

UPCOMING EVENTS



2020

Jan. 24

CP Appreciation Luncheon *Houston, TX*

Jan. 28-29

TASA Midwinter, *Austin, TX*

Jan. 29

FBISD - Small BUbusiness Expo, *Sugar Land, TX*

Feb. 4-7

TCEA, *Austin, TX*

Feb. 11-12

V G Young, *College Station, TX*

March, 2-6

TASBO, *Houston, TX*

March, 31 - April 4

CMAT, *San Antonio, TX*



GET INVOLVED

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

<https://www.choicepartners.org/become-a-vendor>

HOST A TRAINING

We love for our members to host a training. They are a great way to network and gain exposure. Let us know if you would like to host a training.

<https://www.choicepartners.org/contact-us>

SUBMIT A REVIEW

Do you know a vendor who has provided exemplary service? Have a statement to make about Choice Partners service quality? Let us know.

<https://www.choicepartners.org/member-reviews#ss>



LEADERS

CHOICE

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CHOICE QUALIFIED STAFF

Choice Partners staff work diligently to attain TASBO (Texas Association of School Business Officials) certifications indicating education in school business providing a competitive edge. They have seven staff members with RTSBA (Registered Texas School Business Administrator) certifications and two with CTSBO (Certified Texas School Business Official) certifications. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to continual improvement to provide best practices and customer service to our members and vendors.



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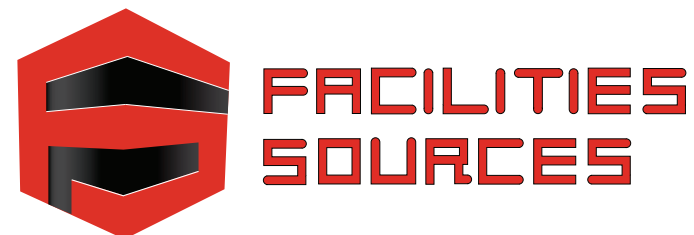


Sarah Langlois,
HCDE Legal Counsel



SB 943 Imposes New Record Retention Requirements on Vendors with Contracts worth \$1 million+

SB 943 went into effect January 1, 2020, and amended the Texas Public Information Act (Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code) in a variety of substantial ways, including adding new Subchapter J. This new subchapter statutorily requires specific language in both contracts and procurement solicitations (such as RFPs) for contracts that result in the expenditure of \$1 million or more in public funds in a governmental body's fiscal year. The new law imposes significant obligations on vendors, including (1) preserve all contracting information as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to the purchasing governmental entity for the duration of the contract; (2) promptly provide to the governmental entity any contracting information that is in the custody or possession of the vendor upon request; and (3) on completion of the contract, either (a) provide, at no cost to the governmental entity, all contracting information that is in the vendor's custody or possession, or (b) preserve the contracting information as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to the governmental entity.

