



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative purchase agreement with OMNIA Partners, to allow for cooperative procurement of goods and services.

(Note: This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

All City Departments.

### **Fiscal Note**

Procurements under this cooperative purchase agreement will not be made unless funds are available in appropriate departmental budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Cooperative Purchase Agreement.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The cooperative purchase agreement will allow the City to participate in the purchase of various goods and services through the use of contracts already in place through the OMNIA Partners cooperative purchase program. Through competitive solicitations from multiple lead agencies, OMNIA Partners provides the opportunity for members to purchase equipment, goods, and services through nationally leveraged and competitively bid contracts that result in volume discounts.

OMNIA Partners brought together the nation's two leading cooperative purchasing organizations - National IPA and U.S. Communities - under one roof to form OMNIA Partners. OMNIA Partners has over 300 cooperative contracts available to over 60,000 entities across the country with contracts available for the purchase of goods and services such as office supplies, automotive parts, public safety equipment, traffic and parking

control, playground equipment, disaster preparedness and relief, and other business products and services.

A cooperative contract is a commercial contract that was competitively solicited and awarded by one government entity (federal, state, local government, university, school district or other qualified cooperative organization) and made available to other governmental entities. The City uses cooperative contracts when advantageous to do so due to their volume discount pricing, preferential terms and conditions, and administrative cost savings.

A cooperative purchase agreement is an agreement between governmental entities establishing the legal grounds for participating governmental entities to establish and share cooperative contracts. The City enters into cooperative purchase agreements to access the cooperative contracts of other governmental entities, as well as to share the City's cooperative contracts with other governmental entities.

The agreement is entered under the provision of Chapter 271, Subchapter F, Texas Local Government Code.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All.