

TEA 2021-2022 Approval of Region One ESC Request for Noncompetitive Procurement



Background

- ESCs are required under TEC Section 8.002 to (1) assist school districts in improving student performance, (2) enable school districts to operate more efficiently and economically, and (3) implement initiatives assigned by the legislature or the commissioner.
- November 30, 2017 TEA issued a News Bulletin: [*TEA Policy Under Federal Regulations*](#)
- Outlined more flexible options LEA's have to procure services with federal funds from ESCs under EDGAR regulations



2. TEA Authorizing ESC Services as Noncompetitive

- [2 CFR 200.320\(c\)\(4\)](#) allows TEA, as the pass-through entity, to authorize noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request, including contracted services from ESCs to LEAs

Option 2B

- Region One ESC requested, and received, authorization from TEA for all products and services to be considered a noncompetitive procurement proposal





Department of Grant Compliance and Administration Request for Other Noncompetitive Procurement Approval

Complete and submit this form to request prior approval for a noncompetitive procurement that is not a sole-source proposal. Limit one proposal per form.

Completion and submission of this form satisfies the requirement in 2-CFR-200.320(f); 2 CFR 200.320(c)(4).

Name of Federal Grant County-District Number

Name of Grantee

Description of Request

Describe the proposed noncompetitive procurement.

Products and services from Region One ESC to other ESC's and LEA's for the 2021-2022 school year.

Do you have a sole-source verification letter from the proposed vendor? Yes No

Provide a rationale for why TEA should allow this procurement as a noncompetitive procurement. Additional information may be attached. Additional information may be requested by TEA.

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Region One Education Service Center is requesting, on behalf of all LEA's, authorization from TEA for all 2021-2022 products and services provided by Region One ESC to be considered noncompetitive procurements for LEA's.

Region One Education Service Center is requesting, on behalf of all ESC's, authorization from TEA for all 2021-2022 products and services provided by Region One ESC to be considered noncompetitive procurements for ESC's.

Certification

Name and Title of Authorized Official

Signature of Authorized Official and Date *Eduardo Cancino* Jun 2, 2021

This form must be signed by the authorized official.

Email this signed form to GrantSupport@tea.texas.gov.

For TEA Use

- Request for prior written approval is approved as requested.
- Request for prior written approval is approved with the following changes:

Approval retroactive to July 1, 2021.

- Request for prior written approval is denied.

Signature of Associate Commissioner and Date *Cory Green 7/15/2021*
Cory Green, Associate Commissioner



What does this mean?

- Allows LEA's the option to efficiently utilize programs and services offered by Region One ESC while complying with EDGAR regulations
- Provides Region One ESC the ability to:
 - Efficiently meet the needs of our LEA's
 - Carryout the objectives set forth in TEC §8.002
 - Assist TEA in meeting their current strategic plan and priorities