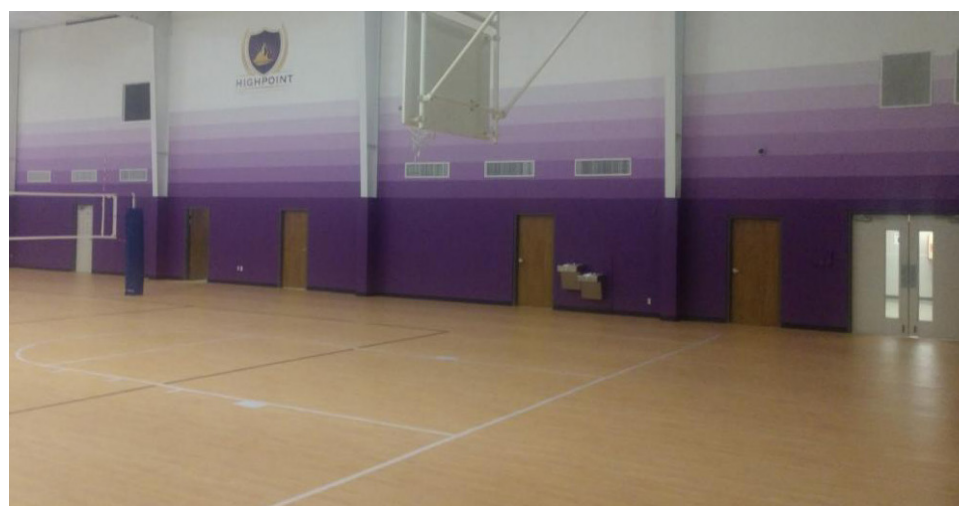


A Construction Company with a Firm Foundation

The greater Houston area has long been served by **Facilities Sources**, a construction firm that has worked with Choice Partners since 2007. With their JOC-IDIQ contract, **Facilities Sources** acts as a general manager for building issues, both inside and out.

The company is small and capably handles large projects for governmental entities including foundation work which was their initial focus. Their customer base is made up of 80-90% repeat customers. Tracy Foster, project administrative manager for Facilities, states, "It is all about customer service. If the customer is happy and we provide services in a timely manner within their budget, then we get repeat customers."

Since starting with Choice Partners, **Facilities Sources** has served 70 members. Within the last 5 years they have worked with 10 members, two of which they brought in as new members.



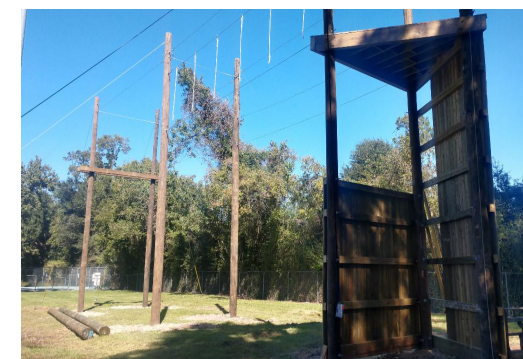
- Jeff Drury**
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- Joann Nichols**
Assistant Director
- Trisha Jensen**
Asst. Director, Food Contracts
- Laura Sprehe**
Food Contract Coordinator
- Doris Munguia**
Food Contract Assistant
- Karen Chesky**
Contract Manager
- Kristi Dion**
Contract Manager
- Michael Robles**
Contract Manager
- Monique Joseph**
Contract Manager
- Stephen Kendrick**
Sr. Manager, Facilities Planning
- Mary Causey**
Contract Compliance Specialist
- Cora Day**
Contract Coordinator
- Jan Arnold**
Client Services Manager
- Arlita Kyles**
Contract Specialist
- Kay Sandra Vorish**
Contract Clerk
- Yvonne "Faye" Johnson**
General Office Clerk II
- Shandra Powell**
General Office Clerk I
- Ann Marie Harbour**
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HCDE's Fortis Academy, a recovery school for students, was transformed by Facilities to provide opportunities such as a ropes course and a high-end commercial kitchen where students are taught culinary skills. HCDE's High Point East school for at-risk students also received an interior renovation of the gymnasium and had the roof re-done.

Facilities Sources holds Choice contract no. 16/054JN-04. You may reach them at 713-337-5700 or tracy@facilitiesources.com.



NEW YEAR, NEW SUPPLY CATALOG

The Choice Partners online supply catalog with 1100+ items in 11 categories is updated every two years. The current catalog pricing will end March 31, 2020, and the newly bid items will be available in a catalog that will start April 1, 2020, through March 31, 2022. Watch for the new release April 1st and download a copy to get new pricing. Wave Vendor Exhibit.

WELCOME NEW JANUARY MEMBERS

HCDE Interlocal Agreements with new members: Jourdanton ISD, Jourdanton, Texas; Keene ISD, Keene, Texas; McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas, and Reve Preparatory Public Charter School, Houston, Texas, and Washburn University, Topeka, Kan.

HCDE Out-of-State new members: Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Ind., and Weymouth Public Schools, Weymouth, Mass.

JANUARY CONTRACTS

Awarded Contracts for Motor & Aviation Fuel, Alternative Fuels, Lubricants & Related Items.

Renewed Contracts for Fine Paper and Related Items; Carpet Cleaning and Related items; Construction Photographic Documentation Services and Related Items, and Medicaid Claiming & Billing Services.

CURRENT RFPs

No current RFP's available at this time.