

**Purchase Request #6**  
**Regular Board Meeting August 22, 2017**  
**Consideration of Approval of Purchasing Cooperatives**

**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT**

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approve utilization of purchasing cooperatives on an as-needed basis for authorized expenditures for the fiscal year 2017-2018.

**BACKGROUND**

The District participates in various purchasing cooperatives, group purchasing organizations, government purchasing alliances, interagency agreements, bids and contracts both in and out of the State of Texas. The purpose of the cooperatives is to provide lower prices and better quality products for educational institutions belonging to the cooperatives and allows the District to take advantage of leveraged buying available through these various agreements. The contracts awarded through these cooperatives are competitively bid and comply with the State of Texas competitive bidding requirements.

**IMPACT OF THIS ACTION**

The purchase of products 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 in order to obtain the best value for the cooperative members. Utilizing these competitively bid contracts also saves time and money as these contracts are readily available for use when a need arises and precludes the requirement to initiate a formal solicitation process. Buying through the cooperatives meets the requirements of the State bidding laws and college purchasing policies.

**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 (H-GAC)

National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP)

National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)

National IPA\*

National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)

North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)

Region 10 Education Service Center

Region 14 Education Service Center

State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program

Tarrant County Cooperative Purchasing Program

Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) – BuyBoard

Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA) Purchasing Consortium

Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)

Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS/TAPS)

Texas Local Government

The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)

U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance

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

\*Pending Board approval of the Interlocal agreement