

# **Membership FAQ**

### Save Time. Save Money. Stay Legal. That's our commitment to our members.

## Why Become A Member Of Equalis Group?

Your organization receives immediate access to our <u>expanding portfolio</u> of compliant, already-procured contract vehicles. These contracts are designed to achieve the lowest Total Cost of Ownership for our members, delivering the best possible overall value. Our contracts feature enhanced contract terms and conditions and aggressive pricing not typically available to individual entities purchasing independently. There is strength in numbers when it comes to buying products and services.

### **How Does Equalis Group Work?**

Equalis Group collaborates with our Lead Agencies to deliver compliant, publicly procured cooperative agreements that Public Sector entities across the country can utilize to: *i*) quickly acquire the products and services they need directly from our awarded suppliers; *ii*) receive better pricing through the collective buying power of Equalis Group Members; and, *iii*) save time through Equalis Group's legal and compliant alternative to conducting their own resource-consuming solicitation process.

### What Types Of Entities Are Eligible To Join?

Equalis Group membership is available to federal, state, and local government agencies; public and private educational institutions, including K-12 schools, colleges, and universities; non-profit organizations; and private sector companies. Typically, any individual within an organization who is authorized to sign documents on behalf of the organization can complete the membership form without any formal board action, although approval requirements do vary from state to state.

### What's The Catch?

There is no catch. There is no cost to join Equalis Group, and there are no membership dues or obligations of any kind. Joining Equalis Group is like getting a library card – membership simply ensures your organization has access to our contract portfolio. You decide which contracts to utilize and when.

### How Do I Join?

Joining Equalis Group online takes less than five minutes. Simply visit our <u>Join Page</u> and follow the instructions provided.

If you would rather send us a hard copy of the Membership Agreement, download the Agreement from our <u>Join Page</u> and email the signed PDF to <u>Membership@EqualisGroup.org</u>.

### What Happens After Joining?

Immediately after completing the <u>membership registration form</u> you will receive an email confirmation letting you know that your membership is being processed. Within one to two business days, Equalis Group will email your welcome email, which includes your membership number. To begin purchasing, simply provide your membership number to an Equalis Group awarded supplier and you will receive the improved pricing and other benefits of our competitively solicited contracts.

### Who Do I Contact For Questions Or To Begin Utilizing Equalis Group Contracts?

If you have any questions about the membership process, would like to learn more about any of our alreadyprocured contracts, or want to start purchasing through one or more of our publicly procured agreements, visit <u>www.EqualisGroup.org/Map</u> to connect with your dedicated Member Engagement Resource today or send an email to <u>Engage@EqualisGroup.org</u>.