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**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	41854	Agenda Number	26.
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Meeting Date:	March 26, 2015
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize execution of an interlocal agreement with the NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE, a public corporation and agency, to allow the City to participate in this agency's cooperative purchasing program to purchase various types of goods and services. Related to Item # 27

Amount and Source of Funding

Procurements under this interlocal agreement will not be made unless funds are available in appropriate Departmental budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Interlocal Agreement
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Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract is exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program as specified in Texas Government Code Chapter 252.022.
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Additional Backup Information

The interlocal 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 National Joint Powers Alliance. (NJPA). Through national solicitations, NJPA provides the opportunity for members to purchase equipment, goods, and services through nationally leveraged and competitively bid contracts that result in volume discounts.

NJPA is a public agency that serves over 50,000 member agencies across the county with contract solutions that are nationally leveraged. NJPA operates under the authority of Minnesota Statute 123A.21 and contracts available for cooperative purchasing include office supplies, medical supplies and equipment, printing, furniture, emergency response equipment, and heavy equipment.

This interlocal agreement will establish the legal grounds for the City and NJPA participating government entities to establish and share cooperative contracts. The City may enter into an interlocal agreement to access the cooperative contracts of other governmental entities, as well as to share the City's Cooperative Contracts with other governmental entities.

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.

This agreement is entered into under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.