



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

August 31, 2010

SUBJECT: Consideration of Approval to Enter Into A Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Public Sourcing Solutions.

SUBMITTED BY: Michael Lowry, Purchasing Manager

REFERENCE NO:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval to Enter Into A Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Public Sourcing Solutions (PSS).

ALTERNATIVES:

- Do not join Cooperative

SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:

Public Sourcing Solutions (PSS) is a not-for-profit cooperative purchasing organization, dedicated to bringing contract savings and efficiencies to public entities nationwide. As a division of [Educational & Institutional Cooperative Purchasing](#) (E&I), PSS draws on more than 75 years of experience in higher education procurement. PSS aims to leverage its consortium purchasing expertise to connect state government agencies, cities, municipalities, counties and school districts (K-12) with accessible contracts. Authority is granted through the Texas Local Government Code Sec. 271.102. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM PARTICIPATION which allows for a local government to participate in a cooperative purchasing program with another local government or a local cooperative organization.

Participation in purchasing cooperatives is not required of government entities. However, participation by government entities can provide the legally required competition for contracts for commonly purchased items thereby saving the individual entity the cost of going through the competitive process.

In addition to the administrative savings, the city will take advantage of the lower contract prices, which were offered based on the aggregate purchasing power of many participating agencies. This is an optional use program with no minimum volume requirements and no membership fees to participate. The City of Dallas currently uses PSS for some of their commodity contracts. The City of Euless intends to purchase furniture from Global Industries from PSS for the new Senior Citizen Center.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Revenue Sources:

Expenditure Accounts:

Budgeted Fiscal Year(s):

Estimated Expenditure:

Over/Under Projection By:

Other Comments:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

APPROVED BY:

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