



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2349, **Agenda Item #:** 92.

6/11/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with different state and local governmental entities to establish the Texas Interlocal Purchasing Cooperative 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 interlocal agreement will not be made unless funds are available in appropriate departmental budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Interlocal Agreement.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The interlocal agreement will provide for the formation of a purchasing cooperative, to be known as the Texas Interlocal Purchasing Cooperative. Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code permits local government entities and agencies to engage in cooperative purchasing for the benefit of all parties. Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code authorizes local governments to contract, to the greatest extent possible, with one another, which has been shown to improve competition, quality, services, provide lower prices, and avoid duplicate efforts. The City would serve as the administrator of this new Cooperative, which would be open to membership for cities, counties, universities, and other government agencies throughout the State of Texas.

Cooperative purchasing results when a lead government establishes contracts, through required competition or as otherwise legally allowed, and makes these contracts available for use by participating local governments that have entered into a cooperative agreement with the lead local government. All members of the Cooperative are able to serve as leads and allow for contracts formed by their organization to be available to the other cooperative members. Each participating local government is independently responsible for executing their own contract based on the lead local government's cooperative contract; issuing, receiving,

inspecting and accepting their own orders; resolving their own contractual disputes, and making their own timely payment for invoiced amounts.

Other local government entities and agencies which have shown an interest in forming or joining a cooperative organization include Capital Metro, Austin Independent School District, Austin Community College, The University of Texas, and Travis County. These and many others will be contacted and invited to participate in this endeavor if the formation of the cooperative is approved.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.