

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



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For the Metropolitan Council: November 13, 2024

Business Item: 2024-302

Joint Powers Agreement with the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Contract 241060

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 the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Joint Powers Cooperative Agreement #241060 with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to allow the Council to utilize their contracts for cooperative purchasing of goods and services.

Background

NCTCOG is a regional planning commission and political subdivision of the State of Texas authorized to contract with eligible entities to perform governmental functions and services.

NCTCOG has instituted a cooperative purchasing program which is a collection of municipal governments partnering together to identify common needs for public entities and allows for the purchase of goods and services including; regional centered solutions, municipal management solutions, sustainable energy solutions, enterprise fleet management, procurement consulting, and public safety strategic consulting services 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.

