

CAROLINABUY

LEAD COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGENCY OF AEPA

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**BACK-TO-SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Greetings! Summer has been a positive time for CarolinaBuy! We welcome Kyrsten Hall as our cooperative purchasing Operations Director, who steps into Nita's "big shoes." Kyrsten has interned with Nita since January and will continue to be mentored by Nita. Kyrsten is a professional educator in South Carolina and is part-time with Carolina Buy. We are fortunate to have her as the "face" of CarolinaBuy at future AEPA meetings.

In late May, Total Technology helped CarolinaBuy sponsor a SC Assoc of School Administrators lunch at the SCAPA offices near Columbia, SC.

About 50 professionals received a brochure and an overview of Total Technology, with comments from me & Armando, as well as an impact statement by Chris True, a CDWG rep from Rock Hill. All attendees enjoyed SCASA lunch and many asked questions about cooperative purchasing and Carolina Buy.

If anyone has questions about other events or activities that you want to sponsor, please let us know and we will try to help identify good opportunities.

Finally, our Second quarter sales have been the highest since we joined AEPA in mid-2020. These are exciting times! Call me with your questions or suggestions!

Best wishes for a great Fall!

Fred Payne

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AEPA National Fall Conference - Anaheim, CA
Nov 2023

SCAPPA Tri-Association conference
March 2024

AEPA National Spring Conference - Greenville,
SC - April 2024

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for Copy Paper!

**AUGUST MEANS IT'S BACK-
TO-SCHOOL FOR MANY OF
OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS!
PLEASE CHECK OUT SOME
OF OUR VENDORS FOR YOUR
SCHOOL SHOPPING!**



**CLICK ON THE LOGOS TO SEE
CATALOGS, FLIERS, AND/OR
MEMBER DISCOUNTS. BE
SURE TO MENTION
CAROLINABUY SO YOU CAN
START SAVING TODAY!**



Please refer to pages 5 & 6 for a complete list of our vendors with links to contact information included.

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As we close the 2nd Quarter, 2023, your usage of our Cooperative Contracts is greatly appreciated! Our Vendors are tallying Q2 sales and notifying CarolinaBuy of Active Member Buyers' savings for this Quarter. We will publish this information to the website once it has been finalized, so check back soon!

CarolinaBuy/AEPA Solicitations for 2024 Contracts

024-A Natural & Synthetic Surfaces for Sports Fields, Tracks,
Courts, Playground, & Landscaping

024-B Electric Vehicle Charging

024-C Digital Resources & Instructional Resources

024-D Computer Maintenance Management System

024-E Lawn & Grounds Keeping Equipment & Service

024-F Digital Display Solutions

024-G Vehicles Cars SUVs Light Duty Trucks/Vans Emergency
Fuel Electric

024-H Audio Visual Integration

Benefits of using CarolinaBuy Awarded Vendor Contracts vs. Other Cooperatives

- ✦ CarolinaBuy working for you to save tax payer funds, time, and worries
- ✦ Total Technology helped CarolinaBuy sponsor SC Assoc of School Administrators lunch at the SCASA offices near Columbia, SC.
- ✦ Gregory Electric, CA4I and CarolinaBuy attended Innovation Conference near Myrtle Beach, SC.

Vendor Highlight

By using CarolinaBuy's contracts with AmTab, CDW·G, Mackin, and Quill, we were able to save the Carolinas over \$120,000 in April, May, and June alone!



Thank you!



Thank you to all of our Vendors for making these savings opportunities possible!

2023 Awarded Cooperative Category Contracts

Athletic Equipment & Supplies

[Beam Clay-Partac Peat Corp.](#)
[SSI aka School Specialty SporTime](#)

Athletic Lighting

[Hellas Construction, Inc](#)

Athletic Commercial Playground Landscape Natural & Synthetic Turf Spaces

[Astro Turf](#)
[Field Turf](#)
[Hellas Construction, Inc](#)
[The Motz Group](#)
[Shaw Sports Turf](#)
[SprinTurf](#)

Career & Technical Vocational Kits & Supplies

[Midwest Technology Products](#)
[Blick Art Materials](#)
[Pitsco Education](#)

Custodial Supplies

[Busch Systems](#)
[Hillyard Inc.](#)

Digital Copiers

[Konica Minolta](#)
[Kyocera](#)

Digital Signage: Indoor Outdoor LED Video & Message Signs and Scoreboards

[Daktronics](#)

Digital Resources & Instructional Materials

[Complete Book & Media Supply](#)
[Istation](#)
[Mackin](#)

Disaster Recovery

[BMS CAT LLC](#)
[ServiceMaster of St. Cloud Inc](#)
[Signal USA, LLC](#)

Energy Efficiency Solutions

[Gregory Electric Company, Inc.](#)

E-Rate Consulting Services

[E-Rate Central](#)
[E-Rate Elite Services, Inc.](#)
[Kellogg & Sovereign Consulting](#)
[Solix Inc.](#)

Facilities Management Software

[Brightly Software](#)

Furniture

[AmTab](#)
[DEMCO](#)
[Lakeshore Learning Materials](#)
[Meteor Education](#)
[National Business Furniture](#)
[Quill](#)
[SSI School Specialty](#)

Health & Wellness

[School Health](#)
[TinyEye](#)

2023 Awarded Cooperative Category Contracts

HVAC

[Carrier](#)
[Heat Transfer Sales, LLC](#)
[Hoffman & Hoffman Inc.](#)
[Hoffman & Hoffman Mechanical Solutions](#)

Institutional Kitchen Equipment

[Hubert](#)

Instructional School Materials

[Blick](#)
[Just Right Reader](#)
[Lakeshore Learning Materials](#)
[Pitsco Education](#)
[Quill](#)
[School Specialty](#)

Lawn & Grounds Keeping Equipment

[Bobcat Clark Equipment](#)
[Husqvarna Professional Products](#)

LED Lighting

[Facility Solutions Groups \(FSG\)](#)
[Gregory Electric](#)

Maintenance, Repair, & Operation

[Best Plumbing Specialties](#)
[Ameresco](#)
[Lawson](#)
[Liftnow](#)

Mobil Cellular Connectivity Solutions

[Kajeet, Inc.](#)

Mobil Cellular Connectivity Solutions

[Quill](#)

Playground and Recreational Equipment

[BMS CAT LLC](#)
[ServiceMaster of St. Cloud Inc](#)
[Signal USA, LLC](#)

Roofing

[Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc.](#)

Security Solutions

[Centegix](#)
[Deledao](#)

Technology Buy Back

[Total Technology](#)

Technology Catalog

[CDW-G](#)

Vehicles

[Phil Long Dealership](#)



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Kyrsten Hall - Director of
Operations

Nita Werner - Mentor

MEETING SCHEDULE

1st Thursday

6:00 PM

Link to Virtual Meet will be posted to
the website.



Association of Educational
PURCHASING AGENCIES

CarolinaBuy & Co-op Partnerships

- Carolinas Alliance 4 Innovation
- Olde English Consortium
- Western Piedmont Education Consortium
- Erskine College & ARP Affiliates
- Greenville Baptist Association
- Fountain Inn Chamber
- Constant Contact

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