

JOINING HGACBUY BY EXECUTING AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT (ILC)

In order to participate in HGACBuy, you must:

1. Be a state agency, county, municipality, special district, or other political subdivision of a state, or a qualifying non-profit corporation (providing one or more governmental function or service); and
2. Possess legal authority to enter into the Contract.

End User warrants that both requirements are fulfilled by execution of an ILC.

Steps For Completion And Processing: Step 1: Print two copies of the appropriate HGACBuy ILC Form and fill in all required information, including the date your governing body authorized the ILC.

Step 2: Secure signature by an individual with authority to contractually bind your entity.

Step 3: Send both documents with original signatures to HGACBuy at the address indicated on the ILC Form.

Step 4: HGACBuy will execute both copies of the contract and return one to you. **Special Requirements For Non-Profit Corporations:**

Qualifying non-profit corporations providing one or more government services (e.g. Volunteer Fire Departments, Emergency Medical Services) must also submit the following items together with the ILC documents:

1. Copy of 501(c)(3) Form
2. Copy of Charter and By-Laws highlighting section(s) demonstrating that your organization performs a governmental service.
3. A letter describing the governmental service(s) that your organization performs. (This requirement does not apply to Volunteer Fire Departments or organizations providing Emergency Medical Services).

Fax copies of Interlocal Contracts will be accepted and processed subject to the same requirements as original documents.



**INTERLOCAL CONTRACT
FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING**

ILC
No.: _____
Permanent Number assigned by H-GAC

THIS INTERLOCAL CONTRACT (“Contract”), made and entered into pursuant to the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code (the “Act”), by and between the Houston-Galveston Area Council, hereinafter referred to as “H-GAC,” having its principal place of business at 3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77027, 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 “End User,” having its principal place of business at * _____

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, H-GAC 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, H-GAC 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, H-GAC has instituted a cooperative purchasing program under which it contracts with eligible entities under the Act; and

WHEREAS, End User has represented that it is an eligible entity under the Act, that its governing body has authorized this Contract on * _____ (Date), and that it desires to contract with H-GAC on the terms set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, H-GAC and the End User do hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1: LEGAL AUTHORITY

The End User represents and warrants to H-GAC that (1) it is eligible to contract with H-GAC under the Act 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 Contract.

ARTICLE 2: APPLICABLE LAWS

H-GAC and the End User agree to conduct all activities under this Contract in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, and ordinances and laws in effect or promulgated during the term of this Contract.

ARTICLE 3: WHOLE AGREEMENT

This Contract and any attachments, as provided herein, constitute the complete contract between the parties hereto, and supersede any and all oral and written agreements between the parties relating to matters herein.

ARTICLE 4: PERFORMANCE PERIOD

The period of this Contract shall be for the balance of the fiscal year of the End User, which began * _____ and ends * _____. This Contract shall thereafter automatically be renewed annually for each succeeding fiscal year, provided that such renewal shall not have the effect of extending the period in which the End User may make any payment due an H-GAC contractor beyond the fiscal year in which such obligation was incurred under this Contract.

ARTICLE 5: SCOPE OF SERVICES

The End User appoints H-GAC its true and lawful purchasing agent for the purchase of certain products and services through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program. End User will access the Program through HGACBuy.com and by submission of any duly executed purchase order, in the form prescribed by H-GAC to a contractor having a valid contract with H-GAC. All purchases hereunder shall be in accordance with specifications and contract terms and pricing established by H-GAC. Ownership (title) to products purchased through H-GAC shall transfer directly from the contractor to the End User.

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ARTICLE 6: PAYMENTS

H-GAC will confirm each order and issue notice to contractor to proceed. Upon delivery of goods or services purchased, and presentation of a properly documented invoice, the End User shall promptly, and in any case within thirty (30) days, pay H-GAC's contractor 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 H-GAC have any financial liability to the End User for any goods or services End User procures from an H-GAC contractor.

