



## Shift from home to office for CP

*No matter the location, CP will meet your needs*

Choice Partners has approximately 650 vendors and thousands of members across the United States. So imagine the magnitude of the impact when COVID-19 was declared a pandemic at the beginning of this year. People's lives were drastically altered, both in business and personally. Choice Partners adjusted their course for business mid-March and quickly implemented a new routine to continue serving members and vendors remotely.

As of Sept. 8, Choice Partners has returned to the office and is ready to continue providing excellent customer service. Safety procedures have been put in place such as social distancing, mask requirements, a daily health survey before coming to work, temperature checks and mobile hand sanitizing stations.

All visits must be by appointment only. When visiting the building, temperature checks will be administered before entering the CP office suite.



Choice Partners helps governmental and not for profit entities save time and money in their procurement process by using contracts awarded by Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) /Choice Partners.

### **New PPE Contract**

Choice Partners is developing a new Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) contract to obtain some of the newest technologies and vendors helping provide a safe return to school and work environment. CP has already issued a COVID-related contract, but is planning a newer and more recent and updated RFP for our vendors to sell and members to use.

### **New Emergency Feeding Contract**

Choice Partner's new [Emergency Feeding contract](#) was developed to help school districts and other governmental agencies comply with safe feeding of students and packaging of the food to be distributed.

Choice Partners is responsive to changing times and members needs, ready to offer new products from vetted vendors so that everyone can move forward together. When you have to make a choice, make the right choice, CHOICE PARTNERS!

# Annual Food Exhibit goes virtual



On behalf of the Texas Co-ops Collaborative Group, we are sending you this notification and personal invite to participate as an exhibitor in our “100% virtual” food show event! This “expo” is for child nutrition food products and non-food food-service related products (small-wares, equipment, software, chemicals, etc...). Our focus this year is “making it work” with a blended model of serving students as well as new ideas with the tried-and-true and new products too. We have attached the [agreement form](#) and a [Power Point template](#) that we would love for you to use if you want to provide or use a Power Point presentation.

For more information please visit our [website](#).

## Choice TEAM HIGHLIGHT



**Jeff Drury** has been director for Choice Partners for five years and was recently promoted to **senior director**. His previous experience was in the private sector for more than 30 years,

including working for a Choice Partners vendor. He has a wealth of diverse experience including management, marketing and technical sales positions, owned a small business for several years and has held certifications in the electrical and lighting business and internal auditing. He has a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Distribution from Texas A & M University and an MBA in Finance.

Jeff enjoys following Aggie Sports, spending time with the family and playing in a Men’s Senior Baseball League (MSBL) during the year and traveling to Phoenix in the fall to



### HCDE Interlocal Agreements with new members:

**Rio Grande City CISD**, Rio Grande City, Texas; **Salem City Schools**, Salem, Va.; and **city of Surprise**, Surprise, Ariz.

### HCDE Out-of-State new members:

**Englewood**, Englewood, Colo.; **Germantown**, Germantown, Tenn.; **Henrico County Public Schools**, Henrico, Va.; **Medford School District**, Medford, Ore.; **city of Miami Beach**, Miami Beach, Fla.; **Metropolitan Regional Service Council (NEONET)**, Dayton, Ohio; **Old Dominion University**, Norfolk, Va.; **city of Southwest Ranches**, Southwest Ranches, Fla.; and **city of St. Augustine Beach**, St. Augustine, Fla.



**Recently Awarded Contract** for Financial Software; Third Party Code Inspection Services; Scientific Equipment and Related Items; and Affordable Care Act (ACA) Auditing & Reporting Services.

**Recently Renewed Contracts** for JOC-IDIQ for Roofing, Building Envelope and Waterproofing; Technology Hardware, Software and Services; JOC-IDIQ for Athletic Surfaces and Related Items; Industrial Equipment Rent, Lease or Purchase; Custodial Supplies and

participate in the World Series. His Houston team represents the area well and has played teams from across the United States as well as Canada and Australia. Some team members have been players, such as former MLB All Star and Houston resident, Roger Clemens.

Services; Disaster Debris Removal Services; and Furnish and Install Applied Technology Learning Laboratories.

## Upcoming Events



## 2020

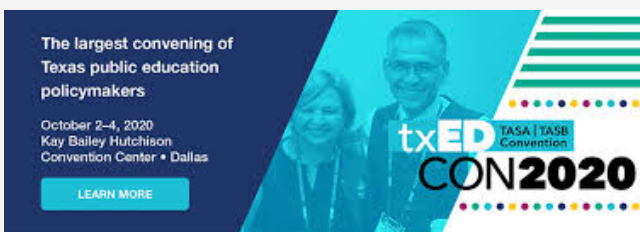
**Sept. 25-27**  
ISM/RGV, Timeline & Summer Session *(Virtual)*

**Sept. 29-Oct. 1**  
TX Co-Ops Collaborative Groups Virtual Expo 2020 *(Virtual)*

**Sept. 30-Oct. 2**  
TASA - TASB *(Virtual)*

**Oct. 13-15**  
TASBO School Operations 2020 *Virtual*

**Oct. 14-16**  
TML *(Virtual)*



## Current CSP's & RFP's

Watch the website for future listings.

[www.choicepartners.org/current-rfps](http://www.choicepartners.org/current-rfps)

[View Current CSP's and RFP's](#)

## Get Involved

Let your contacts who are quality vendors know about these opportunities.  
They must register in our E-Bid system to do business with us.

[Register to become a vendor](#)

**AFTER SOCIAL DISTANCING RESTRICTION IS LIFTED,**  
we would love for our members to host a training.

Trainings are a great way to network and gain exposure. If you would like  
to host a training, submit your information to the link below:

[Host a training](#)

Do you know a vendor who has provided exemplary service? Have a statement  
to make about Choice Partners service quality? Want to share with others  
about a Choice contract that meets your needs?  
Submit your review using the link below.

[Submit a review](#)



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