



TO: OARnet VMware Clients

DATE: July 31, 2024

RE: Purchase Authority for VMware by Broadcom – State of Ohio Co-op Members

OARnet is an initiative of the State of Ohio with Ohio State University functioning as its fiscal arm. It is the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing (CO-OP) membership that allows the purchase of VMware from OARnet. The State of Ohio does not have a state contract number or STS (State Term Schedule) associated with VMware. The State of Ohio is utilizing an existing Ohio Revised Code as their purchase authority for VMware: **ORC 127.16(D)(23)**, Purchasing by Competitive Selection. Under this code, the State is allowed to purchase from other state agencies, including state-assisted institutions of higher education, without the restrictions related to non-competitive bids.