



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: March 25, 2014

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Cyd Grimes, C.P.M., CPPO

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

Agenda Language: Approve Order Exempting Specified Early Childhood Social Services, as listed, from the Competitive Procurement Process Pursuant to Section 262.024 (a) (4) of the Texas Local Government Code:

- A. Childcare Tuition Subsidy Payments
- B. Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Services
- C. Head Start Services

➤ **Purchasing Recommendation and Comments:** Purchasing concurs with department and recommends approval of requested action. This procurement action meets the compliance requirements as outlined by the statutes.

Travis County Health and Human Services and Veterans Service (TCHHSVS) requests the Commissioners Court approve exemption for the specified early childhood social services from competitive proposal requirements of the County Purchasing Act:

Childcare Tuition Subsidy Payments - childcare subsidy payments provided through a Management Services Organization (MSO) style agreement between Workforce Solutions (the State appointed Workforce Board for Travis County) or a subcontracted entity and qualifying Travis County childcare providers.

Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Services - mandated services provided by ECI designee agencies as ECI under the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, P. L. 1 08-446).

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Head Start Services - services designated as "Head Start." Such services are funded and monitored through the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Additionally, County investments in each of these services leverage large sums of Federal and State dollars into the local early childhood services system. Each of the three service areas above have associated designated agencies that individually warrant exemption from competitive process:

Workforce Solution Capital Area Work Force Board - Exemption from competition for childcare tuition subsidy payments

Any Baby Can - Exemption from competition for ECI services

Easter Seals - Exemption from competition for ECI services

Austin Travis County Integral Care - Exemption from competition for ECI services

Child Incorporated - Exemption from competition for Head Start services

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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 27, 2014

To: Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent,
Travis County Purchasing Office

From:

Sherri E. Fleming

Sherri E. Fleming, County Executive for
Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service

Subject: Exemption Order Request – Early Childhood social services

Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service requests that the County Purchasing Office seek exemption for the following services from a social service competitive process:

- Childcare Tuition Subsidy Payment – childcare subsidy payments provided through an MSO-style agreement between Workforce Solutions (the state appointed Workforce Board for Travis County) or a subcontracted entity and qualifying Travis County childcare providers.
- Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Services – mandated services provided by ECI designee agencies as ECI under the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, P.L. 108-446).
- Head Start Services – services designated as “Head Start.” Such services are funded and monitored through the US Department of Health and Human Services.

The services included in this request are professional services and can therefore be exempted from competitive process under rules established by the Local Government Code. Additionally, County investments in each of these services leverage large sums of federal and state dollars into the local early childhood services system.

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- Austin Travis County Integral Care – Exemption from competition for ECI services
- Child Incorporated – Exemption from competition for Head Start services

HHS&VS makes this recommendation with the input and support of the County Attorney Office and the County Purchasing Office .

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**ORDER EXEMPTING PURCHASE OF CERTAIN
EARLY CHILDHOOD SOCIAL SERVICES FROM COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL
REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY PURCHASING ACT**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Travis County has the authority to exempt the purchase of personal or professional services from the competitive bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act, TEX. LOC. GOVT. CODE ANN. sec. 262.023, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to enter into contracts for certain Early Childhood Social Services, in particular Head Start Services, and

WHEREAS, these Services are professionals services requiring special training, skills, and experience,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Travis County hereby orders that the purchase of certain Early Childhood Services, in particular Head Start Services are exempted from the requirements of the County Purchasing Act for competitive bidding or proposal pursuant to TEX. LOC. GOVT. CODE ANN., section 262.024(a)(4), as they are considered professional services.

Signed and entered this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

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