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Fastenal Awarded National TCPN Contract

Winona, MN (March 9, 2015) – [Fastenal](#) has partnered with [The Cooperative Purchasing Network \(TCPN\)](#) to provide Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) supplies to government entities nationwide. TCPN's lead government agency, Region 4 Education Service Center, uses a competitive solicitation process consistent with applicable procurement laws and regulations.

Fastenal's TCPN contract offers discounts on Fastenal's entire MRO product line such as: Fasteners, Safety, Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC, Tools, Welding, Chemicals & Paints, Lighting, and Janitorial. Fastenal's industry leading industrial vending program and vendor managed inventory services are also included in the TCPN contract.

"Fastenal is excited to combine our world class service with the ease of cooperative purchasing through TCPN. Our partnership with TCPN will enable Fastenal to better serve the public sector and bring tremendous value to the procurement of MRO products. Fastenal is dedicated to implementing innovative solutions to foster a strategic partnership with our customers." says Zach Wise, TCPN Contract Manager, Fastenal.

"TCPN is pleased to be able to continue our partnership with Fastenal. This contract will allow public sector entities to save the soft costs associated with the competitive bid process, while reaping the benefits of nationally leveraged pricing. We look forward to helping Fastenal serve agencies with solutions that best fit their needs." says Chris Penny, Vice President, TCPN.

To learn more about Fastenal's TCPN contract, please contact Zach Wise at zwise@fastenal.com or 507.313.7206

About The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)

TCPN is a national governmental purchasing cooperative, established in 1997 whose contracts have been competitively bid and awarded, by a governmental entity serving in the lead agency role, to national vendors for commonly purchased products and services, including facilities, furniture, office supplies and equipment, security systems and technology. Entities that must comply with purchasing procedures mandated by state laws and regulations, like public and private schools, colleges and universities, cities, counties, nonprofits, and all governmental entities, use TCPN contracts to increase their efficiency and economy when procuring goods and services. As a national purchasing cooperative, TCPN leverages one of the largest pools of purchasing potential and allows agencies to receive a combined buying power regardless of the entity's size. For more information about TCPN or to become a member, please visit www.tcpn.org.

About Fastenal

Founded in Winona, Minnesota in 1967, Fastenal has rapidly grown to become one of the largest full-line industrial distributors – and *the* largest fastener distributor – in North America. Since going public in 1987 with 50 stores, Fastenal has expanded to more than 2,625 store locations spanning all 50 states, Canada, Central and South America, Europe and Asia. The company employs approximately 18,615 individuals and has available inventory in excess of \$869 million. For more information about Fastenal's TCPN MRO contract, please visit www.fastenal.com/TCPN.