

5.3. Approve Gilroy Unified School District's Participation in Purchasing Cooperatives

Staff Analysis/Discussion

Pursuant to Government Code 6500 et seq. and Public Contract Code Section 20118, the District is allowed to piggyback on any public agency bid and participate in state and national purchasing cooperatives. The District actively participates in several cooperative purchasing programs to obtain effective and low cost products and services. The combined volume of partners in the cooperative creates significant discounts. In addition, participating in cooperative purchasing programs increases efficiency by reducing time spent to source, award and administer contracts. The District has determined that participation in the following cooperative purchasing programs is essential to ensure the District receives the lowest price while using staff's time efficiently: General Services Administration (GSA), National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO)*, Western States Contracting Alliance (*WCSA-NASPO Subsidiary Entity), National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN), U.S. Communities, School Employers Association of California (SEAC), School Project for Utility Rate Reduction (SPURRS), Pennsylvania Education Purchasing Program for Microcomputers (PEPPM), CalSAVE (Statewide Program of the Monterey County Office of Education), California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS)

Fiscal Impact

There is no cost associated for participating in the aforementioned Purchasing Cooperatives.

Recommendation

Approve GUSD's participation in purchasing cooperatives.

Actions:

Motion

Approve GUSD's participation in purchasing cooperatives. - Motion made by Tom Bundros and a seconded by Patricia Midtgaard.

Vote:

Yes Tom Bundros.
Yes Mark Good.
Yes Fred Tovar.
Yes Jaime Rosso.
Yes Dom Payne.
Yes Patricia Midtgaard.
Yes James Pace.