

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



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For the Metropolitan Council: November 13, 2024

Business Item: 2024-301

Joint Powers Agreement with State of Texas Department of Information Resources, Contract 24I061

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-1 Procurement Policy; Minn. Stat. § 471.59
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Cooperative Agreement #24I061 with the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) to allow the Council to utilize their contracts for cooperative purchasing of goods and services.

Background

DIR is a Texas State governmental agency that was established as a cooperative purchasing entity. DIR offers eligible entities the ability to purchase technology related goods, and services including; cloud services, deliverable based IT services, cybersecurity, network equipment, hardware and software as a service for enterprise resource planning, customer relationship management, fleet management, and workflow automation systems at discounted pricing with negotiated terms and conditions in compliance with state procurement statutes.

Minnesota Statutes section 471.59 authorizes two or more governmental units to enter into agreements through which they jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties. Section 471.59 authorizes Minnesota governmental units to enter into joint powers agreements with "another state."

Rationale

The execution of a joint powers agreement requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcome of Stewardship by utilizing contracts that have been solicited on behalf of the Council as an eligible entity to a cooperative purchasing venture. This initiative satisfies the statutory requirement to competitively solicit projects, leveraging staff time and resources to efficiently procure goods and services.

Funding

This is a zero-cost cooperative. Funding for goods and services will be approved separately.

Small Business Inclusion

This is a Joint Powers Agreement with a government entity. Therefore, the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity did not establish a small business inclusion goal.

