



What is COSTARS?

COSTARS (the Cooperative Purchasing Program) is a purchasing program run by the Pennsylvania Department of General Services that helps public entities in Pennsylvania buy goods and services more easily.

In simple terms:

It lets organizations skip the traditional, time-consuming bidding process by purchasing through contracts that the state has already competitively bid and approved.

Who can use COSTARS?

- School districts
- Municipalities (townships, boroughs, counties)
- Authorities (water, sewer, etc.)
- Nonprofits tied to public services

How it works:

Vendors (like SRS) become approved COSTARS suppliers. Then public entities can hire them directly through the program without issuing their own bid.

Why it matters:

- ✓ Saves time on procurement
- ✓ Ensures compliance with PA purchasing laws
- ✓ Provides pre-approved, vetted contractors
- ✓ Simplifies project kickoff

Example (relevant to you):

If a municipality needs concrete repair or joint sealant work, they can hire a COSTARS-approved contractor directly instead of going through a full RFP/bid cycle.

Contact us if you are interested in learning more today!

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