



Sharon Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Annaka Whiting, Chief Financial Officer
Date: November 12, 2024
Re: Cooperative Purchasing Agreement - TIPS

The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) is a purchasing cooperative for governmental entities that the District can utilize to ensure competitive contracts with many vendors. Their contracts are competitively solicited, evaluated and awarded by a government entity acting as the lead agency. The lead agency prepares a competitive solicitation, incorporating language to make the agreement accessible nationally to agencies in states that allow intergovernmental contract usage.

Many districts in Illinois take advantage of purchasing cooperatives to purchase supplies and services and the District is utilizing other purchasing cooperatives under State Code ILCS 220/2 Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. Participation in the TIPS cooperative provides the District to continue to save money with more buying power and less administrative costs.

The membership to TIPS is no cost and automatically renews annually.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Cooperative Purchasing agreement with TIPS for the 2024 - 25 School Year and beyond.

Investment Period: 2024 - 25
Total Investment: No charge