

Purchasing Services
Auburn School District No. 408

TO: Mike Newman

FROM: Gary Van Hee

DATE: November 16, 2010

SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)

Introduction

Auburn School District currently participates where possible in at least 8 local, regional and state cooperative purchasing programs. Purchasing power with much larger agencies can save money and maximize the use of public funds. TCPN is a national governmental purchasing cooperative. TCPN competitively bids and awards contracts in accordance with purchasing procedures mandated by state procurement laws and regulations. Several school districts in the State of Washington are using this cooperative and saving money for their communities. This no cost program is voluntary. The Auburn School District can use the contracts that best fit it's specific needs and requirements.

Legal Authority

Interlocal agreements are made pursuant to the "Interlocal Cooperation Act", Chapter 39.34 of RCW which allows cooperative purchasing between two or more public agencies in the State of Washington.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no cost to participate in this program. The immediate intent is to provide options for office supplies from Office Depot and Office Max via ecommerce in WESPAC.

Additionally, there are multiple suppliers that have bids available from suppliers such as eInstruction, Wenger Corporation, Lowes and Williams Scotsman portables. Currently there are over 180 contracts for vendors in Washington State.

Recommendation

Adoption of the attached resolution authorizing Auburn School District to register with TCPN, a National Purchasing Cooperative.

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**AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408
RESOLUTION NO. 1135**

A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING NETWORK (TCPN) PURSUANT TO INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT RCW 39.34

WHEREAS, The Auburn School District currently participates where possible in a number of local, regional, state and national cooperative purchasing programs to maximize the use of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Participation with The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) will provide access to competitively awarded contracts with vendors that are commonly used such as Scholastic Library, Lowes, einstruction, Office Depot, and Frey Scientific; and

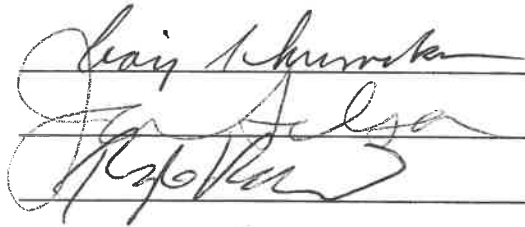
WHEREAS, Several state agencies as well as school districts currently participate with TCPN; and

WHEREAS, Participation with TCPN is made pursuant to the "Interlocal Cooperation Act," Chapter 39.34 of RCW which allows cooperative purchasing between two or more public agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn School District #408 will participate with TCPN pursuant to Interlocal Cooperation Act RCW 39.34.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of November, 2010

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408**



ATTEST:


Secretary to the Board