



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6614
January 21, 2025
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6614: Interlocal Agreement with Sourcewell for Cooperative Purchasing	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Authorize the City Manager to execute a Participation Agreement (interlocal) with Sourcewell cooperative purchasing in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1.	

DEPARTMENT:	Administrative Services
STAFF:	Ali Spietz, Chief of Administration
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Sourcewell Participation Agreement
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to authorize the City Manager to execute a Participation Agreement (interlocal) with Sourcewell for cooperative purchasing.

- Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities.
- Washington State law requires an interlocal agreement (ILA) between the City and Sourcewell prior to the City being able to utilize the Sourcewell contracts.
- Two of the City’s fire engines are overdue for replacement in 2025. The City’s provider of fire and emergency medical services, Eastside Fire and Rescue (EF&R), began the design specifications process for both apparatus in mid-2024 and provided a recommendation to the City in December 2024 to purchase Pierce manufactured engines through a Sourcewell procured contract.

BACKGROUND

Cooperative purchasing is a way for entities to work together to buy goods or services more efficiently and at a lower cost through utilizing increased purchasing power. A self-sustaining government organization,

Sourcewell has over 40 years of dedicated service helping government and education entities operate more efficiently through a variety of solutions. Sourcewell has over 800 contracts for services in a construction, facilities, fleet, parks and recreation, public safety, and public works.

After a competitive process, Sourcewell awarded a contract to Pierce Manufacturing for Firefighting Apparatus and Fire Service Vehicles for use by participating agencies. The City would like to utilize this contract to purchase two fire apparatus needing replacement.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Since January 1, 2024, Eastside Fire and Rescue (EF&R) has provided fire and emergency medical services (EMS) to Mercer Island. Per the Interlocal Agreement between the City and EF&R, Mercer Island will finance and own its fire apparatus while EF&R will maintain and operate them. EF&R began a process in mid-2024 to develop design specifications to replace three of their apparatuses and two City of Mercer Island engines: a full-size type-1 fire engine and a midi (mid-size) fire engine.

Entering into a participation agreement with Sourcewell will allow the City to utilize the Sourcewell contract with Hughes Fire Equipment, who is the exclusive dealer of Pierce Manufacturing in Washington State, for replacement of two apparatus. It would also allow the City to utilize other Sourcewell contracts when appropriate.

NEXT STEPS

Following City Council authorization of the participation agreement with Sourcewell, staff will begin the process of contracting with Hughes Fire Equipment and will return to the City Council on February 4 with an ordinance to authorize the purchase of two fire apparatus, the contract with Hughes, and an agreement for the financing of the two apparatus.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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