

The Interlocal Purchasing System



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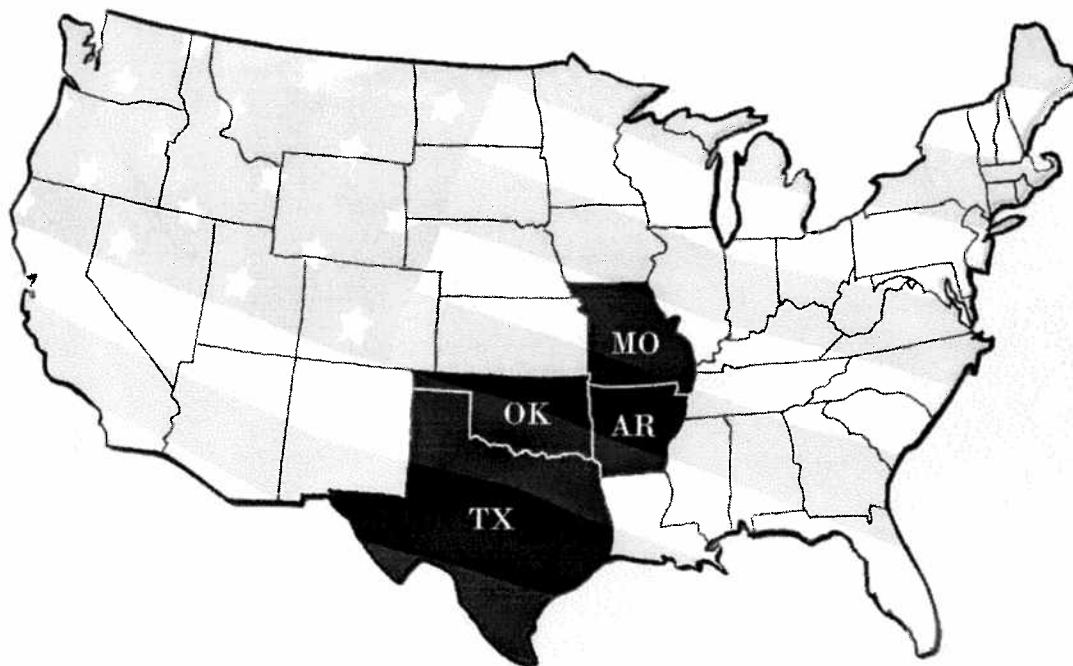
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General Information About TIPS

The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) is sponsored by the Region VIII Education Serv (ESC8) located at 2230 North Edwards, Mt. Pleasant, Texas and is governed by the Regi Board of Directors. **The Interlocal Purchasing System is available for use by all publ private schools, colleges, universities, cities, counties, and other government entities states of Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.**

TIPS Awarded Vendors have submitted proposals from a posted RFP and are competitive contracts accordingly. These Awarded Vendors have agreed to provide the best pricing, t conditions available to TIPS Members.

The TIPS Program takes PRIDE in providing a purchasing coop where Awarded Vendor:

Members both benefit. With a successful award, a vendor can expedite an order for a member because all purchasing requirements are completed during the RFP process. A school district TIPS Member can benefit from the cost savings of time and expense in competitively bid purchase.

The Purpose of TIPS

- Provide school districts and other governmental entities opportunities for greater efficiency and economy in acquisition and services.
- Take advantage of state-of-the-art purchasing procedures to insure the most competitive contracts.
- Provide competitive price solicitation and bulk purchasing for multiple government entities that yields economies unobtainable by individual entities.
- Provide quick and efficient delivery of goods and services by contracting with "high performance" vendors.
- Equalize purchasing power for smaller entities that are not able to command the best contracts for themselves.
- Maintain credibility and confidence in business procedures by maintaining open competition for purchases and compliance with purchasing laws and ethical business practices.
- Assist entities in maintaining the essential controls for budget and accounting purposes.

THERE IS NO MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR TIPS MEMBERS

Awarded Vendors agree to pay a participation fee direct from sales of TIPS Members. A purchase made to participating entities without the participation fee may disqualify the vendor as a TIPS Member. Purchases made by TIPS Members must be identified as a TIPS Purchase on the Purchase Order.

For further information about the TIPS program and commodities available, please contact 866.839.8477. Fax number: 866.839.8472 or Email: tips@reg8.net



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INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Region VIII Education Service Center

School District or Local Government

____ - _____
County-District Number

Region VIII Education Service Center

225 - 950
County-District Number

Texas Education Code §8.002 permits regional education service centers, at the direction of the Commissioner of Education, to provide services to assist school districts in improving student performance and increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of school operations. Authority for local governments (as defined by TEX. GOV'T CODE §791.003) to contract for such services is granted under sections 791.001 to 791.029 of the Texas Government Code; V.T.C.A. as amended.

