

# PCA *Purchasing Cooperative of America*

## Become a PCA Co-op Member!

**PURCHASING COOPERATIVE OF AMERICA** is a national purchasing cooperative with legally procured contracts available for public entities in all 50 States and U.S. Territories:

- Cities/Municipalities, Counties, States, Federal and Other Government Agencies
- Public, Private and Charter Schools, State and Private Colleges and Universities
- Non-Profit/Non-Taxed Religious and Charitable Organizations

PCA is administered by Region 3 Education Service Center (“Region 3 ESC”), Victoria, Texas, an agency of the state of Texas. PCA contracts may be used with federally-funded programs.

**PCA CONTRACTS** are awarded following Texas due diligence procedures:

- COMPETITIVE BIDDING per Texas procurement and contracting statutes. Other state and federal statutes, including the FAR, are referenced in the solicitations.
- Solicitations are ADVERTISED for two consecutive weeks in a national publication, in a local publication, and on the PCA & Region 3 websites.
- Evaluation Committee Members review solicitation responses per the EVALUATION FACTORS listed in the solicitation and presents RECOMMENDATIONS for awards; CONTRACT AWARDS are made by Region 3 ESC Board of Trustees.
- Contracts are HELD and ADMINISTERED by Region 3 ESC.



**MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES** include working directly with awarded contractors and contract support from PCA contract managers. DUE DILIGENCE documents for awarded contracts are readily available to PCA members upon request.

### Membership is **FREE** - Follow These Steps

- IT'S FAST; IT'S EASY
- GO TO [www.pcamerica.org/members](http://www.pcamerica.org/members)
- COMPLETE THE FORM(S)
  1. Complete the Member Registration form on-line. Scroll down to the map and click on your state to look at the interlocal contracting 'joint powers' statutes for your state.
  2. Texas agencies must complete the Region 3 ESC Interlocal Contract (go to the 'Forms' tab) and submit it to [pcamerica@pcamerica.org](mailto:pcamerica@pcamerica.org); PCA will sign and return your Contract quickly.
  3. Public entities of other states will know membership requirements mandated by their state statute(s) or local authority.

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