RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 299

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT WITH PURCHASING ASSOCIATION OF COOPERATIVE ENTITIES (PACE).

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (b) P.L. 2011, c.139 was enacted into law permitting agencies to use national purchasing cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland desires to participate in National Cooperative Contracts established by Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE) in order to effect substantial economies in the purchase of materials, supplies and services; and

WHEREAS, PACE has contracted with the various vendors for various contracts; and

WHEREAS, it is the City of Vineland intent to utilize these contracts on as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland may enter into contractual agreements with PACE through this resolution and properly executed contracts/purchase orders, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current New Jersey Local State Public Contracts Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Vineland, New Jersey authorizes the City Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved PACE pursuant to all conditions of the individual contracts and in compliance with New Jersey State Public Contracts Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PACE vendors and their corresponding contracts may change during the timeframe indicated below and that the City Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to make the necessary adjustments to the above list as may be required for the City to continue its routine procurement practices throughout the indicated timeframe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Vineland, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds and that no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such times as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order and a certification of availability of funds shall be made by the City's Chief Financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the City of Vineland and the referenced Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE) shall be for the time period awarded for each approved PACE vendor's contract.

Adopted:

ATTEST:

President of Council

City Clerk

FROM THE DESK OF MIGUEL A. MERCADO

July 7, 2020

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MEMO TO: Business Administrator:

RE: Participation in National Cooperative Contracts

Request resolutions be authorized by City Council to authorize participation in the following National Cooperative Contracts:

- a. Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE)
- b. Omnia Partners (Formerly US Communities and National IAP)
- c. Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA)
- d. Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN)
- e. HGACBuy

N.J.S.A 52:34-6.2 (b) P.L. 2011, c.139 was enacted into law permitting agencies to use National Purchasing Cooperatives in order to effect substantial economies in the purchase of materials, supplies and services.

Use of these Cooperatives will allow the City to take advantage of using contracts that provide for volume driven cost reductions. We will also save time and related expenses, such as advertising, printing, mailing, etc.

Resolutions are needed for conformance with NJ Public Contracts Law for use of National Cooperatives. Previous resolutions for the above cooperatives revealed that they were done with specific expiration dates, now expired. The participation in the National Cooperative itself does not have an expiration date, only the contracts awarded by the Cooperatives.

I trust the above meets with your approval. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Miguel A. Mercado, QPA

Purchasing Agent

