

MASTER INTERLOCAL PURCHASING AGREEMENT

THIS MASTER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (“ILA”), made and entered into pursuant to the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code (the “Act”), by and between the North Central Texas Council of Governments, hereinafter referred to as “NCTCOG,” having its principal place of business at 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011, and _____, a local government, a state agency, or a non-profit corporation created and operated to provide one or more governmental functions and services, hereinafter referred to as “Participant,” having its principal place of business at _____

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a regional planning commission and political subdivision of the State of Texas operating under Chapter 391, Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, NCTCOG is authorized to contract with eligible entities to perform governmental functions and services, including the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, in reliance on such authority, NCTCOG has instituted a cooperative purchasing program under which it contracts with eligible entities under the Act; and

WHEREAS, Participant has represented that it is an eligible entity under the Act, that it is authorized to enter into this Agreement on _____ (Date), and that it desires to contract with NCTCOG on the terms set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, NCTCOG and the Participant do hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1: LEGAL AUTHORITY

The Participant represents and warrants to NCTCOG that (1) it is eligible to contract with NCTCOG under the Act for the purposes recited herein because it is one of the following: a local government, as defined in the Act (a county, a municipality, a special district, or other political subdivision of the State of Texas or any other state, or a combination of two or more of those entities), a state agency (an agency of the State of Texas as defined in Section 771.002 of the Texas Government Code, or a similar agency of another state), or a non-profit corporation created and operated to provide one or more governmental functions and services, and (2) it possesses adequate legal authority to enter into this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2: SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Participant appoints NCTCOG its true and lawful purchasing agent for the purchase of certain products and services (“Products” or “Services”) through the **North Texas SHARE** program. Participant will access the Program through www.NorthTexasSHARE.org. All purchases under this Agreement shall comply with applicable Texas competitive bidding statutes as well as the specifications, contract terms and pricing applicable to such purchases. NCTCOG may also serve as a coordinating agent to administer the use of eligible Participant contracts to other participants of North Texas SHARE. The eligibility of such contracts will be determined by incorporation of coordinating agent authorization in Participant’s solicitation documents. Title to all products purchased under the North Texas SHARE program shall be held by Participant unless otherwise agreed. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude the Participant from purchasing Products and/or Services offered in the North Texas SHARE program directly from the vendor/supplier.

ARTICLE 3: PAYMENTS

Upon delivery of goods or services purchased and presentation of a properly documented invoice, the Participant shall promptly, and in any case within thirty (30) days, pay the contracted provider the full amount of the invoice. All payments for goods or services will be made from current revenues available to the paying party. In no event shall NCTCOG have any financial liability to the Participant for any goods or services Participant purchases through the North Texas SHARE program.

ARTICLE 4: PERFORMANCE PERIOD

This Agreement shall be effective when signed by the last party whose signing makes the Agreement fully executed and will remain in full force and effect for one (1) year. This Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one-year terms unless sooner terminated in accordance with Article 6 below. Any modification of this Agreement must comply with the requirements of Article 5 below.

ARTICLE 5: CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended only by a written amendment executed by both parties, except that any alternations, additions, or deletions to the terms of this Agreement which are required by changes in Federal and State law or regulations are automatically incorporated into this Agreement without written amendment hereto and shall become effective on the date designated by such law or regulation. NCTCOG reserves the right from time to time to make changes in the scope of products and services offered through the North Texas SHARE program.

ARTICLE 6: TERMINATION PROCEDURES

NCTCOG or the Participant may cancel this Agreement for any reason and at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice by certified mail to the other party to this Agreement. The obligation of the Participant to pay for any Service and/or Products purchased under this Agreement, shall survive such cancellation, as well as any other Participant costs incurred prior to the effective date of the cancellation.

ARTICLE 7: APPLICABLE LAWS

NCTCOG and the Participant agree to conduct all activities under this Agreement in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, and ordinances and laws in effect or promulgated during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The parties to this Agreement agree to the extent possible and not in contravention of any applicable state or federal law or procedure established for dispute resolution, to attempt to resolve any dispute between them regarding this Agreement informally through voluntary mediation, arbitration or any other local dispute mediation process before resorting to litigation.

ARTICLE 9: MISCELLANEOUS

- a. This Agreement has been made under and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Venue and jurisdiction of any suit or cause of action arising under, or in connection with, this Agreement shall lie exclusively in Tarrant County, Texas.
- b. The persons executing this Agreement hereby represent that they have authorization to sign on behalf of their respective entities.
- c. This Agreement and the rights and obligations contained herein may not be assigned by either party without the prior written approval of the other party to this Agreement.

