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NOPA Retracts April 30 Statement Regarding U.S. Communities

Alexandria, VA – May 12, 2010 – The National Office Products Alliance (NOPA) is retracting all statements that it issued in an April 30 press release to the extent that they suggested that the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance relies on sole-source contracting or offers any contracts that are sole source in nature. NOPA understands that all of the contracts in the U.S. Communities program are competitively bid and regrets any confusion that may have been caused by its reference to those contracts as “sole-source.” NOPA also understands that U.S. Communities does not itself enter into any vendor contracts and does not negotiate them. Rather a public solicitation is undertaken by the lead public agency, which competitively procures contracts used in the U.S. Communities program.

About NOPA

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