

Benefits to Choice Partners Members	Choice Partners
No fee	✓
No annual minimum usage	✓
Access to legal, competitively bid contracts – first co-op to meet federal Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR)	✓
Members go directly to vendors to place orders	✓
Contract compliance review	✓
Active membership management as ombudsman between member and vendor	✓
Access to highly trained CP team members with specialized certifications (MS, RD, LD, MPH, RTSBA, CTSBO, & CPSM)	✓
Unique hard-bid Supply Catalog	✓
All-In-One cooperative, offering facilities services, food, supplies, technology and more (a one-stop shop)	✓
CHOICE CASH Rebate Program – members are financially rewarded for CP contract usage	✓



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Members Sign-Up: [www.choicepartners.org/become-a-member](http://www.choicepartners.org/become-a-member)



Choice Partners is a division of Harris County Department of Education, a local government organization creating value, delivering opportunity and providing service to students and educators. Harris County Department of Education is located in Harris County and is not affiliated with the governmental entity of Harris County.

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Governmental entities need an entire sphere of legal contracts for products and services. Look to Choice Partners national cooperative for part or all of the purchasing solution.



# SAVE TIME AND MONEY PROCUREMENT MADE EASY

*Choice Partners cooperative offers quality, legal procurement and contract solutions to meet the purchasing needs of school districts, other governmental entities and not-for-profits.*

## Choice Partners Framework

Choice Partners is a division of Harris County Department of Education—the sponsoring governmental entity for its contracts.

Vendors are required to submit a proposal, which goes through a competitive, legal, evaluation process. If it is deemed best value, it is recommended to the HCDE governing board for an award.

Governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations choose Choice Partners because:

- an Accredited GPO by the University of Texas System
- its sponsoring entity uses Choice contracts
- all issued contracts are Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR/ 2 CFR 200/Uniform Guidance) compliant
- it is compliant with all applicable six Affirmative Steps of 2 CFR 200

## FACILITIES - MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION

Assistance offered to help your governmental entity navigate how to complete your maintenance and minor construction projects on time, legally, compliant and within budget. Services include: understanding Job Order Contracting (JOC), assistance in preparing agenda items, on-site or virtual training with best practices and Federal compliance.

## Free Membership

Schools, colleges, universities, municipalities, counties, other governmental organizations and not-for-profits can become members and use the HCDE awarded contracts available through Choice Partners, ultimately saving valuable time and expanding purchasing capabilities without adding staff.

## In Texas

- 1 Visit [www.choicepartners.org/become-a-member](http://www.choicepartners.org/become-a-member), select **Become a Member** and register.
- 2 Download the interlocal; complete and email to [info@choicepartners.org](mailto:info@choicepartners.org) to place on governing board agenda for approval.
- 3 Copy of counter-signed agreement will be mailed to new member.

## Outside Texas

- 1 Visit [www.choicepartners.org/become-a-member](http://www.choicepartners.org/become-a-member) and register.
- 2 Check box for out-of-state **IF** no interlocal contract is required.
- 3 Follow the appropriate state statutes, downloading and signing an interlocal agreement, **if necessary**.

# EXPAND PURCHASING CAPABILITIES WITHOUT ADDING STAFF

Procurement training for members and vendors available upon request and hosted at Choice Partners' offices or local to you.

Members gain immediate access to legal contracts, vendors and shared services solutions from Choice Partners. Various contract categories are listed below.

