

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Financial Services – Purchasing

AGENDA DATE: January 9, 2007

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Terry Freiburg, EXT 4313

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: N/A

SUBJECT:

The Purchasing Department recommends that the City Council authorize continued participation by the City of El Paso in the U.S. Communities Purchasing Alliance program.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The U.S. Communities Purchasing Alliance program is a national strategic source and cooperative purchasing alliance that offers public agencies contracts that have been competitively solicited by lead government agencies for use by other government agencies. The goal is to combine the City's purchasing requirements with other agencies requirements to achieve high volume discount pricing. The City of El Paso can use those contracts that offer the best fit and overall value based on the City's specific needs and requirements.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

None

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There is no cost to participate in this program. Staff believes participation in this program will produce cost and administrative savings and will provide the best value to the agency/taxpayers of the City of El Paso.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____
(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2006, the City Council approved a resolution authorizing the participation by the City of El Paso (the "**City**") in the U.S. Communities Purchasing Alliance program (the "**Program**") pursuant to Chapter 791 (Interlocal Cooperation Contracts) of the Texas Government Code;

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the benefits of participating in the Program and has concluded that the Program benefits the City through procurement savings. Consequently, the City desires to continue to participate in and utilize the contracts offered through the Program; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that its Purchasing Manager be authorized to issue purchase orders to purchase against the Program's contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City continue to participate in the Program and that the City's Purchasing Manager be authorized to issue purchase orders to purchase against the Program's contracts.

ADOPTED this _____ **day of** _____ **2007.**

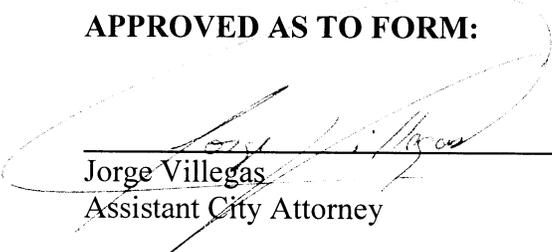
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John Cook, Mayor

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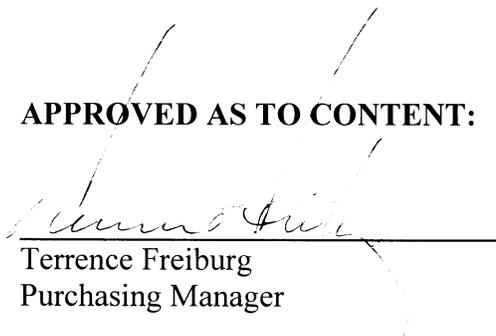
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Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jorge Villegas
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Terrence Freiburg
Purchasing Manager