2026-2027 TEA Other Noncompetitive Procurement Approval for ESC1

Background

- ESCs are required under TEC Section 8.002 to (1) assist school districts in improving student performance, (2) enable school districts to operate more efficiently and economically, and (3) implement initiatives assigned by the legislature or the commissioner.

- November 30, 2017 TEA issued a News Bulletin: *TEA Policy Under Federal Regulations*

- Outlined more flexible options LEA's have to procure services with federal funds from ESCs under EDGAR regulations

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2. TEA Authorizing ESC Services as Noncompetitive

- 2 CFR 200.320(c)(4) allows TEA, as the pass-through entity, to authorize noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request, including contracted services from ESCs to LEAs

Option 2B

- Region One ESC requested, and received, authorization from TEA for all products and services to be considered a noncompetitive procurement proposal

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Grant Compliance and Administration

Request for Other Non-Competitive (Not Sole-Source) Procurement

Complete and submit this form to request prior approval for a noncompetitive procurement that is not a sole-source proposal. Limit one proposal per form. Completion and submission of this form satisfies the requirements in 2 CFR 200.320(c).

Contact and Form Submission Information

ID	Date Submitted
EDGAR-NONCOMPET-453	08/03/26 11:46 AM
School Year	**Other School Year (if applicable)**
2026-2027	
LEA Name and CDN	
REG 1 ESC 108950	
Name of Federal Grant	
All Grants Awarded by TEA (For ESC Only)	
Name of Older Grant (if applicable)	
Name of Individual Completing Form	**Email of Individual Completing Form**
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Description of Request

Describe the proposed noncompetitive procurement.

Products and services from Region One ESC to other ESC's and LEA's for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.

If other rationale selected, please specify your rationale.

2 C.F.R. 200.320(c)(4) allows TEA, as the pass-through entity, to authorize a noncompetitive procurement in response to a written request, including contracted services from ESC's to School Systems and/or other ESC's. Region One Education Service Center is requesting, on behalf of all School Systems, authorization from TEA for all 2026-2027 products and services provided by Region One ESC to be considered noncompetitive procurements for School Systems. Region One Education Service Center is requesting, on behalf of all ESC's, authorization from TEA for all 2026-2027 products and services provided by Region One ESC to be considered noncompetitive procurements for ESC's.

Certification and Incorporation

Name and Title of Authorized Official
Dr. Daniel P. King, Executive Director

By entering my name below and submitting this electronic form, I hereby certify that:

☑ 1) The information and data contained in this form is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, complete, and correct.

☑ 2) The organization named above has authorized me, as its representative, to complete and submit this information and data, for and on behalf of the organization, and otherwise to act as the organization's authorized representative in submitting this information and data; and

☑ 3) Any ensuing program and activity will be conducted in accordance and compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

TEA Decision
Approve
TEA Comment (as applicable)

Signature of Chief Grants Officer: Cory Green, Associate Commissioner

Date of TEA Decision: 08/05/26

What does this mean?

- Allows LEA's the option to efficiently utilize programs and services offered by Region One ESC while complying with EDGAR regulations

- Provides Region One ESC the ability to:
  - Efficiently meet the needs of our LEA's
  - Carryout the objectives set forth in TEC §8.002
  - Assist TEA in meeting their current strategic plan and priorities

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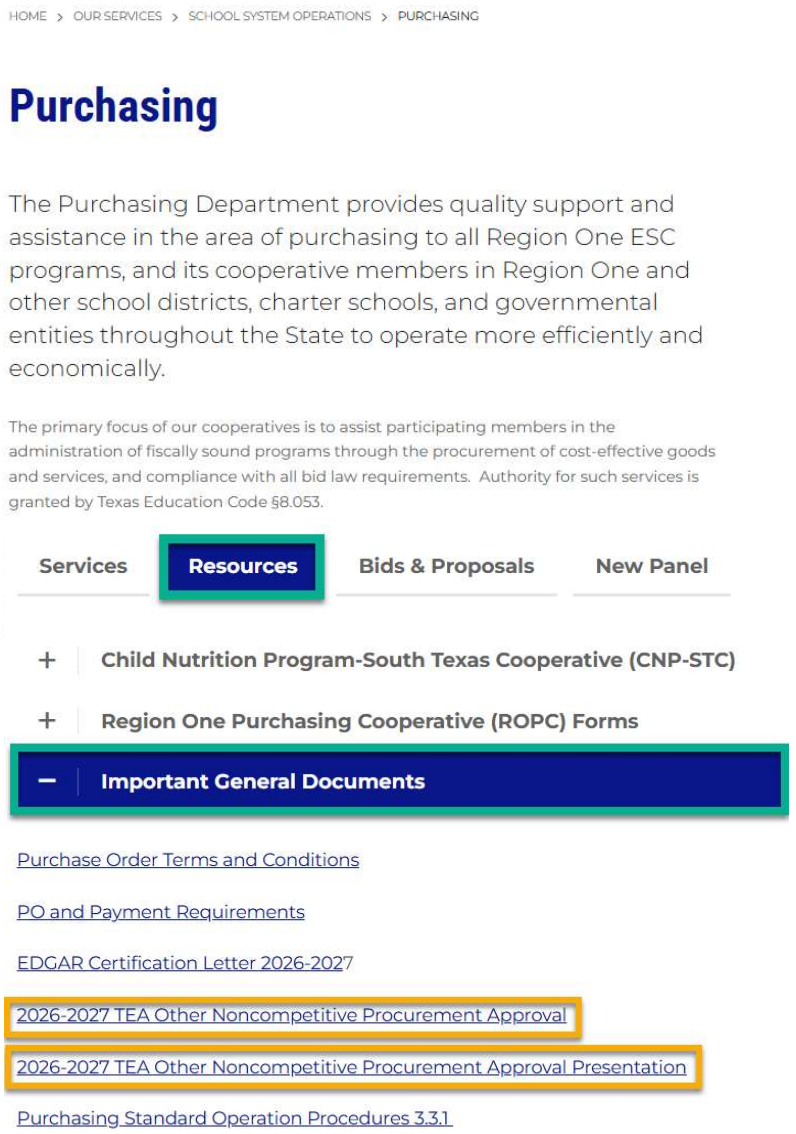
What can I do?

- Consider Region One ESC's products and services to meet your district's needs
- Use the TEA authorization letter as part of your backup documentation to support a *noncompetitive procurement method* for the 2026-2027 school year, as applicable
  - Does not require a competitive bid solicitation
  - Still requires documentation to ensure the purchase is reasonable, allowable, necessary and allocable (RANA)

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Where can I find this information?

You can find the TEA's approval of Region One ESC's request for Other Noncompetitive Procurement and this presentation on the Region One ESC Purchasing webpage



What about next school year?

- Region One ESC will request a non-competitive procurement authorization approval from TEA for the 2027-2028 school year.
- Information will be disseminated via the various advisory councils and leadership networks.

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