## SUPPLY CATALOG\*/ TECHNOLOGY/ FOOD CAFETERIA SUPPLIES

Art Supplies and Related Items  
Athletic/Playground Supplies and Related Items  
Athletic and Physical Education Supplies and Related Items  
Audio Visual Equipment  
Document Management  
Educational/Instructional Software  
Electronic Procurement Software  
Financial Software  
Leasing (Technology and Assets)  
Software as a Service  
Technology Hardware, Software and Services  
Technology Products and Services  
Technology Security Solutions  
Technology Supplies and Related Items  
Technology Training  
Training Systems Distributor  
Translation Services

Fuel Card Monitoring, GPS and Related Items  
Generator Power Equipment  
Grease Trap/Vent Hood Cleaning  
HVAC Equipment and Service (JOC-IDIQ)  
Industrial Equipment Rent, Lease or Purchase  
Janitorial Cleaning Services  
Landscape and Maintenance Services  
M&O Parts and Equipment  
Mechanical Contracting, Electrical, and Plumbing Services (JOC-IDIQ)  
Modular Buildings and Related Items JOC-IDIQ  
Moving, Storage and Related Items  
Painting, Drywall, Acoustical Ceilings, and Flooring (JOC-IDIQ)  
Parking Lot and Street Cleaning Services  
Paving Services, Asphalt/Concrete (JOC-IDIQ)  
Pest Control Services  
Power and Cooling Solutions  
Repair and Renovation Services (JOC-IDIQ)  
Road Products  
Roofing (JOC-IDIQ)  
Safety Supplies and Equipment  
Security Officer Services and Private Investigation Work (Off-Duty Police)  
Security Systems  
Signage (JOC-IDIQ)  
Third Party Code Inspection Service  
Tree Trimming  
Waste and Recycling Services  
Water Treatment Chemicals and Related Items  
Waterproofing/Masonry

## FOOD CAFETERIA SUPPLIES/TDA COMPLIANT<\$50,000

Bottled Drinking Water, Coolers and Other Beverage Related Products  
Bread and Tortilla Products  
Cash Counting Systems  
Chemical Products and Services  
Commercial Food Distributor  
Commodity Processing of USDA Foods  
Dairy and Other Related Products  
Digital Signage for Food Service  
Direct Delivery of Snacks and Beverages  
Emergency Feeding  
Food Equipment, Parts, Repair, Installation, Maintenance, and Small Wares  
Frozen and Chilled Beverage Products  
Frozen Dessert Products  
Ice Cream Products  
Produce  
Restaurant Branded Food Delivery  
School Nutrition Software  
Site-Based Pizza Program

## COMMODITIES

Auctioneer Services  
Award Jackets, Apparel, Screen Printing, and Embroidery  
Boxes, Packaging Supplies, Freight Services, and Related Items  
Bus Service (Charter)  
Early Childhood Supplies  
Educational Materials and Related Items  
Educational/Instructional Software  
Fine Paper  
Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment (FFE) and Related Items  
Graduation Items, Yearbooks & Commemorative Items  
Health & Medical Supplies and Related Items  
Instructional Resources  
Insurance Services  
Internet Access  
Medicaid Claiming & Billing Services  
Musical Instruments  
Office Furniture and Related Items  
Office Supplies and Related Items  
Online Marketplace  
Printing and Copying Services  
Promotional and Commemorative Items  
Scientific Equipment  
Staffing and Related Services  
STEM & CTE Materials  
Textbooks and Library Books  
Toner and Ink Cartridges  
Two Way Radios  
Uniforms  
Virtual Event Management  
Web Design Services

## FACILITIES

Athletic Surfaces (JOC-IDIQ)  
Automotive Equipment, Tires and Related Services  
Building Cleaning, Exterior  
Building Controls (JOC-IDIQ)  
Disaster Recovery Consultants  
Doors, Windows, and Hardware (JOC-IDIQ)  
Electrical Contractor Services (JOC-IDIQ)  
Energy Purchases  
Fencing Services (JOC-IDIQ)  
Fire, Safety, Security and Surveillance Equipment/Services (JOC/IDIQ)  
Flags and Flag Poles  
Fleet Leasing and Management  
Flooring Services (JOC-IDIQ)  
Fuel and Lubricants

\*Includes more than 1,100 competitively awarded hard bid line items.



For more information or help with signing up, call toll free:  
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