

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves utilization of purchasing cooperatives listed in Attachment #1 on an as-needed basis for authorized expenditures for the fiscal year 2025.

BACKGROUND

The District utilizes competitive solicitations procured through various purchasing cooperatives, group purchasing organizations, government purchasing alliances, and interagency agreements both in and out of the State of Texas. The contracts awarded through these cooperatives comply with the competitive procurement requirements outlined in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted through Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

The purchase of goods and services through competitively bid purchasing cooperatives allows the District to leverage our buying power by pooling the purchasing volume of multiple governmental and educational institutions to obtain the best value for the cooperative members. Utilizing these competitively bid contracts also saves time and administrative costs. These contracts are readily available for use when a need arises and precludes the requirement to initiate a formal solicitation process.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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Attachment #1 – List of Interlocal Purchasing Cooperatives

Collin County Governmental Purchaser's Forum

Educational & Institutional Cooperative Purchasing (E&I)

Harris County Department Education (HCDE) - Choice Partners

Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC)

Omnia Partners (includes National IPA/TCPN/NCPA/US Communities & Vizient contracts)

TXShare - North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)

Region 10 Education Service Center

Sourcewell

State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program

Tarrant County Cooperative Purchasing Program

Texas Association of Community College Business Officers (TACCBO)

Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) – BuyBoard

Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA) Purchasing Consortium

Texas Connection Consortium through Lamar Institute of Technology

Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)

Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)

U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), Schedules 70 and 84

NPPGov

University of Texas (UT) System

Equalis Group

Pace Purchasing Cooperative