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Paul Stembler is Assistant Director, Materials Management Division, Minnesota Department of Administration. The Materials Management Division (MMD) is the state's central purchasing and contracting authority and controls purchasing and contracting in excess of \$1.4 billion dollars annually. As Assistant Director he is responsible for many activities of the division; however, his work is focused on cooperative purchasing opportunities and programs, and supporting MMD's technology requirements. He is the procurement manager for the WSCA/NASPO PC Contracts, a cooperative of over 44 states and 350 entities, that do over \$2 billion in purchasing annually.

Paul has been involved with multi-state cooperative purchasing since the mid-1980's, when MMCAP was being created and expanded. He has represented Minnesota as a WSCA Director since 1998. As part of WSCA's commitment to supporting cooperative contracting, Paul is being funded by WSCA to serve as WSCA's Cooperative Development Coordinator. He is available to assist WSCA states, NASPO, NASPO regions, states, and potential vendors with information, assistance, and guidance about cooperative contracting.

He has been with the state for 33 years, four with the Department of Public Welfare (now the Department of Human Services) and the rest with the Department of Administration. Paul is not a native Minnesotan, but is married to a Duluth native, which explains much. He has an undergraduate degree from the University of North Texas and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Minnesota. Paul is also a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Minnesota Army National Guard with 27 years of military service.