



**PURCHASING ITEM  
FOR  
COUNCIL AGENDA**

**1. Agenda Item Number:**

**11**

**2. Council Meeting Date:**

September 22, 2011

**TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL**

**3. Date Prepared:** September 2, 2011

**THROUGH: CITY MANAGER**

**4. Requesting Department:**  
Management Services

**5. SUBJECT:** Approve Membership Agreement with National Joint Powers Alliance to be a participating member of the cooperative organization.

**6. RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of Membership Agreement with National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) to be a participating member of the cooperative organization.

**7. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) is a public purchasing cooperative governmental organization with over 35,000 member agencies. Members which include all government, education and non-profit agencies nationwide have access to national contract volume pricing from over 110 nationally acclaimed vendors. These vendors represent thousands of competitively bid equipment, products and related services, ranging from playground equipment and furniture to auto parts and office supplies. NJPA established and provides nationally leveraged and competitively solicited purchasing contracts which are solicited, awarded and monitored by a municipal agency and governed by a publicly elected board of directors. NJPA will save the City of Chandler considerable time, money and the steps required of the bidding and contracting process. Becoming a member of NJPA will allow the City to purchase through their contracts without duplicating our own competitive bidding process and requirements. The results of this cooperative effort is a variety of nationwide, high-volume, cost-effective, competitively bid contract solutions and services to help meet the ever challenging needs of the City. There is no-cost, no obligation or liability to join or participate in NJPA contracts.

**8. EVALUATION PROCESS:** Utilizing opportunities to purchase from vendors awarded contracts by NJPA will provide the City the advantage of discounts due to volume purchasing, save bidding costs and expedites the purchasing process. The cooperative membership agreement adds another large purchasing cooperative to the City's options when determining best value in its procurement decisions. The Law Department has reviewed and approved the agreement and program and confirms the program satisfies the competitive purchasing requirements of the Chandler City Code.

**9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** N/A

**10. PROPOSED MOTION:** Move to approve a Membership Agreement with National Joint Powers Alliance to be a participating member of the cooperative organization.

**APPROVALS**

**11. Requesting Department**

*Mike Mandt*  
Mike Mandt, CPPB  
Acting Purchasing Supervisor

**12. Department Head**

*Dennis Strachota*  
Dennis Strachota, Management Services Director

**13. Procurement Officer**

*Kristy Garcia*  
Kristy Garcia, CPPB

**14. City Manager**

*Rich Dlugas*  
Rich Dlugas

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT  
PARTICIPATING MEMBER



This Agreement, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between National Joint Powers Alliance®, hereinafter referred to as "NJPA" and CITY OF CHANDLER hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant".

Witneseth:

That for a good and valuable consideration of the premises, mutual terms, covenants, provisions, and conditions hereafter set forth, it is agreed by and between the parties as follows:

*Whereas, the NJPA is created by Minnesota Statute §123A.21 (with membership further defined in M.S. §471.59) to serve cities, counties, towns, public or private schools, political subdivisions of Minnesota or another state, another state, any agency of the State of Minnesota or the United States including instrumentalities of a governmental unit and all non-profits; and*

*Whereas, NJPA's purpose as defined in M.S. §123A.21 is to assist in meeting specific needs of clients which could be better provided by NJPA than by the members themselves; and*

*Whereas, the NJPA Board of Directors has established the ability for an "Applicant" desiring to participate in NJPA contracts and procurement programs to become a Participating Member; and*

*Whereas, the NJPA Board of Directors has determined that Participating Members will have no financial or organizational liability to NJPA or to its organizational activities;*

Now Therefore, it is hereby stipulated and agreed that the "Applicant" Agency desires to be a Participating Member of NJPA with contract purchasing benefits, in accordance with terms and conditions of the applicable contract(s), and that NJPA hereby grants said Membership to said "Applicant."

Term:

This continuing agreement shall remain in force or until either party elects to dissolve the Agreement by written notice.

THEREFORE, IN WITNESS THEREOF,

the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year written above.

Member Name: City of Chandler

By \_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Its Mayor  
TITLE

DATE

National Joint Powers Alliance®  
200 1st Street NE, Suite 1  
Staples, MN 56479

Jedd Lypcio/san  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Executive Director  
TITLE

8/25/11  
DATE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

City Attorney  
[Signature]

City Clerk

[SEAL]

09/21/2010

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**PATICIPATING MEMBER INFORMATION**

Applicant Name: City of Chandler  
Address: 175 S. Arizona Ave. 3rd Floor  
Chandler, AZ 85225  
Federal ID Number: 86-6000238  
Contact Person: Kristy Garcia, CPPB  
Title: Procurement Officer  
E-mail: kristy.garcia@chandleraz.gov  
Phone: 480-782-2402  
Website: www.chandleraz.gov

Please indicate an address to which your Membership materials may be delivered.

Thank you.

**APPLICANT ORGANIZATION TYPE:**

- K-12
- Government or Municipality
- Higher Education
- Non-Profit
- Other (please specify):

**I WAS REFERRED BY:** (please specify)

- Advertisement \_\_\_\_\_
- Current NJPA Member \_\_\_\_\_
- Vendor Representative \_\_\_\_\_
- Trade Show \_\_\_\_\_
- NJPA Website \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed applications may be returned to:**

National Joint Powers Alliance ®  
200 First Street NE, Suite 1  
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