

Cooperative (Co-op) Purchasing Agreements

Texas Local Government Code (271.102) allows local governments to participate in cooperative (co-op) purchasing programs with other local governments or local government cooperative organizations. These co-op organizations complete the competitive bidding process on a variety of goods and services on behalf of their local government members so we don't have to. The co-op websites provide the vendor's agreed pricing on the specific goods or services bid. However, not all products a vendor sells are automatically considered co-op pricing.

The city is a member of the purchasing co-ops listed below. Because the goods and/or services have already been competitively bid, only one quote with co-op pricing is required to purchase goods or services. The purchasing documents (purchase orders, quotes, etc) related to co-op purchases must clearly state the co-op name, contract number, and pricing.



BuyBoard

www.buyboard.com

Contact Purchasing (purchasing@pflugervilletx.gov) to obtain a user name to log in.



Choice Partners

www.choicepartners.org/



DIR (Texas Department of Information Resources)

dir.texas.gov/View-Contracts-And-Services/



H-GAC (Houston-Galveston Area Council)

www.h-gac.com/coop/



NIPA (National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance)

www.nationalipa.org/



NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance)

<http://www.ncpa.us/>



PACE (Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities)

www.pacecoop.org/

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SHARE - North Central Texas Council of Governments cooperative purchasing program.

<https://www.northtexasshare.org/>



Sourcewell (formerly NJPA: National Joint Powers Alliance)

www.njpacoop.org/contract-purchasing-solutions/contracts



TCPN (The Cooperative Purchasing Network)

www.tcpn.org/



TIPS (The Interlocal Purchasing System)

<http://www.tips-usa.com/>



Texas Smart Buy

www.window.state.tx.us/txsmartbuy/

Part of the Texas State Purchasing System.



TXMAS (Texas Multiple Award Schedules)

www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/txmas/

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US Communities

<http://www.uscommunities.org/>

The City also participates in Interlocal Agreements with other jurisdictions for cooperative purchasing. These arrangements allow the City to use the contract terms and pricing another jurisdiction has negotiated (“piggyback”) for specific contracts.

Please contact Sabrina Schmidt 512-990-6140 or (sabrinas@pflugervilletx.gov) if you have questions about any of the cooperative purchasing methods mentioned above.