



## Legislation Text

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### **TITLE**

Ratification of Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing Utilizing Houston-Galveston Area Council Contracts and Agreements With Various Vendors for Purchase of Services and Supplies by County Departments

### **BRIEF OVERVIEW**

On April 17, 2024, Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) awarded Hernando County Procurement Department use approval to piggyback H-GAC nationally awarded contracts. CPO signature was utilized as part of the required application process.

Hernando County Code of Ordinances, Article V, Purchasing Regulations/Procurement Section 2-108 Bidding Procedure paragraph (c)(2) allows *“The purchase and/or leasing of goods, supplies, materials or services for county use from a valid current continuing contract or from other valid current continuing contracts with the State of Florida or other local governments or similar entities, including but not limited to associations acting on behalf of state, county or municipal officials.”*

Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) creates national cooperative contract purchasing solutions on behalf of its member agencies which include all government, education, and non-profit agencies nationwide. These cooperative contract opportunities offer both time and money savings for their users by consolidating the efforts of numerous individually prepared solicitations to one national, cooperatively shared process. This process leverages the aggregation of volume from members nationwide. Hernando County Board of County Commission is a member of H-GAC.

Hernando County Procurement Department would like authorization from the Board of County Commissioners to approve on-going use of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Contracts and Agreements annually. Multiple departments will be utilizing these contracts.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Funds will be available from various Hernando County Departments as fiscal year funding is budgeted and not to exceed budgeted line-item amounts. Department purchases can only be performed with available department budgets.

### **LEGAL NOTE**

In accordance with Chapter 2, Article V of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the Board authorize use approval for the Hernando County Procurement Department for all current and future Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) contracts and agreements for County-wide department use. Use approval will be on-going until terminated.

It is understood that purchases under the Advertised Bidding Requirement (ABR) will be performed by the Chief Procurement Officer. Any county department purchase request that exceeds the ABR, will be brought to the Board as an agenda item for Board approval against the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) contracts.