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NASPO Releases ERP and eProcurement Systems Research Paper

NASPO has published a new informative publication that enhances the resources provided to its membership, public procurement professionals, and government decision-makers by offering effective strategies to manage spending, achieve savings, and use spend analysis tools to better understand and control the cost of government activities.

The paper highlights state practices, key elements and functionalities of existing state Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and eProcurement systems, and types of funding for eProcurement solutions. It also discusses the pros and cons of ERP integration and the value of eProcurement systems, noting that both approaches support common principles of public procurement in order to guide the decision-making process for choosing the appropriate solution for state central procurement offices.

Also included in this publication are states' experiences and lessons learned from implementations of eProcurement solutions, their functionality, metrics, examples of a recently-implemented eProcurement project and a business case for an eProcurement acquisition.

The paper notes that the success of an implementation depends on many factors, including whether the solution chosen by a jurisdiction is the best match for its needs that maximizes the benefits and functionality.

The paper was written as a collaborative effort by the eProcurement Work Group led by NASPO Emerging Issues Committee Vice-Chairman Mark Lutte (Maine).

The publication is available for download on the **NASPO Research and Publications** web page at: <http://www.naspo.org/documents/NASPOERPandeProcurementSystems6313.pdf>

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