

Purchasing Cooperatives Advantage for Vendors

The City of Garland utilizes several major purchasing cooperatives. The purpose of cooperative purchasing groups is to obtain the benefits and efficiencies that can accrue to members, comply with State bidding requirements, and identify qualified vendors of commodities, goods, and services. The membership of these cooperatives is comprised of cities, schools, counties, universities, and other governmental entities.

We want to help you, our vendors and suppliers, to take advantage of the enormous buying power available through competitively bidding the goods and services. By participating as an awarded vendor or supplier in one or more of the following cooperatives, you will achieve a virtual storefront with a customer base as big as Texas and beyond.

To participate in the competitive cooperative bid procedures, follow the links below.

Cooperative	Membership Base	Web Address
BuyBoard	All governmental entities in Texas and Oklahoma	www.buyboard.com
First Choice	Cities, Counties, Schools, Universities, Healthcare	www.fccoop.org
Houston/Galveston Area Council (HGAC)	Cities, Schools, Hospitals, Counties in 10+ states	www.hgacbuy.com

Tarrant County	All governmental entities in Texas	www.tarrantcounty.com/epurchasing
Texas CO-OP, State Program	Local governments, MHMR, Assistance Organizations	www.tbpc.state.tx.us [three (3) distinct coop programs]
Texas Dept. of Information Resources (DIR)	All governmental entities inside and outside Texas	www.dir.state.tx.us
The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)	All governmental entities in Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, and Arizona	www.tcpn.org
U.S. Communities	National purchasing forum for local and state agencies, schools, higher education	www.uscommunities.org