



STAFF REPORT

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| MEETING DATE: | February 3, 2025 |
| MEETING TYPE: | City Council Regular Meeting |
| SUBMITTED BY: | Katherine Lindsey |
| AGENDA CAPTION: | Discuss and consider Resolution R2025-02-1238 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUTCHINS AND REGION VIII EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS). Presented by Katherine Lindsey |

Background Information

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, colleges and universities in improving student performance and increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of school, college and university operations. Authority for such services is granted under Texas Government Code §§ 791.001 et seq as amended. Cooperative Purchasing Services are extended to all Texas State, City and County Government Agencies. One such service is The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) with the Region 8 Education Service Center located in Camp County, Texas. There is no cost to becoming a member. Being a member would allow the City to make purchases based on existing contracts that have been deemed competitive enough to where the City would not have to go to bid. The system operates similarly to BuyBoard, which the City is already a part of.

Budget Implications

There is no cost associated with adopting the Resolution.

Operational Impact

Becoming a member of TIPS would speed purchasing processes and help ensure the City is paying competitive rates for products and services.

Legal Review

The agreement and Resolution have been approved by the City Attorney.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council adopts the Resolution to become a member of The Interlocal Purchasing System.

Supporting Documentation and Attachments

1. Resolution
2. Interlocal Agreement