

To: Emmett Heath, Chief Executive Officer
From: Stacy Hupp, Procurement & SBE/DBE Specialist
Date: October 30, 2017
Subject: Approving Procurement to enter into a Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with US Communities

BACKGROUND

US Communities is a National Institute of Governmental Purchasing accredited national cooperative purchasing program of participating government agencies. Contracts available through the US Communities website are all competitively solicited and awarded by a lead public agency and comply with each participating agency's state laws.

Public agencies pay no costs or fees to participate. The suppliers pay an administrative fee to participate through U.S. Communities to offset costs incurred in managing the national program.

There are currently 231 Washington State agencies registered and have agreed to the terms & condition's, including the City of Seattle who is on their Advisory Board.

STATUS

To enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with US Communities, Procurement is required to agree to the terms and conditions of the agreement electronically through the registration process. This electronic process is different from our standard practice of the Chief Executive Officer executing an Intergovernmental Agreement.

State of Washington's RCW 39.34 Interlocal Cooperative Act, allows government agencies to purchase from contracts competitively solicited by another government agency that complies with its own statutory requirements.

BUDGET IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer approves that staff may register in the US Communities program and are authorized to electronically agree to the attached Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Terms and Conditions.

APPROVED



Emmett Heath
Chief Executive Officer

11/8/17

Date



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GOVERNMENT PURCHASING ALLIANCE



MASTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

This Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (“Agreement”) is made between certain government agencies that execute a Lead Public Agency Certificate (collectively, “Lead Public Agencies”) to be appended and made a part hereof and other government agencies (“Participating Public Agencies”) that agree to the terms and conditions hereof through the U.S. Communities registration process and made a part hereof.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, after a competitive solicitation and selection process by Lead Public Agencies, in compliance with their own policies, procedures, rules and regulations, a number of suppliers (each, a “Contract Supplier”) have entered into Master Agreements with Lead Public Agencies to provide a variety of goods, products and services based on national and international volumes (herein “Products and Services”);

WHEREAS, Master Agreements are made available by Lead Public Agencies through U.S. Communities and provide that Participating Public Agencies may purchase Products and Services on the same terms, conditions and pricing as the Lead Public Agency, subject to any applicable local purchasing ordinances and the laws of the State of purchase;

WHEREAS, the parties desire to comply with the requirements and formalities of any intergovernmental cooperative act, if applicable, to the laws of the State of purchase;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to conserve resources and reduce procurement cost;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of the procurement of necessary Products and Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, and of the mutual benefits to result, the parties agree as follows:

1. That each party will facilitate the cooperative procurement of Products and Services.
2. That the procurement of Products and Services subject to this Agreement shall be conducted in accordance with and subject to the relevant statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations that govern each party’s procurement practices.
3. That the cooperative use of solicitations obtained by a party to this Agreement shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the solicitation, except as modification of those terms and conditions is otherwise allowed or required by applicable law.
4. That the Lead Public Agencies will make available, upon reasonable request and subject to convenience, information which may assist in improving the effectiveness, efficiency and economy of Participating Public Agencies’ procurement of Products and Services
5. That the Participating Public Agency will make timely payments to the Contract Supplier for Products and Services received in accordance with the terms and conditions of the procurement. Payment, inspections and acceptance of Products and Services ordered by the Participating Public Agency shall be the exclusive obligation of such Participating Public Agency. Disputes between the Participating Public Agency and Contract Supplier are to be resolved in accordance with the applicable laws and venue rules of the State of purchase.
6. The Participating Public Agency shall not use this Agreement as a method for obtaining additional concessions or reduced prices for similar products or services.
7. The Participating Public Agency is solely responsible for ordering, accepting, and paying and any other action, inaction or decision regarding the Products and Services obtained under this Agreement. A Lead Public Agency shall not be liable in any fashion for any violation by a Participating Public Agency, and the Participating Public Agency shall be responsible for its own conduct to the extent permitted by law.
8. The exercise of any rights or remedies by the Participating Public Agency shall be the exclusive obligation of such Participating Public Agency.
9. This Agreement shall remain in effect until termination by a party giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to U.S. Communities at 2999 Oak Road, Suite 710, Walnut Creek, CA 94597.
10. This Agreement shall become effective after execution of the Lead Public Agency Certificate or Participating Public Agency registration, as applicable.

LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY CERTIFICATE

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of Fairfax County VA (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

I understand that the purchase of one or more Products under the provisions of the MICPA is at the sole and complete discretion of the Participating Public Agency.

Cathy Muse

Authorized Signature, Lead Public Agency

Sept 9, 2015

Date

LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY CERTIFICATE

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of Maricopa County (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

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MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA

BY: [Signature]
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OCT 16 2015
DATE

ATTESTED:
[Signature]
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD 10/16/15

OCT 16 2015
DATE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
[Signature]
LEGAL COUNSEL

October 14, 2015
DATE

LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY CERTIFICATE

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of North Carolina State University (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

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Sharon Loosman, Director of Materials Management
Authorized Signature, Lead Public Agency


9/16/15

Date

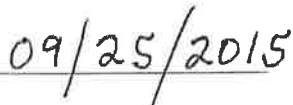
LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY CERTIFICATE

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of San Diego Unified School District (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

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Authorized Signature, Lead Public Agency

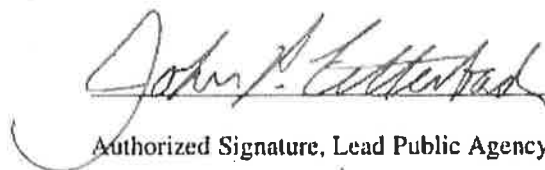


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LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY CERTIFICATE

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of the City and County of Denver (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

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Authorized Signature, Lead Public Agency

11/10/15
Date

LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY CERTIFICATE

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of City of Mesquite (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

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Authorized Signature, Lead Public Agency

10/26/2015

Date

LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY CERTIFICATE

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of The City of Kansas City, Missouri (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

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Authorized Signature, Lead Public Agency

10/15/2015

Date

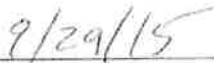
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I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of County of Dane, Wisconsin (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

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Authorized Signature, Lead Public Agency



Date

LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY CERTIFICATE

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of Fresno Unified School District (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

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Authorized Signature, Lead Public Agency

9-25-15

Date

LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY CERTIFICATE

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of Barron County (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

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Authorized Signature, Lead Public Agency

9/28/15

Date

LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY CERTIFICATE

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of City of Charlotte (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

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Karen Ewing

Authorized Signature, Lead Public Agency

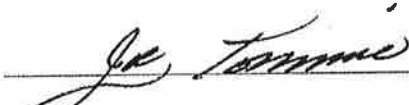
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LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY CERTIFICATE

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of Cobb County (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

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Authorized Signature, Lead Public Agency

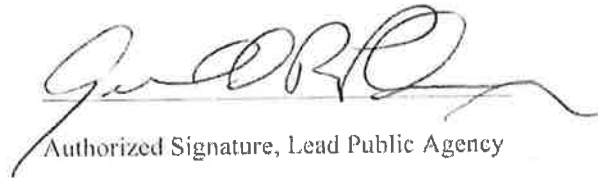
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LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY CERTIFICATE

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of County of Los Angeles (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

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Authorized Signature, Lead Public Agency


September 2, 2015

Date

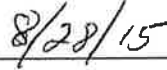
LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY CERTIFICATE

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of Harford County Public Schools (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

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Authorized Signature, Lead Public Agency




Date

Lead Public Agency Certificate

LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY CERTIFICATE

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of Chicago (the "Lead Public Agency") that I have read and agree to the general terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, (MICPA) regulating the use of the Master Agreements and purchase of Products that from time to time are made available by Lead Public Agency to Participating Public Agencies nationwide through U.S. Communities. Copies of Master Agreements and any amendments thereto made available by Lead Public Agency will be provided to Suppliers and U.S. Communities to facilitate use by Participating Public Agencies.

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Authorized Signature, Lead Public Agency

1/6/15

Date