



## ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

**MEETING DATE:** October 23, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** Report of Cooperative Purchasing Management Fees and Rebates

**PRESENTER:** Earl Husfeld, Chief Financial Officer

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Texas Education Code (TEC) Section 44.031(a)(4) authorizes public school districts to utilize interlocal contracts (commonly referred to as cooperative purchasing contracts).
- TEC Section 44.0331 requires school districts that enter into cooperative purchasing contracts valued at \$25,000.00 or more, or under any other cooperative purchasing program authorized for school districts by law, to document any contract-related fee, including any management fee, paid by or to the district, and the purpose of each fee under the contract.
- TEC Section 44.0331 further requires that the amount, purpose, and disposition of any fee must be presented in a written report and submitted annually in an open meeting of the Board of Trustees of the school district. The written report must appear as an agenda item.
- Aledo ISD currently utilizes several purchasing cooperatives in order to achieve cost savings and efficiency in administrative operations.
- The following is the list of all cooperative purchasing programs currently utilized by Aledo ISD, the fee associated for each, and the purpose of the fee. No other membership fees were paid relating to any other contracts over \$25,000.00.

Cooperative Purchasing Organization	Annual Fee	Reason for Fee
Central Texas Purchasing Alliance	\$150.00	Membership Fee
Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program (Texas SmartBuy)	\$100.00	Membership Fee

- The following is the list of the cooperative purchasing programs utilized by the District that paid a rebate to the District during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Cooperative Purchasing Organization	Rebate	Fund Deposited
BuyBoard	\$4,987.00	General Fund
Choice Partners	\$1,370.56	General Fund
Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative	\$930.84	Child Nutrition Fund
TexBuy Purchasing Cooperative	\$425.85	General Fund
The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)	\$324.11	General Fund



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- Aledo ISD is also a current member of the following cooperative purchasing organizations, none of whom charges an annual fee.
  - 1Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA)
  - 791 Purchasing Cooperative
  - Allied States Cooperative (ESC Region 19)
  - BuyBoard
  - Choice Partners (Harris County Department of Education)
  - EdTech Exchange Purchasing Cooperative (ESC Region 10)
  - Education Service Center Region 11 (ESC Region 11)
  - Educational Purchasing Cooperative of North Texas (EPCNT)
  - EPIC6 (Educational Purchasing Interlocal Cooperative at ESC Region 6)
  - Equalis Purchasing Cooperative (ESC Region 10)
  - GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative (ESC Region 2)
  - GSA Advantage
  - Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative (ESC Region 10)
  - OMNIA Partners
  - Sourcewell
  - Tarrant County Cooperative Purchasing Program
  - Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)
  - TexBuy Purchasing Cooperative (ESC Region 16)
  - The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)

**FISCAL INFORMATION:**

None

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

None – Information Report