

# Hallsville Independent School District

## For the Consideration of the Board of Trustees

**Date of Board Meeting:** July 28, 2025

**Agenda Item#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Topic:** Board Approval for continued membership in current  
Purchasing Cooperatives for 2025-26 fiscal year.

**Background and Rationale:**

It is required annually to present a listing of the District's memberships with purchasing cooperatives. Attached is the listing of all purchasing cooperatives, of which the District holds memberships or would like to add membership with. Continued memberships in these co-ops are vital in the District's ability to competitively procure goods and services and to maintain compliance with local, state and federal purchasing requirements.

**Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

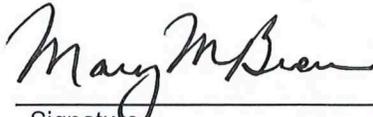
**Personnel Affected:**

**Budget Implications:**

- Included in this year's budget
- Amendment of this year's budget required
- Increase in this year's budget required
- Expenditures required for next year's budget

**Recommendation:**

Administration recommends the continued membership in the attached listing of Purchasing Co-ops for the 2025-26 fiscal year, as presented.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
(Person Bringing Information to the Board)



\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent's Signature

## Hallsville ISD

### Purchasing Cooperative Memberships

According to TEC 44.0331, certain disclosures must be made when a district enters into a purchasing cooperative. School districts are required to document any contract related fee, including any management fee for all cooperative purchasing contracts valued at \$25,000 or more, including the purpose and disposition of the fee. This information must be presented annually to the board of trustees in a public meeting. Additionally, the amount, purpose, and disposition must be presented in a written report and appear as an agenda item. The information below represents fees and rebates, related to the district's purchasing cooperative memberships, during the previous 2024-25 fiscal year.

	Members Fees	Direct Fees	Indirect Fees	Rebates	Total Fees
TASB BuyBoard	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$4,962.00)	(\$3,036.00)
OMNIA Purchasing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TIPS-The Interlocal Purchasing System	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TXMAS-Texas Comptroller's Office	\$100.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100.00
Pace	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Region 7 ESC Purchasing Cooperative	\$2,894.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,837.50
DIR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Choice Partners	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,675.54)	\$0
CTPA-Central Texas Purchasing Alliance	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150
EPIC 6 Purchasing Cooperative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Region 19 Allied States Cooperative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sourcewell	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Texas Smart Buy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equalis Group	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC Buy)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GSA – U.S. General Services Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



**INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR  
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING**

ILC No.:  
**ILC25-17226**  
Permanent Number assigned  
by H-GAC

THIS INTERLOCAL CONTRACT ("Contract"), made and entered into pursuant to the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code (the "Act"), by and between the Houston-Galveston Area Council, hereinafter referred to as "H-GAC," having its principal place of business at 3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77027, and **Hallsville Independent School District**, a local government, a state agency, or a non-profit corporation created and operated to provide one or more governmental functions and services, hereinafter referred to as "End User," having its principal place of business at **311 Willow Street Hallsville, TX 75650**.

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, H-GAC is a regional planning commission and political subdivision of the State of Texas operating under Chapter 391, Texas Local Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Act, H-GAC is authorized to contract with eligible entities to perform governmental functions and services, including the purchase of goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, in reliance on such authority, H-GAC has instituted a cooperative purchasing program under which it contracts with eligible entities under the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, End User has represented that it is an eligible entity under the Act, that its governing body has authorized this Contract on **07/28/2025** (Date), and that it desires to contract with H-GAC on the terms set forth below;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, H-GAC and the End User do hereby agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1: LEGAL AUTHORITY**

The End User represents and warrants to H-GAC that (1) it is eligible to contract with H-GAC under the Act because it is one of the following: a local government, as defined in the Act (a county, a municipality, a special district, or other political subdivision of the State of Texas or any other state), or a combination of two or more of those entities, a state agency (an agency of the State of Texas as defined in Section 771.002 of the Texas Government Code, or a similar agency of another state), or a non-profit corporation created and operated to provide one or more governmental functions and services, and (2) it possesses adequate legal authority to enter into this Contract.

**ARTICLE 2: APPLICABLE LAWS**

H-GAC and the End User agree to conduct all activities under this Contract in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, and ordinances and laws in effect or promulgated during the term of this Contract.

**ARTICLE 3: WHOLE AGREEMENT**

This Contract and any attachments, as provided herein, constitute the complete contract between the parties hereto, and supersede any and all oral and written agreements between the parties relating to matters herein.

**ARTICLE 4: PERFORMANCE PERIOD**

The period of this Contract shall be for the balance of the fiscal year of the End User, which began **09/01/2025** and ends **08/31/2026**. This Contract shall thereafter automatically be renewed annually for each succeeding fiscal year, provided that such renewal shall not have the effect of extending the period in which the End User may make any payment due an H-GAC contractor beyond the fiscal year in which such obligation was incurred under this Contract.

**ARTICLE 5: SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The End User appoints H-GAC its true and lawful purchasing agent for the purchase of certain products and services through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program. End User will access the Program through HGACBuy.com and by submission of any duly executed purchase order, in the form prescribed by H-GAC to a contractor having a valid contract with H-GAC. All purchases hereunder shall be in accordance with specifications and contract terms and pricing established by H-GAC. Ownership (title) to products purchased through H-GAC shall transfer directly from the contractor to the End User.

