

**Interlocal Contract - Interstate**  
**Between Harris County Department of Education**  
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Pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, this Interstate Contract (“Contract”) is made and entered into by and between the Harris County Department of Education (“HCDE”), located in Houston, Texas, and the \_\_\_\_\_ (“Entity”), located in \_\_\_\_\_, for the purpose of allowing Entity to purchase services under the same terms, conditions, and prices as are available to all participants of HCDE’s Choice Partners cooperative.

**Preamble**

HCDE is a local governmental entity established to promote education in Harris County, Texas and is also duly authorized to provide programs and services in the State of Texas and to agencies of other states, pursuant to Texas Government Code § 791.011(b)(2). Both HCDE and Entity desire to set forth, in writing, the terms and conditions of their agreement.

**General Terms and Conditions**

In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained in this Contract and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties intending to be legally bound agree as follows:

1. **Term.** This Contract is effective from the date of the first signature and shall automatically renew unless either party gives thirty (30) days prior written notice of non-renewal. This Contract may be terminated by either party with or without cause with thirty (30) days written notice. See other means of terminating the contract in Article 11, below. Any such notice shall be sent according to Article 8.
  
2. **Agreement.** The terms of this Contract shall apply and will be considered a part of any Addendum for programs and services delivered by HCDE. This Contract and the attached and incorporated Addendum, purchase orders, or exhibits, if any, contain the entire agreement of the parties and there are no representations, agreements, arrangements, or undertakings, oral or written, between the parties to this Contract other than those set forth in this Contract and duly executed in writing.
  
3. **Purpose and Scope of Work.**
  - A. HCDE:**
    - Represents that it has secured the vendor(s)’ agreement to provide commodities and/or services to its non-Texas members under the terms, conditions, and prices as contracted for Texas governmental entities.
    - Represents that it has reviewed the contract(s) and determined that it complies with any and all applicable rules, regulations, and statutes applicable to competitive procurement and cooperative purchasing in the State of Texas.
  - B. Entity:**
    - Agrees that it is Entity’s responsibility to ensure that its State’s rules, regulations, and statutes applicable to competitive procurement and cooperative purchasing allow Entity’s participation in out-of-state contracts.
    - Agrees that it shall issue any and all purchase orders or other applicable authorizations for purchases made on its behalf to Choice Partner’s vendors.
    - Agrees that it shall provide Choice Partners with a copy of any contract or purchase order based on a Choice Partners contract.

- Agrees to follow the terms and conditions of each independent contract or purchase orders for each Choice Partner vendor.
4. As is. HCDE makes this Contract available to Choice Partners participating entities “as is” and are under no obligation to revise the terms, conditions, scope, prices, and/or any other requirements of the Contract for the benefit of Entity.
  5. Assignment. Neither this Contract nor any duties or obligations entered in subsequent contracts because of this agreement shall be assignable by either party without the prior written acknowledgment and authorization of both parties.
  6. Conflict of Interest. During the Term of HCDE’s service to Entity, Entity, its personnel and agents, shall not, directly or indirectly, whether for Entity’s own account or with any other person or entity whatsoever, employ, solicit or endeavor to entice away any person who is employed by HCDE.
  7. Contract Amendment. This Contract shall not be altered, changed, or amended except by the mutual agreement of all parties in writing to be attached to and incorporated into this Contract.
  8. Notice. Any notice provided under the terms of this Contract by either party to the other shall be in writing and shall be sent by **certified mail, return receipt requested**. Notice to shall be sufficient if made or addressed as follows:

Harris County Department of Education  
 Attn: James Colbert, Jr.  
 County School Superintendent  
 6300 Irvington Blvd.  
 Houston, Texas 77022  
 Phone: 713-694-6300

Entity: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attn: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Relation of Parties. It is the intention of the parties that Entity is independent of HCDE and is not an employee, agent, joint venturer, or partner of HCDE and nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee, agent, joint venturer or partner, between HCDE and Entity or HCDE and any of Entity’s agents.
10. Non-Exclusivity of Services. Nothing in this Contract may be construed to imply that HCDE has exclusive right to provide Entity these services. During the Term of Contract, Entity reserves the right to use all available resources to procure other services as needed and, in doing so, will not violate any rights of HCDE.
11. Termination. This Contract may be terminated prior to the expiration of the Term hereof as follows:
  - By Entity upon 30 days notice if the work/service is not provided in a satisfactory and proper manner after a remedy has been reported and discussed;
  - By mutual written agreement of the parties, upon thirty (30) days prior notice;
  - By either party by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other party; or
  - By either party immediately if the other party commits a material breach any of the terms of this Contract and no remedial action can be agreed upon by the parties.
12. Master Contract. This Contract can be utilized as the Master Contract. The general terms and conditions in this Contract will serve to outline the working relationship between HCDE and

Entity. Both parties agree to allow the Entity to use any or all of the following programs and/or services with no charge from HCDE including Choice Partners.

Entity agrees to adhere to the terms and conditions set forth for the programs and/or services as contracted under these programs. All other programs and/or services provided by HCDE requiring a fee will need an addendum to the approved Master Interstate Contract. The specific terms and conditions of the addendum will govern that individual contract. In the case of a conflict between the Contract and any addendum, the provisions of the addendum will govern.

13. Severability. In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions, and the Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegality, or unenforceable provision had never been contained in it.
14. Authorization. Each party acknowledges that the governing body of each party to the Contract has authorized this Contract.
15. Benefit for Signatory Parties Only. Neither this Contract, nor any term or provisions hereof, nor any inclusion by reference, shall be construed as being for the benefit of any party not in signatory hereto.

In witness whereof, HCDE and Entity have executed this Contract to be effective on the date specified in Article 1. Term above:

_____	Harris County Department of Education
Entity Name	
_____	_____
Signature	
_____	James Colbert, Jr.
Printed Name	
_____	County School Superintendent
Title	
_____	Date: _____
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