



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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January 7, 2015

To: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

From: MaryBeth Murz, Purchasing Manager

Subject: Standard Purchasing Resolution 4 - Cooperative Contract Award: National Joint Power Alliance (NJPA)

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### **History**

- The National Joint Power Alliance (NJPA) was established through a collaborative effort of public government and education agencies across the United States with the specific purpose of reducing procurement costs by leveraging group volume.
- All master agreements are publicly and competitively solicited nationally, awarded through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, and held by a principal procurement agency; as required by Chapter 7 of the City Code.
- NJPA serves as a nationwide channel to offer the awarded agreements to public and non-profit agencies for commodities such as office supplies, furniture, uniform rental services, etc.
- Cooperative ventures have proven to minimize cost and increase the efficiency and the effectiveness of the City.
- By emphasizing a cooperative effort, the City enjoys the buying power of many at the local level.
- The City of Troy Purchasing Department participates with other agencies in the state, region and nationally to economically procure goods and services for our community.
- Other cooperative programs the City utilizes are:
  - State of Michigan MiDEAL Program
  - County contracts (most often Oakland County Extended Purchasing Program)
  - MiCTA – Michigan Telecommunications Association for Nonprofit Organizations
  - MITN – Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network
  - Regional Educational Media Center - REMC
  - US Communities – NIGP
  - National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance - NIPA

### **Financial**

Funds are available in the various operating accounts citywide.

### **Recommendation**

City management recommends Troy City Council authorize participation in the National Joint Power Alliance Purchasing Program (NJPA) and for administration to approve and authorize like purchases in aggregate over \$10,000 for operating expenditures under this program when deemed to be in the City of Troy's advantage; while "Capital" purchases over \$10,000 continue to be presented for Troy City Council review and pending approval.