



Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors Resolution

Meeting Date: 07/21/2021

ATP-2021-023

*General Services Administration Domain Registration
for Cooperative Purchasing*

SUBJECT: Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an interlocal agreement, and to register its domain (austintransitpartnership.org) with U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Advantage, for the purpose of participating in cooperative procurement opportunities via the GSA Cooperative Purchasing Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact.

BUSINESS CASE: The domain registration and approval will allow Austin Transit Partnership to use the GSA approved schedules to purchase goods and services under a pool of contracts that have been competitively procured by GSA. This action has the potential to expedite purchases, provide lower prices for goods and services, and avoid duplication of efforts. The immediate benefit to ATP will be the purchase of licenses for eBuilder project management software.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to streamline and simplify compliance under Section 211 of the Government Act of 2002, which includes Public Law 107-347 for cooperative purchasing, and Public Law 110-248 for disaster purchasing. ATP can authorize and access GSA cooperative contracts, eliminating the need to go through the formal procurement process.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: Procurement

PROCUREMENT SUMMARY: Using cooperative agreements will create procurement efficiencies by streamlining the purchase process, saving both time and money. The cooperatives have gone through the procurement process and the contracts have been awarded to qualified vendors. There is no cost to join and joining does not create a purchasing obligation or liability.

ATP will follow the guidelines of its procurement policy in relation to purchasing from the various cooperatives. ATP will also be responsible for ensuring that any purchase orders have applicable clauses for local, state, and federal procurements. In addition, ATP will be responsible for ensuring that the purchase orders comply with minority participation goals.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

STATE OF TEXAS

Resolution ID: ATP-2021-023

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing

WHEREAS, purchasing cooperatives between and among local government entities in the State of Texas have been shown to improve competition, quality, services, provide lower prices for materials and services, and avoid duplication of effort; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, authorizes local governments to contract, to the greatest possible extent, with one another and agencies of the State of Texas, and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code permits local governments to form purchasing cooperatives to engage in cooperative purchasing for the benefit of all parties; and

WHEREAS, Section 211 of the Government Act of 2002, which includes Public Law 107-347 for cooperative purchasing, and Public Law 110-248 for disaster purchasing, authorize local government entities to access GSA cooperative contracts; and

WHEREAS, the GSA Cooperative Purchasing Program (Cooperative) is a purchasing cooperative made up of local government members that allows members to purchase goods and services under the GSA's competitively procured contracts; and

WHEREAS, by entering into the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, an interlocal agreement with the U.S. General Services Administration, and by registering ATP's domain, Austin Transit Partnership will become a member of the Cooperative and gain access to a large pool of competitively procured contracts, which has the potential to expedite purchases, provide lower prices for goods and services, and avoid duplication of efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors that the Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to enter into the Cooperative Purchasing





Agreement and register ATP's domain for the purpose of participating in cooperative procurement opportunities via the GSA Cooperative Purchasing Program.

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