



City of Galveston

FINANCE DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Date October 28, 2021

To: City Manager
Mayor and City Council Members

From: Michael W. Loftin
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Project location: N/A

Project: Grainger, Inc

Request: Consider approving purchases of maintenance, repair and operational (MRO) supplies for fiscal year 2022 using a contract with Grainger, Inc through National IPA- Omnia Partners.

Prior Council Action

City Council has previously approved purchases of operational supplies, city wide, using a cooperative contract with Grainger, Inc through National IPA- Omnia Partners cooperative for FY 2018, FY 2019, FY 2020, and FY 2021.

Background

The City of Galveston is a member of the National IPA- Omnia Partners cooperative purchasing program, using the Region 4 Education Service Center in Houston, Texas. This allows the City to utilize contracts that have been competitively procured in compliance with state purchasing requirements. Click the link to find out how this cooperative works: [National IPA - Omnia Partners](#) . Texas Government Code Section 791 authorizes local governments to contract, as much as possible, with other local governments and any agencies of the State of Texas.

The National IPA- Omnia Partners purchasing cooperative has combined the buying power of 48,000 public entities, including school districts, municipalities, and counties. The objective of a cooperative purchasing program is to provide a mechanism for local governments to pool their collective purchasing power. Purchasing cooperatives save money in two ways: the price of the product and/or in the administrative cost savings from advertising for a formal solicitation.





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Grainger has contracts with National IPA- Omnia Partners. They provide various maintenance, repair, safety, and operational (MRO) supplies and related services and offer discounts from their full catalogue pricing. Grainger is currently working with the City of Galveston on items related to hurricane preparedness to assist staff in preparing for an emergency and after the emergency.

The contract numbers and terms are:

- Contract # 192163 – (MRO) Supplies, Parts, Equipment, Materials, and Related Services – 7/1/19 through 12/30/2022
- Contract # MA3461– Online Marketplace– 5/1/2020 through 5/30/2025
- Contract # 2018.000207– (MRO) Supplies and Related Services – 7/1/2018 through 6/31/2023
- Contract # R192002 – (MRO) Supplies & Related Services– 4/1/20 through 3/31/2023

Fiscal Impact Report

- Funding Source: Various City Accounts
- Estimated Total Costs: As provided through budgets adopted by City Council and administered by the City Manager.
- Term: FY 2022

Alternatives

Approve using the cooperative purchasing contract through National IPA- Omnia Partners purchasing cooperative for Grainger, Inc purchases.

Do not approve using the cooperative purchasing contract.

Staff Recommendation

Approve using the cooperative contract with Grainger, Inc through National IPA- Omnia Partners purchasing cooperative.

Attachments

Select the link below to review contract documentation:

[Grainger Inc. Contract Documentation](#)

