

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLES

2. PURCHASING GUIDELINES/COST ASSOCIATION

1. What challenges are you facing at your cooperative?
2. Is anyone dealing with a subsidiary? If so, how are you keeping track of different costs for electrical expenses vs fiber expenses or gas and the cost associated with each?
3. How are you handling new FEMA requirements when purchasing?
4. “BUY AMERICA” program. Who is or has used this program and how does it work?
5. How do we leverage costs and services?
6. How do we secure adequate competition in a non-competitive environment?
7. How are the new EPA regulations affecting your purchasing policies?
8. How are your vendors performance measured and monitored? What areas are tracked and how is it recorded? What are the parameters for discontinuing business with a vendor? Do you require matrix reporting?
9. What training in procurement is provided to you and your department? What requirements for continuing education do you have? Where do you get your training on procurement? What training, certifications, degrees, experience are you required to hold your position, for your staff positions?
10. In what ways should we evaluate risk? Risk to be considered are those associated with suppliers, technology, infrastructure, natural disasters, finances, reputation and members.