

November 2, 2009

SUBJECT: New Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Contracts.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve Interlocal Agreements with:

1. Choice Facility Partners, Harris County Department of Education;
2. Education Service Center Region VIII (ESC Region 8) which operates the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program.

This is a first reading with approval sought at the December 14th, 2009 Regular Meeting.

RELATED BOARD POLICY OR PLANNING PRIORITY

The proposed action relates to G-2 Purchasing.

RATIONALE

Joining purchasing cooperatives provides ACC with opportunities to select products and services from vendors who have already been screened and selected by other state and local governmental entities according to law. These cooperatives provide a more efficient method of procurement than if ACC were to go out for these products and services individually. However, while the cooperatives are convenient in certain circumstances, ACC staff always check current pricing and contract terms to ensure that best value is received, either through an Interlocal agreement, or other methods.

Staff recommend approval to join the interlocal agreements listed above to provide additional efficiencies to the procurement process.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION

None.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

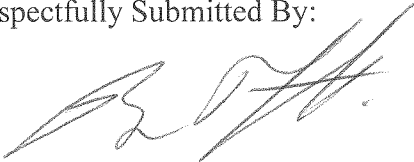
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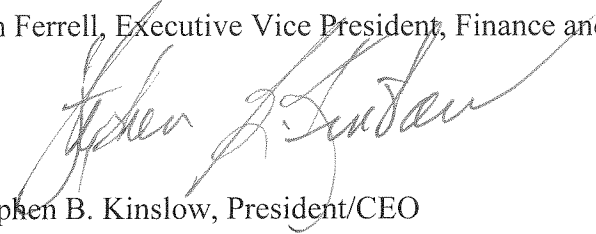
ATTACHMENTS

- A: Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Between Austin Community College District and Choice Facility Partners, Harris County Department of Education.
- B: Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Between Austin Community College District and Education Service Center Region VIII (ESC Region 8) which operates the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program.

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Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Choice Facility Partners

The district obtains goods and services on a recurring basis from state contracts, ACC bid contracts, interagency contracts and cooperative agreements. Encouraged by a board request in May 2008 , the district purchasing office has been continuously sourcing for other cooperative organizations that can provide reasonable and responsive vendors to provide goods and services.

This organization is sponsored by the Facilities Division of the Harris County Department of Education. Best value contracts offered through this cooperative purchasing solution provide choices so ACC can select the contract that best meets their needs.

Contract areas include Job Order Contracting; modular buildings and classrooms with concrete flooring; energy management program, including conservation and purchase, including aggregation; project construction services, including owner's representative and project controls, and capital management software; environmental site assessments and building forensics services; disaster restoration and recovery; energy efficient HVAC services and preventative maintenance; outside playgrounds; commercial floor coverings; roofing; fencing; signage; dry erase whiteboards; webcasting solutions including web streaming and meeting management services; security access systems; elevator services; and amplification sound systems.

Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between ACC and Education Service Center Region VIII (ESC Region 8) which operates the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program

ACC obtains goods and services on a recurring basis from state contracts, ACC competitive bid contracts, interagency contracts and cooperative agreements. Encouraged by a board request in May 2008 , the district purchasing office has been continuously sourcing for other cooperative organizations that can provide reasonable and responsive HUB vendors to provide goods and services. We are also looking to lower our operating costs by joining larger cooperatives to expand our buying strength.

This organization is sponsored by the ESC Region 8. Best value contracts offered through this cooperative purchasing solution provide choices and buying power of several participating state educational districts. This will provide another avenue for ACC to select the contracts that best meets our current needs.

Contract areas include Texas regional roofing contractors; modular buildings; school and office supplies, Audio visual equipment and services; sciences and training supplies, training and distance education software; network security and data disaster recovery; energy efficient HVAC equipment, services and preventative maintenance; commercial floor coverings; webcasting solutions, hosted applications and other web streaming services; and security installation systems.

List of commodities and vendors follows the resolution