



COLLEGEBUYS PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR COLLEGES



*Concepción Acevedo, San Jose City College
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The Foundation for California Community Colleges' CollegeBuys program saves millions of dollars for Community Colleges and other institutions each year through its software, furniture, equipment, and office supplies offers. CollegeBuys represents all 112 colleges and 72 districts as a group purchasing entity to secure best-value pricing for California's Community Colleges and affiliated higher education institutions.

Software

CollegeBuys debuted in 1999 with the introduction of the Microsoft Campus Agreement (MSCA), which facilitates the purchase of annual software site licenses for educational institutions. Several years later, CollegeBuys added Adobe and ESRI's GIS site license program to its software offerings. Site licenses apply to all campus computers, eliminating the need to purchase additional licenses or track deployment.

Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment

CollegeBuys makes it possible for Community Colleges, public agencies, and educational institutions to save money on furniture and supplies through piggybackable contracts. Contracts include office, classroom, library, child development, and other specialty application furniture. These contracts allow colleges and public institutions to purchase best-value, high-quality furniture designed to last in the most demanding environments.

Office Supplies

In 2010, CollegeBuys awarded an office supplies purchasing contract to Office Depot. This five-year contract for the California Community College system is also available to other higher education institutions. Participating institutions may qualify for a 1 percent annual rebate, custom core list in addition to the contract core, and free delivery.

Flooring

In 2011, CollegeBuys awarded four contracts following a proposal for flooring materials. Interface Americas, Inc., Mannington Commercial, Shaw Contract Flooring Services, Inc., and Tandus Flooring US will supply their products in one of seven flooring classifications.

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Highlights

- 103 Community Colleges have used the Microsoft Campus Agreement for licensed software.
- CollegeBuys' furniture and supply purchasing programs saved colleges over \$10.5 million in the past year.

Partners

- Adobe
- Blackboard
- California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
- Computerland of Silicon Valley
- ESRI
- Haworth
- KI
- Microsoft
- Office Depot

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