**ARTICLE 6: PAYMENTS**

H-GAC will confirm each order and issue notice to contractor to proceed. Upon delivery of goods or services purchased, and presentation of a properly documented invoice, the End User shall promptly, and in any case within thirty (30) days, pay H-GAC’s contractor the full amount of the invoice. All payments for goods or services will be made from current revenues available to the paying party. In no event shall H-GAC have any financial liability to the End User for any goods or services End User procures from an H- GAC contractor.

**ARTICLE 7: CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS**

This Contract may be amended only by a written amendment executed by both parties, except that any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms of this Contract which are required by changes in Federal and State law or regulations are automatically incorporated into this Contract without written amendment hereto and shall become effective on the date designated by such law or regulation.

H-GAC reserves the right to make changes in the scope of products and services offered through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program to be performed hereunder.

**ARTICLE 8: TERMINATION PROCEDURES**

H-GAC or the End User may cancel this Contract at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice by certified mail to the other party to this Contract. The obligations of the End User, including its obligation to pay H-GAC’s contractor for all costs incurred under this Contract prior to such notice shall survive such cancellation, as well as any other obligation incurred under this Contract, until performed or discharged by the End User.

**ARTICLE 9: SEVERABILITY**

All parties agree that should any provision of this Contract be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect any other term of this Contract, which shall continue in full force and effect.

**ARTICLE 10: FORCE MAJEURE**

To the extent that either party to this Contract shall be wholly or partially prevented from the performance within the term specified of any obligation or duty placed on such party by reason of or through strikes, stoppage of labor, riot, fire, flood, acts of war, insurrection, accident, order of any court, act of God, or specific cause reasonably beyond the party's control and not attributable to its neglect or nonfeasance, in such event, the time for the performance of such obligation or duty shall be suspended until such disability to perform is removed; provided, however, force majeure shall not excuse an obligation solely to pay funds. Determination of force majeure shall rest solely with H-GAC.

**ARTICLE 11: VENUE**

Disputes between procuring party and Vendor are to be resolved in accord with the law and venue rules of the State of purchase.

**THIS INSTRUMENT HAS BEEN EXECUTED BY THE PARTIES HERETO AS FOLLOWS:**

**Hallsville Independent School District**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of End User (local government, agency, or non-profit corporation)

**311 Willow Street**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

**Hallsville, TX 75650**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State ZIP Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of chief elected or appointed official | **Date**

**John Martin, Superintendent**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed Name & Title of Signatory

**Houston-Galveston Area Council**  
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, TX  
77027

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**END USER DATA**

Please sign and return the Interlocal Contract, along with this completed form, to H-GAC by emailing it to [cpcontractfax@h-gac.com](mailto:cpcontractfax@h-gac.com) or by faxing it to 713-993-2424. The contract may also be mailed to:

**H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program**  
**P.O. Box 22777, Houston, TX 77227-2777**

**Name of End User Agency:** Hallsville Independent School District County Name: TX

**Mailing Address:** P. O. Box 810 Hallsville, TX 75650

**Main Telephone Number:** 903-668-5990 **FAX Number:** 903-668-5991

**Physical Address:** 311 Willow Street Hallsville, TX >75650

**Web Site Address:** <https://www.hisd.com/>

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**Official Contact:** Kathryn Bradford  
**Mailing Address:** 311 Willow Street  
**Hallsville, TX 75650**

**Title:** Assistant Business Manager  
**Ph No.:** 903-668-5990  
**FX No.:**  
**E-Mail Address:** [kbradford@hisd.com](mailto:kbradford@hisd.com)

**Authorized Official:** John Martin  
**Mailing Address:** P. O. Box 810  
**Hallsville, TX 75650**

**Title:** Superintendent  
**Ph No.:** 903-668-5990  
**FX No.:** 903-668-5991  
**E-Mail Address:** [gwalker2@hisd.com](mailto:gwalker2@hisd.com)

**Authorized Official:** Kathy Bradford  
**Mailing Address:** 311 Willow Street  
**Hallsville, TX 75650**

**Title:** Assistant Business Manager  
**Ph No.:** 903-668-5990  
**FX No.:** 903-668-5991  
**E-Mail Address:** [kbradford@hisd.com](mailto:kbradford@hisd.com)

**Authorized Official:** Mary Brown  
**Mailing Address:** 311 Willow Street  
**Hallsville, TX 75650**

**Title:** Assistant Superintendent of Finance  
**Ph No.:** 903-668-5990  
**FX No.:** 903-668-5991  
**E-Mail Address:** [mbrown@hisd.com](mailto:mbrown@hisd.com)

## COMPLETING AND EXECUTING THE ILC PROCESS

### Step 1 (complete)

Thank you for completing this step. A PDF copy of the ILC document will be delivered to the email address entered.

### Step 2

Secure a signature by the individual identified as the Authorized Official to contractually bind your entity.

### Step 3

Scan and email a copy of the contract to H-GAC at [cpcontractfax@h-gac.com](mailto:cpcontractfax@h-gac.com), or fax it to 713-993-2424.

The contract may also be mailed to:

**H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program**

PO Box 22777

Houston, TX 77227-2777

If you require an original signed contract, please print, sign, and mail two (2) sets of the ILC documents.

### Step 4

H-GAC will execute the contract and return a copy to you electronically.