



SIMPLIFY. Comply. Save.



We make cooperative purchasing as simple as possible, yet our compliant process provides the legally required competition for contracts. We'll do the work, you save the time and money.

TCPN is a national governmental purchasing cooperative

able to leverage the purchasing potential of governmental entities in all 50 states - this means equal pricing for the smallest entity and the largest buyer. All TCPN contracts are competitively bid and evaluated by a government entity serving as the lead agency. Region 4 Education Service Center serves as the primary lead agency for TCPN contracts. The lead agency awards these contracts to national vendors in accordance with purchasing procedures mandated by state procurement laws and regulations. TCPN contracts are available for use, and benefit, public and private schools, colleges and universities, cities, counties, non-profits and all governmental entities.

We believe cooperative purchasing means fiscally sound procurement and ensuring you're getting a good value for every dollar you spend. When public entities come together to share services they benefit big in cost savings and time. When public entities utilize a TCPN contract to procure goods and services, it provides the legally required competition for contracts as required by law. TCPN awards best-value contracts based on quality, proven performance, customer satisfaction and most importantly pricing.

Our one and only mission is to help other governmental agencies operate efficiently and economically. Utilizing a TCPN contract means you deal directly with the vendor, as you would normally, using the TCPN contract as your own. We've already done the hard part, and we'll be with you every step of the way to help increase your efficiency, shorten your delivery time, and stretch your budget dollars.

You save the soft costs associated with the competitive bid process, reap the benefits of nationally leveraged pricing, all at no cost to you...*that's working smart!*



OUR PROCESS

- Research and Development of bid specifications
- Compilation of solicitation documents
- Advertisement of the solicitation both on the TCPN website and in newspapers (including the USA Today) for a minimum of two (2) weeks
- Receipt of sealed responses that are duly recorded and opened publicly
- Tabulation and evaluation of all responses
- Recommendation of vendor contract awards
- Contract awarded by a government agency serving in the lead agency role

What Makes TCPN Contracts Legal?

All TCPN contracts are competitively bid, evaluated, and awarded by a government entity serving in the lead agency role. TCPN's primary lead agency is Region 4 Education Service Center, which was established in 1967 by the State of Texas under Chapter 8 of the Texas Education Code. Because of this structure, Region 4 is TCPN's primary beneficiary.

Reinvesting in the Power of Education

Region 4 Education Service Center is one of the nation's largest education service centers, serving more students and teachers than any other region in Texas. This agency works with educators to deliver creative solutions that help schools to operate more efficiently and effectively. Region 4 delivers innovative solutions spanning every facet of education, from classroom and curriculum development to operations, including food service, maintenance, construction and budgeting. Region 4 produces educational materials available to schools across the nation and is home to one of the nation's largest Braille production facilities. This connection to Region 4, along with valued education partnerships across the country, means that education thrives above all else with TCPN. Current participants include state and local government entities as well as nonprofit organizations in all 50 states, including:

- Cities/Municipalities • Churches
- Counties • Charitable Organizations
- State Agencies • Private Schools
- State Colleges and Universities • Private Colleges and Universities

Our procedures have been ISO 9001:2008 certified for 6 years and are independently audited twice yearly, *because we know you might be audited too!*