

Purchase Request # 4
Regular Board Meeting August 28, 2018
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 2018-2019.

BACKGROUND

The District utilizes 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 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 administrative costs as 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 (H-GAC)

National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)

National IPA/ TCPN

North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)

Region 10 Education Service Center

Region 14 Education Service Center

Sourcewell (NJPA)

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 A&M Corpus Christi Texas Connection Consortium

Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)

Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)

Texas Local Government

U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance

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

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