

## Guidance for Federal Funding Usage

**OMB Uniform Guidance Section 2 CFR 200.318(e) encourages non-federal entities to enter into state and local intergovernmental agreements or inter-entity agreements where appropriate for procurement or use of common or shared goods and services in order to foster greater economy and efficiency.**

**Further, 2 CFR 200 requires that a grantee or sub-grantee follow the most restrictive rule applicable to it, whether it be its own state procurement laws or the procurement requirements set out in the federal rules.**

**NCPA uses a public competitive bid/proposal process which complies with the federal rules for all threshold levels.**

**For purchases below the micro-purchase level (currently \$10,000), the federal rules do not require the solicitation of competitive quotations but public agencies must determine the price to be reasonable. NCPA's public competitive bid/proposal process is an excellent benchmark that a price is reasonable.**

**The federal rules state that purchases between the micro-purchase level (currently \$10,000) and the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000) require "price or rate quotations to be obtained from an adequate number of qualified sources." NCPA provides multiple contract awards through its bid/proposal process. When using NCPA, purchasers may obtain price or rate quotations from an adequate number of qualified sources.**

**Purchases above the simplified acquisition threshold can use either sealed bids, competitive proposals, or non-competitive proposals depending on the circumstances. NCPA uses competitive solicited proposals as required by the federal rules.**

**NCPA's competitively solicited contracts satisfy requirements of the CARES Act, American Rescue Plan or any COVID-19 relief Federal funding.**