

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing
AGENDA DATE: February 16, 2021
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Bruce D. Collins – Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing Director 915-212-1181
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All
STRATEGIC GOAL: NO. 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

SUBJECT:

That the City Manager or Designee be authorized to participate in cooperative procurements available through the Division of Purchases and Supply (DPS), a business unit of the Department of General Services for the Commonwealth of Virginia in order to procure goods and/or services required by the City.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City of El Paso has the general authority to access the contracts of other governmental agencies cooperative purchasing programs. The goal is to combine the City of El Paso purchasing requirements with other agencies to achieve discount pricing which results in direct cost and administrative savings. The Division of Purchases and Supply (DPS) offers various contracts that have been competitively solicited for use by other governmental agencies. The program is non-exclusive, voluntary, and there is no charge to participate. The City of El Paso can use those contracts that offer the best fit and overall value based on the City's specific needs and requirements.

SELECTION SUMMARY:

N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

The Cooperative Purchasing Network; Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program ; Texas Association of Schools Boards, Inc. (TASB, Inc.); ESC-Region 19 Cooperative Purchasing Program; Harris County Department of Education Cooperative Purchasing Program; Tarrant County Cooperative Purchasing Program; and PEPPM Technology Bidding and Purchasing Program Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU t/d/b/a PEPPM); Region 8 Education Service Center; OMNIA Partners Parties.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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Bruce D. Collins, CPPO – Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing Director

PROJECT FORM

(Resolutions)

Please place the following item on the **CONSENT** agenda (under **RESOLUTIONS**) for the Council Meeting **February 16, 2021**.

Strategic Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

The linkage to the Strategic Plan is subsection 6.7 – Deliver effective and efficient processes to maximize value in obtaining goods and services.

Award Summary:

That the City Manager or Designee be authorized to participate in cooperative procurements available through the Division of Purchases and Supply (DPS), a business unit of the Department of General Services for the Commonwealth of Virginia in order to procure goods and/or services required by the City. This approval will provide the City of El Paso the opportunity to leverage bulk pricing and expedite delivery of goods and services.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Division of Purchases and Supply (DPS) is a business unit of the Department of General Services for the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the DPS manages statewide procurement services for the Commonwealth of Virginia, including supporting cooperative procurements with public bodies or institutions outside the Commonwealth of Virginia in accordance with the ordering provisions of the DPS for the specific good and/or service in question; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso, Texas pursuant to the authority granted under Section 271.101 to 271.102 of the Local Government Code, desires to avail itself of procurement opportunities available through the DPS which are in the best interest of the taxpayers through cooperative savings to be realized; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 271.102(c), purchases of goods or services under the cooperative procurement program satisfies state law requiring the City to seek competitive bids for the purchase of goods or services; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that, as a matter of public interest, participating in the cooperative procurement program is in the best interest of the City of El Paso and its citizens in accordance with the terms and conditions herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager or Designee be authorized to participate in cooperative procurements available through the Division of Purchases and Supply (DPS), a business unit of the Department of General Services for the Commonwealth of Virginia in order to procure goods and/or services required by the City.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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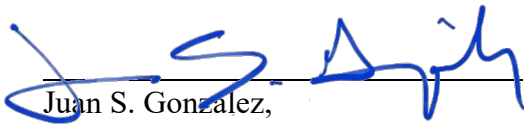
CITY OF EL PASO

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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Juan S. Gonzalez,
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Bruce D. Collins

Bruce D. Collins, Director
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