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TO: Mike Martindale

SUBJECT: Membership in the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance

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The National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) is cooperative purchasing program that leverages the purchasing power of public agencies in all 50 states. NCPA works with a lead public agency in each state, who competitively solicits master contracts to identify qualified vendors of goods and services, comply with state and federal bidding requirements and to relieve the burdens of governmental purchasing. Education Service Center (ESC), Region 14 in Abilene, Texas is the lead agency for the State of Texas for this cooperative.

There is no annual membership fee to join this cooperative and it is open to local governments, nonprofits and other political subdivisions of the State of Texas and United States. Membership requires the governing body to approve and sign the attached Interlocal Agreement and Resolution.

It is the recommendation of Mark Pantel, Director of Purchasing that the district join the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance to provide the district access to additional vendors, materials and services. Membership shall remain in effect from the date of signature and shall be automatically renewed unless either party gives prior written notice of non-renewal.



Mark Pantel, Director of Purchasing