

**RESOLUTION 21-161**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SPRING HILL TO BE A MEMBER OF TIPS COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spring Hill is currently a member of Sourcewell purchasing program which allows municipalities to purchase goods and services through vendors under contract awarded through solicited competitive bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has the opportunity to join another purchasing cooperative called The Interlocal Purchasing System ("TIPS") at no cost for memberships; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will continue to follow the City's established purchasing policy if a vendor does not have an existing contract with TIPS or another cooperative purchasing program of which the City is a member.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Spring Hill Board of Mayor and Aldermen authorize the City of Spring Hill to become a member of TIPS cooperative purchasing program.

**Passed and Adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.**

  
Jim Hagaman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
April Goad, City Recorder

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:

  
Patrick Carter, City Attorney



**REQUEST:**            **Approval of Resolution 21-161**

**SUBMITTED BY:**   **Tyler Scroggins, Public Works Director**

**DATE:**               **September 20, 2021**

**RE:**                   **To authorize the City of Spring Hill to become a member of  
TIPS cooperative purchasing program**

**ATTACHMENTS:**   **Program information**

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the City of Spring Hill to become a member of TIPS cooperative purchasing program.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City is currently a member of Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program and has the opportunity to become a member of The Interlocal Purchasing System ("TIPS") cooperative purchasing system at no cost for memberships. Cooperative purchasing programs have vendors under contract that have bids awarded under competitive bidding processes that municipalities can buy from. By being a member, the City can purchase goods and services from these vendors without requiring an additional bid process by staff. However, if a vendor is not included in one of the cooperative purchasing programs, staff will follow the established purchasing policy.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

No financial impact until goods and services are purchased.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 21-161 to authorize the City of Spring Hill to become a member of TIPS cooperative purchasing program.



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## Lead Agency Overview

The Interlocal Purchasing System, better known as, TIPS Purchasing Cooperative, began in 2002 as a small regional cooperative of the [Region 8 Education Service Center](#). While the cooperative has far exceeded the initial vision, Region 8 ESC has maintained its role as the Lead Agency for what is now a national operation.



Region 8 ESC is one of 20 Regional Education Service Centers within Texas which assists school districts in improving student performance and increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of school operations, as commissioned by the [Texas state legislature](#). Region 8 ESC is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors, elected by local school board members; and an Executive Director, appointed by the Board of Directors, with approval of the Commissioner of Education. The laws of many states throughout the nation permit interlocal cooperation and interlocal agreements with other public entities in the

United States. Region 8 ESC, the Lead Agency of TIPS, is a public governmental entity. Please click [here](#) and select your state to find more membership information and documentation for your jurisdiction.

In addition, a Regional Advisory Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Center and its Board of Directors to assist in evaluating the Center's programs and services. This committee consists of one representative from each school district and one representative from each college or university with a teacher education program. TIPS Purchasing Cooperative is one such program implemented and administered by Region 8 ESC. All TIPS contracts are awarded by the ESC 8 seven-member Board of Directors, and each TIPS vendor has met strict [Competitive Procurement Process](#) guidelines established by the ESC 8 administration and the TIPS legal team. The bidding statute for the lead agency is Chapter [44.031](#) of the Texas Education Code.

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