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Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council Members
Douglas G. Faseler, City Manager

From: Twila Wood
Purchasing Manager

Date: September 15, 2015

Re: Cooperative Purchasing Programs- PACE and NCPA

The Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE) is sponsored by the Region 20 Education Service Center located in San Antonio and the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) is sponsored by the Region 14 Educational Service Center in Abilene. Both Purchasing Cooperatives are governed by the Board of Directors for Regions 14 and 20 and are available for use by school districts, colleges, universities, cities, counties, and other government and non-profit entities nationwide. All awarded contracts through the PACE and NCPA programs meet State of Texas competitive bidding requirements.

Participation in the Purchasing Cooperatives often offer substantial savings and best value to participating members. Participation is free for the City. PACE has contracts with several of the City's vendors including Centerline Supply, Dealers Electrical Supply, Moore Medical, SHI Government Solutions, and Gall's Public Safety and Apparel. One of the City's automotive suppliers, O'Reilly Auto Parts, has a contract with NCPA.

Resolutions authorizing participation and Interlocal Agreements between the City and the Regional Education Service Centers are required.