



Interlocal Participation Agreement for the GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative

The GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative (“GoodBuy”), is a Purchasing Cooperative authorized by Tex. Gov’t Code §§ 791.001 *et seq.* as amended, operated by the Education Service Center, Region 2 (“Region 2 ESC”), a state agency, as authorized by Tex. Educ. Code (“TEC”) §8.002 and TEC §44.031(a)(4). The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate compliance with state bidding requirements, to identify qualified vendors of commodities, goods and services, to relieve the burdens of the governmental purchasing function, and to realize the various potential economies, including administrative cost savings, for Program Members. Program Members may purchase goods and services from any and all GoodBuy vendors, under the same terms, conditions, and price as stated in each GoodBuy awarded contract. GoodBuy excludes engineering, architectural, land surveyors, doctors, nurses and construction services. The purchase of goods through GoodBuy includes the purchase of any services reasonably required for the installation, operation, or maintenance of purchased goods, where such services are included in the awarded Vendor contract.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Program Members. Program Members must be qualifying local governmental entities of the State of Texas or another State; or qualifying private non-profit entities with tax exempt status under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3), operating private schools or child care facilities.
2. To become a Program Member requires the approval of this Agreement by the governing body of the Member, and by the Region 2 ESC Board of Directors. Each Program member must submit a copy of this Agreement signed by an authorized representative of the Member, along with a signed copy of a Resolution approved by the Program Member’s governing body, to Region 2 ESC, as a condition of membership, as set forth below.
3. Non-governmental Members. In addition to the membership requirements set forth in Paragraph 2 above, all non-governmental entities seeking membership in GoodBuy must produce such documents as may be required from time to time by GoodBuy, to demonstrate each such non-governmental entity is eligible to become a Program Member under applicable law.
4. Membership Term. This Agreement shall be for one calendar year, which shall run from September 1 through August 31 of each calendar year, and shall become effective upon approval by both the Program Member’s governing body, and the Region 2 ESC Board of Directors. This Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one-year terms, unless sooner terminated as provided in this Agreement. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall apply to the initial term of Membership and all renewals, unless the terms and conditions are modified in writing, and approved by the governing body of GoodBuy, the Region 2 ESC Board of Directors. There is no fee for Program Membership.
5. Termination of Membership. Either the Program Member or Region 2 ESC may elect to non-renew this Agreement by sixty (60) days written notice of non-renewal delivered to the designated representative of the other party, as set forth below. This Agreement may also be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the designated representative set forth below, with or without cause. If the Program Member terminates its participation during the term of this Agreement or if GoodBuy terminates participation of the Program Member under any provision of this Article, the Program Member shall bear the full financial responsibility for any purchases by the Program Member occurring after the termination date.



Services Provided by GoodBuy:

GoodBuy will:

- Provide the organization and administrative structure of the program, including all staff necessary for the efficient operation of the program;
- Solicit requests from Program Members for adding categories/commodities and relevant specifications, and quantity demands for goods and services that could be included in the GoodBuy program;
- Prepare specifications for procurement of goods and services to be included in the GoodBuy program;
- Publish solicitations for prices and bids from potential Vendors of goods and services to be included in the GoodBuy program;
- Qualify potential Vendors and their goods or services, based on published bid criteria, and including the conducting of due diligence of potential Vendors;
- Tabulate price quotes, unit prices, and other information provided by potential Vendors of goods and services, to determine awarded Vendors for specific goods and services;
- Making all Vendor background research information and bids, and GoodBuy awarded Vendor contract analysis information available to Program Members;
- Maintain and publish the list of all GoodBuy awarded contracts, including all relevant information about the goods and services available under each awarded Vendor contract; and
- Provide Members with procedures for ordering, delivery, and billing for Member purchases from GoodBuy vendors.

Region 2 ESC is the designated entity that shall supervise the GoodBuy performance of this Agreement.

Any written notice to the GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative shall be made by first class mail, postage prepaid, and delivered to: GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative, Education Service Center, Region 2, 209 N. Water St., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-2528 or by e-mail sent and actually received by GoodBuy to a GoodBuy Relations Representative at goodbuy@esc2.net.

Member Obligations:

- Each Program Member warrants that all Vendor payments, or other disbursements required under this Agreement will be made from current revenues budgeted and available to that Member.
- Program Members commit to purchase goods and services that become part of the official GoodBuy products and services list when it is in the best interest of the member entity.
- Each Program Member agrees to prepare purchase orders or provide other documentation issued to the appropriate vendor from the official awarded Vendor list provided by GoodBuy clearly noting contract number on it, as may be required by Member policy and procedures; provide a copy of each such Purchase Order, or Member approved order confirmation, Vendor Invoice or other proof of purchase for a purchase to the GoodBuy representative no later than 60 business days of the Member purchase from a GoodBuy Vendor;
- Accept shipments of products or delivery of services ordered from vendors in accordance with standard GoodBuy purchasing procedures.



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16. Merger: The Interlocal Participation Agreement, Board Resolution, Terms and Conditions, and General Provisions represent the complete understanding of the GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative, and Program Member electing to participate in the Program.

17. Representation of Authorization: By the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the undersigned individuals warrant that they have been duly authorized by all requisite administrative action required to enter into and perform the terms of this Agreement.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE GOODBUY PURCHASING COOPERATIVE, as acting on behalf of all other Program Members

By: _____ Date: _____
GoodBuy Relations Representative, Region 2 ESC

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

(Name of Program Member)

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROGRAM MEMBER

By: _____ Date: _____
(Signature of authorized representative of Program Member)