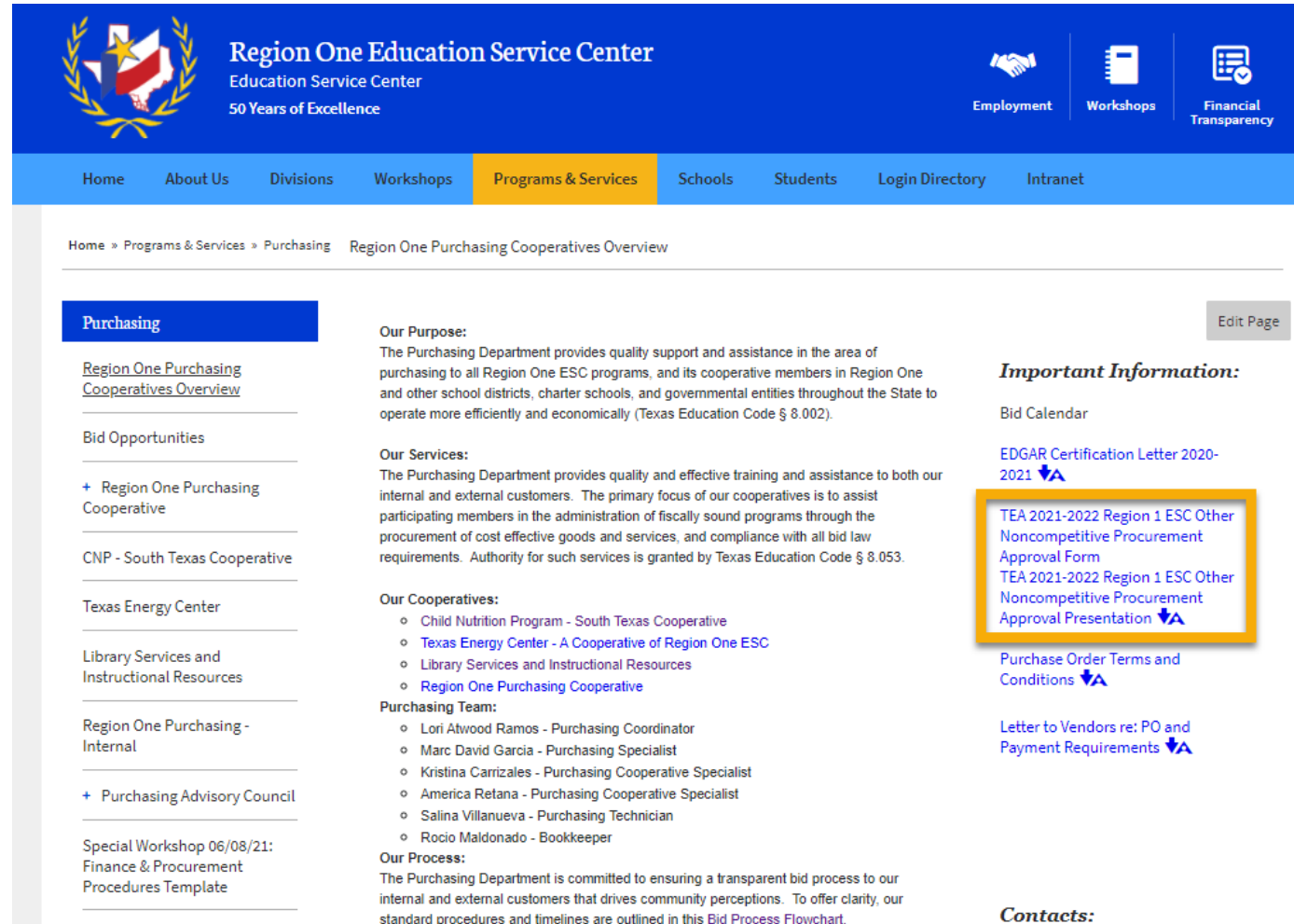
What can I do?

- Consider Region One ESC's products and services to meet your district's needs, and use the attached TEA authorization letter as part of your backup documentation to support a ***noncompetitive procurement method*** for the 2021-2022 school year, as applicable.
 - Does not require a competitive bid solicitation
 - Still requires documentation to ensure the purchase is reasonable, allowable, necessary and allocable (RANA)



Where can I find this information?

- You can find the TEA's approval of Region One ESC's request for Other Noncompetitive Procurement form and this presentation on the Region One ESC website under Important Information on the [Purchasing webpage](#):



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Bid Opportunities

- + Region One Purchasing Cooperative
- CNP - South Texas Cooperative
- Texas Energy Center
- Library Services and Instructional Resources
- Region One Purchasing - Internal
- + Purchasing Advisory Council
- Special Workshop 06/08/21: Finance & Procurement Procedures Template

Our Purpose:
The Purchasing Department provides quality support and assistance in the area of purchasing to all Region One ESC programs, and its cooperative members in Region One and other school districts, charter schools, and governmental entities throughout the State to operate more efficiently and economically (Texas Education Code § 8.002).

Our Services:
The Purchasing Department provides quality and effective training and assistance to both our internal and external customers. The primary focus of our cooperatives is to assist participating members in the administration of fiscally sound programs through the procurement of cost effective goods and services, and compliance with all bid law requirements. Authority for such services is granted by Texas Education Code § 8.053.

Our Cooperatives:

- Child Nutrition Program - South Texas Cooperative
- Texas Energy Center - A Cooperative of Region One ESC
- Library Services and Instructional Resources
- Region One Purchasing Cooperative

Purchasing Team:

- Lori Atwood Ramos - Purchasing Coordinator
- Marc David Garcia - Purchasing Specialist
- Kristina Carrizales - Purchasing Cooperative Specialist
- America Retana - Purchasing Cooperative Specialist
- Salina Villanueva - Purchasing Technician
- Rocio Maldonado - Bookkeeper

Our Process:
The Purchasing Department is committed to ensuring a transparent bid process to our internal and external customers that drives community perceptions. To offer clarity, our standard procedures and timelines are outlined in this Bid Process Flowchart.

Important Information:

Bid Calendar

EDGAR Certification Letter 2020-2021

TEA 2021-2022 Region 1 ESC Other Noncompetitive Procurement Approval Form

TEA 2021-2022 Region 1 ESC Other Noncompetitive Procurement Approval Presentation

Purchase Order Terms and Conditions

Letter to Vendors re: PO and Payment Requirements

Contacts:

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What about next school year?

- Region One ESC will request a non-competitive procurement authorization approval from TEA for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Information will be disseminated via the various advisory councils and leadership networks.



