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MEMORANDUM

Management Services Memo No. 08-039

DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2007
TO: MARLA PADDOCK, CITY CLERK
FROM: DENNIS STRACHOTA, MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM # 31 – COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

This is to request a continuance of Agenda Item #31 to the next Council meeting to allow additional time for internal review.

Thank you.

c: Pat McDermott, Assistant City Manager



**PURCHASING ITEM
FOR
COUNCIL AGENDA**

1. Agenda Item Number:

31

2. Council Meeting Date:

December 13, 2007

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

3. Date Prepared: November 21, 2007

THROUGH: CITY MANAGER

4. Requesting Department: Management Services

5. SUBJECT: Approve Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance.

6. RECOMMENDATION: Request approval of a cooperative purchasing agreement between the City and the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (NIPA).

7. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: Per the City code the City may participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer cooperative purchasing with other public agencies and with non-profit groups or organizations established by public entities for the purpose of cooperative purchasing, provided that competitive purchasing procedures similar to those required in the City of Chandler are employed. NIPA members award contracts that are eligible for use by other political subdivisions. For example, NIPA offers an extensive variety of first responder and emergency operations products that that may be purchased by the City at a future date. Other key contracts the City may look at to use include Panasonic Toughbooks, Office Supplies and Furniture. This is a one time agreement to allow us permanent access to NIPA contracts.

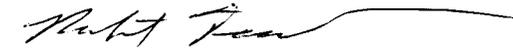
8. EVALUATION PROCESS: Utilizing opportunities to purchase from vendors awarded contracts by NIPA will provide the City the advantage of discounts due to volume purchasing, save bidding costs and expedites the purchasing process. This cooperative agreement adds another large purchasing cooperative to the City's options when determining best value in its procurement decisions.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NA

10. PROPOSED MOTION: Move to approve a cooperative purchasing agreement between the City and the NIPA.

APPROVALS

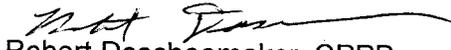
11. Requesting Department


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Purchasing Supervisor

12. Department Head


Dennis Strachota, Director

13. Procurement Officer


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14. City Manager

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National IPA aggregates purchasing volume of participating public agencies across the country in order to receive larger volume discounts from suppliers. This is an optional use program with no minimum volume requirements. To utilize an agreement, simply submit a Participation Form.

All contracts are awarded and held by a *Principal Procurement Agency* nationwide channel to offer the awarded contracts to public and non-profit agencies.

Eligible public agencies include:

- County Government
- City/Local Government
- Public Schools
- Public Higher Education
- Other Public Agencies
- Nonprofits



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