

COLLEGE STATION I.S.D

College Station Independent School District
APPROVING USE OF U.S. COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
October 19, 2010

TO: College Station Independent School District Board of Trustees

FROM: Mark Pantel, Director of Purchasing

SUBJECT: ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF REGISTRATION BETWEEN
COLLEGE STATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND U.S.
COMMUNITIES

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of attached resolution authorizing College Station Independent School District to register and participate in the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no cost to participate in this program. Staff believes participation in this program will produce cost and administrative savings and will provide the best value to the agency/taxpayers of College Station Independent School District.

BACKGROUND: College Station Independent School District has the general legal authority to access the contracts of other government agencies available through local, regional and state cooperative purchasing programs. The goal is to combine College Station Independent School District purchasing requirements with other government agencies to achieve higher volume pricing which results in direct cost and administrative savings. U.S. Communities, a nonprofit instrumentality of government, is a national strategic source and cooperative purchasing alliance that offers public agencies contracts that have been competitively solicited by lead government agencies for use by other government agencies. A number of agencies in the College Station Independent School District are using this program and saving money and staff time. The program is non-exclusive and voluntary. College Station Independent School District can use those contracts that offer the best fit and overall value based on College Station Independent School District specific needs and requirements.

SUMMARY: Adoption of resolution will enable College Station Independent School District to realize real benefits for our community both in term of dollar savings but also in our ability to maximize the use of available resources.