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## Plymouth County partners with HCG Purchasing Co-op to expand municipal services

In a first of its kind partnership, the HCG Purchasing Co-op has teamed up with Plymouth County to offer a General Office Supply Bid. Area schools, nonprofits, and municipalities are encouraged to visit hcg-ma.org/office-supplies for details.

The HCG Purchasing Co-op offers customers an opportunity to save time, money, and effort on a wide array of products and services. This office supply bid represents the first of many new collaborative purchasing options; with free delivery, and no participation fee.

"This partnership between HCG and Plymouth County expands our municipal services and brings savings and efficiencies to our towns and schools," says Daniel Pallotta, chair, Board of Commissioners, County of Plymouth. "We look forward to growing this relationship and welcome the opportunity to offer a broader assortment of goods and services to our communities."

The bid includes general office items such as pens and paper products, as well as janitorial, printer, and copier machine supplies. Current bid participants from Western Massachusetts report smooth transactions and prompt deliveries.

"Nearly 48,000 products are available for purchase from W.B. Mason, a well-known and responsible New England vendor," says Ellen Batchelder, director, HCG Purchasing Co-op. "An easy to use price check feature provides participants with a simple and quick way to research savings."

HCG's Purchasing Co-op is one of the largest in Western Massachusetts. It leverages the buying power of over 51 municipalities, 47 schools, and 24 nonprofits. Existing bid offerings include General Office Supplies, Arts & Crafts and General School Supplies, Highway and Public Works, Fuels, Hampshire Web, Hampshire IT, Regional Financial Management Services, and Custom Bid Assistance.

To learn more about how to participate in this office supplies bid, please call us or visit <a href="https://examples.com/hcg-supplies.com/hcg

## **About HCG**

HCG supports communities by empowering local, sustainable and efficient economies. The Purchasing Co-op allows cities and towns, schools, and nonprofits to get the most value by pooling their buying power, saving money, time, and effort on major and everyday purchases. Every cent HCG earns goes back to supporting the communities of Western Massachusetts. HCG is funded by its own revenue and grants.

## **About Plymouth County**



Founded in 1685, the County of Plymouth is a regional government encompassing twenty-seven municipalities in southeastern Massachusetts. In addition to the Registry of Deeds offices in Plymouth, Brockton, and Rockland, the County provides regional cooperative purchasing services, municipal dredging, a fire control airplane, parking ticket processing, 4-H programming, tick-borne illness prevention education, maintains courthouses in Brockton, Hingham, and Wareham, and administers the Plymouth County OPEB Trust (PCOT). More information about the County and its programs can be found at <a href="mailto:plymouthcountyma.gov">plymouthcountyma.gov</a>. For additional information, contact County Administrator Frank Basler at 508-830-9104 or <a href="mailto:plymouthcountyma.gov">plymouthcountyma.gov</a>.

