



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

March 22, 2011

SUBJECT: Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA).

SUBMITTED BY: Michael Lowry, Purchasing Manager

REFERENCE NO:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider authorizing City Manager to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the National Joint Powers Alliance.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Do not join Cooperative

SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:

National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) is a member-driven service cooperative with a membership exceeding 30,000. NJPA offers a multitude of products, equipment and service opportunities to education, government and other non-profit entities.

The NJPA cooperative, located in Minnesota offers contract pricing for counties, cities and schools for planning, development and provision of services in a vast array of fields, including technology, curriculum, staff, health, and safety. The City of Euless intends on purchasing safety supplies from Zee Medical based off pricing on this cooperative.

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.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Revenue Sources:

Expenditure Accounts:

Budgeted Fiscal Year(s):

Estimated Expenditure:

Over/Under Projection By:

Other Comments:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- NJPA Membership Agreement

APPROVED BY:

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office