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Date: September 14, 2010
To: State Agency Chief Procurement Officers, Cooperative Program Membership
From: State Procurement Office
Re: WSCA PC/server/printer/et al contract set - Scam Notification

Below is a notice from Bernie Kopischke, with the State of Minnesota, who is the Procurement Officer for the above referenced WSCA contract set. There is evidently a scam spreading whereby PC products are ordered using the names of Procurement Officers (including mine) that are not legitimate orders. If you receive paperwork, or an order, that is not legitimate and which references these contracts, please contact Ms. Kopischke, and copy me.

Inquiries regarding this notice should be directed to Maureen L. McGovern, the Procurement Officer for the above referenced contracts in Arizona, as indicated below.

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Language from Kopischke email:

"Over the past several months "scams" continue to surface in some states. Orders are being placed with WSCA/NASPO Contractors, supposedly by the State contact person listed on the WSCA/Minnesota website; and are being delivered to those names and addresses. These orders have all been determined to be bogus. The Contractors involved have been working with the States to make sure the products are picked up and invoices deleted.

Issues were originally noticed in Ohio (in April) but have spread over the past months to Minnesota, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Alaska and Hawaii; that we know of.

As the lead state for these Contracts, we felt that another notice should be sent out to all State Directors, advising you of these scams and advising you to communicate this information throughout your State so that anyone receiving an order is vigilant in verifying the accuracy of the order. If you do receive a delivery of products that you have not ordered, we advise that you immediately notify the Contractor and your internal people who handle frauds for your state.

Even though Minnesota cannot legally represent you, *we ask that you notify* Bernadette Kopischke, the WSCA/NASPO Contract Manager, Bernie.kopischke@state.mn.us and wncoopdt@gmail.com so that we can share information about the situation with the other states and state investigators.

PLEASE FORWARD THIS TO YOUR AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AND ANYONE ELSE THAT MAY BE A VICTIM OF THESE BOGUS ORDERS.

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