

US Communities Interlocal Agreement

Memo

To: Dr. Jeff Turner

From: Sid Grant

Date: 3/8/2004

Re: U. S. Communities Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement

Recommendation: That the Coppel ISD Board of Trustees approve the attached U.S. Communities Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement at the March 29, 2004 board meeting and allow Sid Grant, Director of Internal Business Services, to complete any necessary documentation related to the agreement.

- a. As one of the nation's largest government purchasing cooperatives, this multi-state interlocal agreement allows our district to purchase various supplies and equipment at substantial savings from numerous approved vendors that have satisfied the bid requirements of U.S. Communities. For example, Piano and Lewisville ISOs have realized substantial savings in several areas including office supplies and playground equipment through participation in this cooperative.
- b. This also enables our district to have greater flexibility in obtaining quotes and in securing the best prices possible for a variety of goods. As a district we utilize several purchasing cooperatives to ensure the best competitive pricing including TASS Suyboard, Region VIII, Region IV's TCPN, Region 18, and the Texas Building and Procurement Commission (TSPC was formerly GSC).
- c. There is currently no fee for participating in this cooperative.

MASTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

This agreement is made between certain government agencies that execute a Lead Public Agency Certificate ("Lead Public Agencies") to be appended and made a part hereof and other government agencies ("Participating Public Agencies") that agree to terms and conditions hereof through U.S. Communities registration to be appended and made a part hereof.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, after a competitive bidding and selection process by Lead Public Agencies, a number of Vendors have entered into Master Agreements to provide a variety of goods, products and services based on national volumes (herein "Products");

WHEREAS, Master Agreements are made available by Lead Public Agencies through U.S. Communities and provide that Participating Public Agencies may purchase Products on the same terms, conditions and pricing as the Lead Public Agency, subject to any applicable local purchasing ordinances and the laws of the State of purchase;

WHEREAS, the parties desire to comply with the requirements and formalities of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act as may be applicable to the laws of the State of purchase;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to conserve resources and reduce procurement cost;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of the procurement of necessary Products;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this agreement, and of the mutual benefits to result, the parties agree as follows:

1. That each party will facilitate the cooperative procurement of Products.
2. That the procurement of Products subject to this agreement shall be conducted in accordance with and subject to the relevant statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations that govern each party's procurement practices.
3. That the cooperative use of bids obtained by a party to this agreement shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid, except as modification of those terms and conditions is otherwise allowed or required by applicable law.
4. That the Lead Public Agencies will make available, upon reasonable request and subject to convenience, information which may assist in improving the effectiveness, efficiency and economy of Participating Public Agencies procurement of Products.
5. That a procuring party will make timely payments to the Vendor for Products received in accordance with the terms and conditions of the procurement. Payment for Products and inspections and acceptance of Products ordered by the procuring party shall be the exclusive obligation of such procuring party. Disputes between procuring party and Vendor are to be resolved in accord with the law and venue rules of the State of purchase.
6. The procuring party shall not use this agreement as a method for obtaining additional concessions or reduced prices for similar products or services.
7. The procuring party shall be responsible for the ordering of Products under this agreement. A non-procuring party shall not be liable in any fashion for any violation by a procuring party, and the procuring party shall hold nonprocuring party harmless from any liability that may arise from action or inaction of the procuring party.
8. The exercise of any rights or remedies by the procuring party shall be the exclusive obligation of such procuring party.
9. This agreement shall remain in effect until termination by a party giving 30 days written notice to U.S. Communities at 2175 N. California Blvd., Suite 550, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
10. This agreement shall take effect after execution of the Lead Public Agency Certificate or Participating Public Agency Registration, as applicable.