



Cooperative / Group Purchasing Programs

Cooperative and Group purchasing organization allow those eligible to order under established contracts without additional formal bidding. As an education institution, San Elizario Independent School District is eligible to participate in many group and cooperative purchasing programs, including the following. Provided the contracts were competitively advertised and addressed HUB requirements, no additional justification or bidding is required.

OMNIA Partners – is a cooperative made up of the legacy cooperative contracts from TCPN, National IPA, and US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance (US Communities). It is also the premier purchasing organization for state and local government, K-12 education, colleges, and universities.

<http://www.omniapartners.com>

Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program – through the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, local governments, states, state agencies and nonprofit corporations providing one or more governmental functions and services have access to contracts developed by H-GAC.

<https://www.hgacbuy.org>

BuyBoard – the BuyBoard was developed by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) along with the Texas Association of Counties and the Texas Municipal League. It is open to all local governments, nonprofits, and other political subdivisions of the state of Texas. School districts must be a member of TASB to participate.

<http://www.buyboard.com>

Department of Information Resources (DIR) – DIR is an agency of the State of Texas. Among their varied responsibilities, DIR must negotiate volume purchase agreements for quality products and services. All Texas state agencies are eligible to use these agreements.

<http://www.dir.texas.gov>

Texas Multiple Award Schedules (TXMAS) - TPASS also maintains the Texas Multiple Award Schedules (TXMAS); these contracts have been developed from contracts awarded competitively by the federal government or any other governmental entity of any state.

<http://www.window.state.tx.us>

Education Service Center–Region 19 Allied States Cooperative (Region XIX) - The ESC-Region 19 Purchasing (Allied States Cooperative) is a national governmental purchasing cooperative which competitively bids and awards contracts to local, regional, and national vendors in compliance with local, state, and federal procurement laws and regulations.

<http://alliedstatescooperative.com>

Texas Industries for the Blind and Handicapped (TIBH Industries) - TIBH Industries is a catalyst for employment opportunities for people with disabilities. We are a unique, private, non-profit corporation that links individuals with disabilities to meaningful career options. In 1978, its first year, TIBH Industries secured employment opportunities for 22 people with disabilities.

<http://www.tibh.org>

The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS/TAPS) – The Interlocal Purchasing System is a purchasing cooperative serving public and private school districts, colleges, universities, federal, state, county and city municipalities. Their purpose is to provide substantial savings and best value for participating members through cooperative purchasing practices.

<http://www.tips-usa.com>



Harris County Department of Education/Choice Partners (HCDE) – Choice Partners Cooperative is known for fast response in meeting and responding to school district, county, municipality, college, university and government agency needs with effective and thorough services.

<http://www.choicepartners.org>

Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) –was created by state law as a service cooperative to provide programs and services to members in education and government. Sourcewell was established with the statutory purpose to assist members in specific needs which are efficiently delivered cooperatively than by an entity individually.

<http://www.sourcewell-mn.gov>

PACE Purchasing Cooperative (PACE) - is designed to give its members additional awarded contract tools to assist their entities in meeting bidding requirements, saving valuable staff resources. PACE was created by Education Service Center, Region 13 in Austin, Texas and Education Service Center, Region 20 was established by the Texas Legislature in 1967 to assist school districts and charter schools in improving efficiencies and student performance.

<https://pace.esc20.net/>

West Texas Food Service Cooperative (WTFSC) - The purpose of the West Texas Food Service Cooperative is to provide regional school districts, charters, and other governmental entities the opportunity to administer a fiscally- sound food service operation while providing appealing, nutritious meals.

<http://wtfsc.esc17.net>

Central Purchasing Alliance (CTPA)- CTPA is an alliance for over 70+ school districts in Central Texas throughout the state, representing over 1.5 million students! CTPA's purpose is to support and provide information and services to the purchasing departments of these districts.

<https://avp.txctpa.org/api/client/agular/client.cfm?>

Region 4 Education Service Center (Region 4 ESC)

<http://www.esc4.net>

Ysleta Independent School District Inter-local Agreement

<https://avp.txctpa.org/api/client/agular/client.cfm?>

El Paso County Community College Inter-local Agreement

<https://www.epcc.edu/Administration/Purchasing>

Socorro Independent School District Inter-local Agreement

<https://www.sisd.net/o/sisd/page/purchasing>

Region 6 Education Service Center (Region 6 ESC)

<http://www.esc6.net>