

Keller Independent School District

APPROVING USE OF U.S. COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

April 23, 2009

TO: Keller ISD—Board of Trustees

FROM: Lori Tudor, Director of Purchasing

SUBJECT: ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF REGISTRATION BETWEEN Keller Independent School District AND U.S. COMMUNITIES

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of attached resolution authorizing Keller Independent School District to register and participate in the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no cost to participate in this program. Staff believes participation in this program will produce cost and administrative savings and will provide the best value to the agency/taxpayers of Keller Independent School District.

BACKGROUND: The Keller Independent School District has the general legal authority to access the contracts of other government agencies available through local, regional and state cooperative purchasing programs. The goal is to combine Keller Independent School District purchasing requirements with other government agencies to achieve higher volume pricing which results in direct cost and administrative savings. U.S. Communities, a nonprofit instrumentality of government, is a national strategic source and cooperative purchasing alliance that offers public agencies contracts that have been competitively solicited by lead government agencies for use by other government agencies. A number of agencies in the state of Texas are using this program and saving money and staff time. The program is non-exclusive and voluntary. Keller Independent School District can use those contracts that offer the best fit and overall value based on Keller Independent School District specific needs and requirements.

SUMMARY: Adoption of resolution will enable the Keller Independent School District to realize real benefits for our community both in term of dollar savings but also in our ability to maximize the use of available resources.

RESOLUTION

PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. COMMUNITIES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE

WHEREAS; the Keller Independent School District pursuant to the authority granted in State of Texas Statute 791: Interlocal Cooperation Contracts desires to participate in the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Alliance. Said Alliance is sponsored by the Association of School Business Officials International; the National Association of Counties; the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing; the National League of Cities; the United States Conference of Mayors;

WHEREAS; the Keller Independent School District desires to participate for the purpose of fulfilling and executing its respective public governmental purposes, goals, objectives, programs and functions;

WHEREAS; the Keller Independent School District has reviewed the benefits of participating in this program and based on this review has concluded the program will provide the best value to taxpayers of this Keller Independent School District through the anticipated savings to be realized;

WHEREAS: the Keller Independent School District seeks to utilize the contracts offered through the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Alliance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Keller Independent School District is authorized to participate in the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Alliance and that the Lori Tudor, Director of Purchasing is authorized to register for the U.S. Communities program on behalf of Keller Independent School District;

I certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Keller Independent School District on the 23rd day of April, 2009.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of April, 2009.

Keller Independent School District:

By: _____
Robert L. Apetz, President
Board of Trustees

Attest:

By: _____
Jason Wylie, Secretary
Board of Trustees