

# Interlocal Contract with Harris County Department of Education

February 24, 2009

## **SUMMARY:**

This item requests approval of an Interlocal Contract between the Harris County Department of Education and Denton ISD. This will allow Denton ISD to participate in their Choice Facility Partners Cooperative to select an Energy Management Systems Service.

## **BOARD GOAL:**

**VI. Growth and Change...a.** review and adjust policies and procedures effectively to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community.

## **PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

None

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Our current EMS is becoming obsolete which requires the district to look into making changes. Norm Sisk has asked that the district join this cooperative.

Choice Facility Partners is a cooperative purchasing organization that brings legally and competitively bid facility contracts to schools, education-related organizations and other governmental entities across Texas. These best value contracts provide choices so that the district can select the contract that best meets our needs without being required to bid it in-house.

The cooperative offers job order contracting, modular and concrete buildings and modular classrooms, energy management programs, including conservation and purchase, including aggregation; project construction services, including owner's representative and project controls, and capital management software; environmental site assessments and building forensics services; disaster restoration and recovery; webcasting solutions including web streaming and meeting management services; security access systems; elevator services; and amplification sound systems.

The district will also be allowed to participate in other programs including Gulf Coast Food Cooperative, Purchasing Cooperative, Drug Testing Services, Fuel Cooperative, plus any new non-fee based programs and services in the future.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

The contract term will be from the date of the last signature and shall automatically renew unless either party gives thirty (30) days prior written notice of non-renewal.

The HCDE will not meet in March. Our contract will be submitted to their board for consideration in early April, 2009.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There is no charge by HCDE to participate in any of the programs.

## **BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

Passage will allow Mr. Sisk and staff to choose the vendor that best meets the needs of Denton ISD.

This will allow the district to choose between reputable companies that meet the state bidding requirements.

## **PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:**

None

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative would be to bid this project in-house.

## **OTHER COMMENTS:**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Interlocal Agreement between the Harris County Department of Education and Denton  
ISD to participate in all programs available through the cooperative be accepted.

**STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Debbie Monschke, Executive Director of Administrative Services  
Kathy Arrington, Purchasing Agent

**ATTACHMENT:**

Two original Interlocal Contracts

**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_