ARTICLE 7: CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

This Contract may be amended only by a written amendment executed by both parties, except that any alternations, additions, or deletions to the terms of this Contract which are required by changes in Federal and State law or regulations are automatically incorporated into this Contract without written amendment hereto and shall become effective on the date designated by such law or regulation.

H-GAC reserves the right to make changes in the scope of products and services offered through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program to be performed hereunder.

ARTICLE 8: TERMINATION PROCEDURES

H-GAC or the End User may cancel this Contract at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice by certified mail to the other party to this Contract. The obligations of the End User, including its obligation to pay H-GAC's contractor for all costs incurred under this Contract prior to such notice shall survive such cancellation, as well as any other obligation incurred under this Contract, until performed or discharged by the End User.

ARTICLE 9: SEVERABILITY

All parties agree that should any provision of this Contract be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect any other term of this Contract, which shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 10: FORCE MAJEURE

To the extent that either party to this Contract shall be wholly or partially prevented from the performance within the term specified of any obligation or duty placed on such party by reason of or through strikes, stoppage of labor, riot, fire, flood, acts of war, insurrection, accident, order of any court, act of God, or specific cause reasonably beyond the party's control and not attributable to its neglect or nonfeasance, in such event, the time for the performance of such obligation or duty shall be suspended until such disability to perform is removed; provided, however, force majeure shall not excuse an obligation solely to pay funds. Determination of force majeure shall rest solely with H-GAC.

ARTICLE 11: VENUE

Disputes between procuring party and Vendor are to be resolved in accord with the law and venue rules of the State of purchase.

THIS INSTRUMENT HAS BEEN EXECUTED IN TWO ORIGINALS BY THE PARTIES HERETO AS FOLLOWS:

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Name of End User (local government, agency, or non-profit corporation)

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Mailing Address

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City State ZIP Code

*By: _____
Signature of chief elected or appointed official

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Typed Name & Title of Signatory Date

Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, TX 77027

By: _____
Executive Director

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Manager

Date: _____

**Denotes required fields*

*Request for Information

To expedite service, please complete the following blanks relevant to your agency's administrative/elective personnel and return the completed form to H-GAC, Cooperative Purchasing Program, P.O. Box 22777, Houston, TX 77227-2777.

Name of End User Agency: _____ **County Name:** _____
(Municipality / County / District / etc.)

Mailing Address: _____
(Street Address/P.O. Box) (City) (State) (ZIP Code)

Main Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _____ **FAX Number:** (____) _____ - _____

Physical Address: _____
(Street Address, if different from mailing address) (City) (State) (ZIP Code)

Web Site Address: _____

Authorized Official: _____ **Title:** _____
(City manager / Executive Director / etc.)

Mailing Address: _____ **Ph No.:** (____) _____ - _____
(Street Address/P.O. Box) **Fx No.:** (____) _____ - _____

_____ **E-Mail Address:** _____
(City) (State) (ZIP Code)

Official Contact: _____ **Title:** _____
(Purchasing Agent/Auditor etc.)

Mailing Address: _____ **Ph No.:** (____) _____ - _____
(Street Address/P.O. Box) **Fx No.:** (____) _____ - _____

_____ **Email Address:** _____
(City) (State) (ZIP Code)

Official Contact: _____ **Title:** _____
(Public Works Director/Police Chief etc.)

Mailing Address: _____ **Ph No.:** (____) _____ - _____
(Street Address/P.O. Box) **Fx No.:** (____) _____ - _____

_____ **Email Address:** _____
(City) (State) (ZIP Code)

Official Contact: _____ **Title:** _____
(EMS Director/Fire Chief etc.)

Mailing Address: _____ **Ph No.:** (____) _____ - _____
(Street Address/P.O. Box) **Fx No.:** (____) _____ - _____

_____ **Email Address:** _____
(City) (State) (ZIP Code)