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AGENDA

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**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****ITEM No. 34**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING NETWORK (REGION 4 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER), Houston, TX, for the purchase of various types of goods and services offered on its existing contracts

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.

Additional Backup Material

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No Attachments Available

For More Information: Mick Osborne, Sr. Buyer Specialist /974-2995**Purchasing Language:** Interlocal Agreement.

Approval of this Interlocal Agreement with The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) will allow the City of Austin to participate in the purchase of various types of goods and services through the use of contracts already in place through this purchasing cooperative. Examples of goods and services that can be purchased through this Cooperative include, but not limited to: automotive/building glass and glazing, heating, ventilating, air conditioning & plumbing; industrial supplies; playground system and related services; scoreboards, indoor/outdoor wallboards; synthetic surfaces for tracks, turf and tennis courts, security monitoring systems; and furniture.

The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) was formed by Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC) in accordance with Texas Local Government Code. The Region 4 ESC is the largest of 20 state service centers established by the Texas Legislature in 1967 to provide school districts with professional development training and technical assistance that support statewide goals for school improvement. The purpose of the purchasing cooperative is to serve all participating local governments by making available contracts for goods and services that are developed in compliance with state bidding requirements, to assist local governments in identifying qualified vendors of goods and services, reduce the cost to government entities for competitive bidding and to provide reduced costs of goods and services through volume discounts by issuing bids with a much larger user base than what is available to individual local governments.

Region 4 ESC administers TCPN and is the government agency responsible for doing the actual bidding and ensuring all state bidding requirements are met. All contracts are approved and awarded by the Region 4 ESC Board of Directors.

Purchases exceeding the City Manager's authority (currently \$49,000) will be brought forward for Council approval on a case-by-case basis prior to ordering the products or services.

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