



City of Galveston

FINANCE DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

January 12, 2022

To: Brian Maxwell, City Manager
Hon. Mayor and City Council

From: Michael W. Loftin, Assistant City Manager - Finance

RE: Consider approving the purchases of goods and services using various contracts through BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative, OMNIA Partners, Choice Partners, Goodbuy Purchasing Cooperative, National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA), Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative, Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR), Tx Smart Buy, and Texas Multiple Award Schedule Program (TXMAS). Estimated costs for products not to exceed Council approved budgets.

Background:

The City of Galveston is a member of Buyboard Purchasing Cooperative, OMNIA Partners, Choice Partners, Goodbuy, National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA), Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative, Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR), Tx Smart Buy, and Texas Multiple Award Schedule Program (TXMAS). Purchasing Cooperatives allows the city to utilize contracts that have been competitively procured in compliance with state purchasing requirements.

The objective of a purchasing cooperative 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. 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.

To find out how these purchasing cooperatives work, please select the links below:

- Buyboard Purchasing Cooperative - [BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative](#)
- OMNIA Partners- [Omnia Partners](#)
- Choice Partners- [Choice Partners](#)
- Goodbuy- [Goodbuy](#)
- NCPA- [NCPA](#)
- Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative- [Sourcewell](#)
- DIR- [DIR](#)
- Tx Smart Buy & TXMAS- [Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts](#)

Currently:

The City uses these various purchasing cooperative contracts to properly procure numerous goods and services such as operational supplies, technology, construction, consulting, training, and additional professional services. Please see attached complete contract listings.



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Alternatives:

Approve the purchases of goods and services using various contracts through BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative, OMNIA Partners, Choice Partners, Goodbuy Purchasing Cooperative, NCPA, Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative, DIR, Tx Smart Buy, TXMAS

Do not approve using the purchasing cooperative contracts.

Issues:

Cost – Total estimated cost as provided for through budgets adopted by City Council and administered by the City Manager

Timing – Current Fiscal Year

Term – through September 30, 2022

Recommendation:

Approve using the purchasing cooperative contracts for various goods and services.

Fiscal Impact Report:

Requested by:

Michael W. Loftin
Assistant City Manager – Finance

Funding Source:

Various City Accounts

Estimated Total Costs:

As provided for through budgets adopted by
City Council and administered by the City Manager