This Interlocal Agreement (hereinafter the "Agreement") is effective _____ and shall be automatically renewed unless either party gives sixty (60) days prior written notice of non-renewal. This Agreement may be terminated without cause by either party upon (60) days prior written notice, or may also be determined for cause at anytime upon written notice stating the reason for and effective date of such terminations and after giving the affected party a thirty (30) day period to cure any breach.

Statement of Services to be Performed:

Region VIII Education Service Center, by this Agreement, agrees to provide cooperative purchasing services to the above-named public school or local government through a Program known as the Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Program.

The purpose of the TIPS Program shall be to obtain substantial savings for participating public schools and local governments through volume purchasing.

Role of the Purchasing Cooperative:

1. Provide for the organizational and administrative structure of the program.
2. Provide staff time necessary for efficient operation of the program.
3. Receive quantity requests from entities and prepare appropriate tally of quantities.
4. Initiate and implement activities related to the bidding and vendors selection process.
5. Provide members with procedures for ordering, delivery, and billing.

Role of the Public School or Local Government:

1. Commit to participate in the program by an authorized signature in the appropriate space below.
2. Designate a contact person for the cooperative.

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3. Commit to purchase products and services that become part of the official products and services list when it is in the best interest of the member entity.
4. Prepare purchase orders issued to the appropriate vendor from the official award list provided by the Purchasing Cooperative.
5. Accept shipments of products ordered from vendors in accordance with standard purchasing procedures.
6. Pay vendors in a timely manner for all goods and services received.

General Provisions:

The Parties agree to comply fully with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in connection with the programs contemplated under this Agreement. This Agreement is subject to all applicable present and future valid laws governing such programs.

This Agreement shall be governed by the law of the State of Texas and venue shall be in the county in which the administrative offices of RESC VIII are located which is Titus County, Texas.

This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties hereto with respect to the matters covered by its terms, and it may not be modified in any manner without the express written consent of the Parties.

If any term(s) or provision(s) of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect

The Parties to this Agreement expressly acknowledge and agree that all monies paid pursuant to this Agreement shall be paid from budgeted available funds for the current fiscal year of each such entity.

Before any party may resort to litigation, any claims, disputes or other matters in question between the Parties to this Agreement shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation

No Party to this Agreement waives or relinquishes any immunity or defense on behalf of themselves, their directors, officers, employees, and agents as a result of its execution of this Agreement and performance of the functions and obligations described herein.

This Agreement may be negotiated and transmitted between the Parties by means of a facsimile machine and the terms and conditions agreed to are binding upon the Parties.

Authorization:

Region VIII Education Service Center and Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Program have entered into an Agreement to provide cooperative purchasing opportunities to public schools and governmental entities.

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This Agreement was approved by the governing boards of the respective parties at meetings that were posted and held in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code ch. 551.

The individuals signing below are authorized to do so by the respective parties to this Agreement.

Public District or Local Government

Region VIII Education Service Center

By: _____
 Authorized Signature

By: _____
 Mr. Harvey B. Hohenberger, Jr.,

Title: _____

Title: Executive Director Region VIII ESC

 Date

 Date

 District or Entity Purchasing Contact Person

 District or Entity Technology Contact Person

 Street Address

 Street Address

 City, State Zip

 City, State Zip

 Purchasing Contact's Telephone Number

 Technology Contact Telephone No.

 Purchasing Contact's Fax Number

 Technology Contact Fax Number

 Purchasing Contact's Email Address

 Technology Contact's Email Address

Please send two signed original Interlocal Agreements to the Region VIII ESC, Attn: Mr. Harvey B. Hohenberger, Jr., Executive Director, Region VIII Education Service Center, PO Box 1894, Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75456-1894. Upon execution, a signed original will be returned to the Purchasing Contact listed above.

RESOLUTION

STATE OF TEXAS)
)
COUNTY OF _____) TO THE REGION VIII
EDUCATION SERVICE
CENTER

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of _____, Texas, pursuant to the
(Named of LEA)
authority granted by Sections 271.081-271.083 Local Government Code, V.T.C.A., as amended, desires to
participate in described purchasing programs of the Region VIII Education Service Center, and in the
opinion that participation in these programs will be highly beneficial to the taxpayers through the
anticipated savings to be realized, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that we request the Region VIII Education Service Center to include a stated need
for : [X] The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)

On the Region VIII Education Service Center's annual contracts for the above items, whereby
_____, Superintendent, is authorized and directed to sign and deliver all or any
(Name of Superintendent)

necessary requests and other documents in connection therewith for and on behalf of
_____ Independent School District.
(Name of LEA)

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Board
of Trustees of _____ Independent School District and that the same now appears of
(Name of LEA)
record in my office.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this ____ day of
_____, 20__.

By: _____
(Authorizing Signature) _____
(Name of LEA)

(Name & Title of Board Chairperson) _____
(Superintendent Signature)

(Printed Name)

This legal document will remain current on file until either party severs the agreement.