

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#### **Contract Detail**

Contract # 4400006569 T-number 91265 - OFFICE SUPPLIES

Office Supplies for State of Louisiana Description

LAPS Contract No Prime Vendor Name STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL INC

SEBD Vendor SE/HI Vendor No

VSE Vendor No **DVSE Vendor** No Effective From-To 05/16/2015 - 06/30/2019 Coop Procure Yes

**Delivery Days ARO** P-card Accepted Yes Discounts Apply No

#### Locations

Statewide

#### **Buyer Information**

**Buyer Code** 90003402 Purchasing Agency Office of State Purchasing **Buyer Name** SARAH RHODY Contact Email SARAH.RHODY@LA.GOV **Contact Phone** 225-342-5465

No

#### Vendor Distributor

Tellael Distributor					
Vendor Name	SEBD	SE/HI	VSE	DVSE	Order/General Address
					4324 S SHERWOOD FOREST BLVD STE 170 BATON ROUGE , LA 70816
STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL INC	NO	NO	NO	NO	Contact: Sara McCann Email: sara.mccann@staples.com Phone: 225-274-3681 FAX:

#### **Contract Items**

Line #	Product Category	Material/ Part Number	Line Item Description	No. of Catalog UOM Items	Gross Price
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# STATE OF LOUISIANA Competitive Contract

Vendor: 310020003

Company

STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL INC

STAPLES ADVANTAGE

4324 S SHERWOOD FOREST BLVD STE 170

BATON ROUGE LA 70816 Phone: 225-274-3681 Fax: 225-274-3669

Contract number: 4400006569

Description: Office Supplies for State of Louisiana

SEBD Vendor: No SEHI Vendor: No VSE Vendor: No DVSE Vendor: No Contract Valid Dates: 05/16/2015 - 06/30/2019 T Number: 91265 Version: 16 LAPS Contract: No

Fiscal Year: 2015

Min.Ord.Value: 0.00
Distributor Contract: No

PCard:Yes

Co-op Agreement:Yes

**Buyer Information** 

Name: SARAH RHODY Tel Number: 225-342-5465 Email: sarah.rhody@la.gov

**Supplier Text:** MANDATORY USE BY STATE AGENCIES: Unless exempted by R.S. 39:1554 or R.S. 39:1572, state executive branch agencies are required to purchase from this contract. (See Additional Information.)

PLEASE GO TO THE OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT WEBSITE FOR DETAIL INFORMATION:

HTTP://WWW.DOA.LOUISIANA.GOV/OSP/CONTRACTS/APPROVEDCATALOG/CATALOGS.HTM

AGENCIES MUST ESTABLISH A LOG IN ID TO USE THE CONTRACT.



### **eCat Search Features**

### Rarely-used features:

- Search by T-Number
- Filter by Cooperative contract type
- Filter by Hudson/Vet vendor certification
- Filter by Emergency

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# **eCat Quirks**

- Singular/Plural
  - "Copier" = 31 results; "Copiers" = 0 results
- Inconsistent Contract Naming

Contract #	Contract Description	Vendor Name
4400005777	ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF OFFENDERS	SENTINEL OFFENDER SERVICES LLC
4400009179	ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF OFFENDERS	ATTENTI US INC
4400012337	Electronic Offender Monitors	BI INCORPORATED

[Contract Desc.] "Shredding" = 0 results [Vendor] "Shredding" = 1 result (Tiger Shredding Doc. Destr.)



# **eCat Quirks**

- eCat is useful, but very particular (legacy AFS system patched to LaGov)
- Try searches a few different ways
- Worst case scenario, just call OSP.
   We'll help you find the right contract(s).



### **Office of State Procurement**

OSP Main Phone Number: 225-342-8010

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Purchasing Helpdesk: DOA-OSPhelpdesk@la.gov