**Sauk Valley Community College**

**July 27, 2015**

**Action Item 4.2**

**Topic: NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance)**

**Participation Resolution**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Melissa Dye**

**Presentation:**

NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) is a national government purchasing cooperative working to reduce the cost of goods and services by leveraging the purchasing power of public agencies on all 50 states. Agencies currently using NCPA include school districts (K-12), higher education (universities, community colleges, private colleges, and technical/vocational schools), cities, counties, units of local government, state agencies, and nonprofit corporation.

Per Illinois Community College Act [110 ILCS 805/3-27.2 (k)] and College Board policy [304.01, Section D (b), (11)], the College is allowed to purchase “goods or services procured from another governmental agency.”

Participation in the program is voluntary and could result in significant savings. All purchases over the amount currently authorized by college board policy [304.01, Section D, (b)] will still require Board approval; however, the College would not have to go out to bid for NCPA purchases over the current statue amount, as the bidding efforts of NCPA would satisfy the College’s requirements.

**Recommendation:**

The administration recommends that the Board approve the attached resolution for participation in NCPA.

**Sauk Valley Community College**

**Resolution for participation in**

**NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance)**

WHEREAS, NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) is a government purchasing cooperative working to reduce the cost of goods and services by leveraging the purchasing power of public agencies in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) works with a lead public agency, who competitively solicits master contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency issues a competitive solicitation for a product or service on behalf of NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) and all public agencies, the solicitation is advertised nationally for a minimum of 30 days, the solicitation contains language that allows the contract to be assessable nationally to public agencies in states whose laws allow for intergovernmental contract use; vendors respond with sealed responses that are recorded and publically opened, and the Lead Agency evaluates the responses based on “identified evaluation criteria,” and

WHEREAS, no costs are charged to public agencies for the use of NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) in additional the program is completely voluntary; and

WHEREAS, purchases over current authorized amounts per College Board Policy [305.01, Section D, (b)] will still require College Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Dean of Business Services is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of Sauk Valley Community College all necessary forms, applications, requisitions, and other documents related to this program.

Adopted: July 27, 2015

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 Secretary, Board of Trustee