



**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

February 14, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Enter Into A Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS/TAPS) Program.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Michael Lowry, Purchasing Manager

**REFERENCE NO:**

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Consider authorizing City Manager to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS/TAPS) Program.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- Do not join Cooperative

**SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:**

The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS/TAPS) Program is sponsored by the Region VIII Education Service Center (ESC) located in Mt. Pleasant, Texas and is governed by the Region VIII ESC Board of Directors. The TIPS/TAPS is available for use by all public and private schools, colleges, universities, cities, counties, and other government entities. All awarded contracts through the TIPS/TAPS program have been Awarded under the competitive bid process. These awarded vendors have agreed to provide the best pricing, terms and conditions available to TIPS/TAPS members. "TAPS" refers to their previous name, Texas/Arkansas Purchasing System.

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.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

- Interlocal Agreement

**APPROVED BY:**

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office