Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	26231	Agenda Number	57.
Meeting Date:	August 22, 2013				
Department:	Purchasing				

Subject
Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS to allow for cooperative procurement of goods and services.

Amount and Source of Funding
Procurements under this Interlocal Agreement will not be made unless funds are available in the appropriate department budgets.

Fiscal Note
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Interlocal Agreement.
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
Related Items:	
MBE / WBE:	Contracts under this agreement will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program).

Additional Backup Information

Approval of this interlocal agreement with Williamson County will allow the City of Austin and Williamson County to participate in the purchase of various types of goods and services through the use of contracts already in place through each jurisdiction's purchasing processes.

The ability to share competitive contracts between jurisdictions assists each to accomplish acquisitions more efficiently. Aggregating demand with other local jurisdictions should result in reduced unit prices for requirements because of increased volume. This interlocal allows Austin to take a lead role in cooperative contracting for local jurisdictions.

City of Austin purchases exceeding the City Manager's authority (currently $56,000 FY13) will be brought forward for Council approval on a case-by-case basis prior to ordering the products or services.

This agreement is entered into under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.