

# CITY OF LODI

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City's participation in the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) purchasing program (Finance)

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2001

PREPARED BY: Finance Director

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Lodi to participate in a nationwide purchasing program sponsored by the Western States Contracting Alliance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In September, 2000, the City Council adopted Resolution 2000-159, authorizing the City's participation in a nationwide purchasing program jointly sponsored by the National Association of Counties, the National League of Cities, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, and the United States Conference of Mayors.

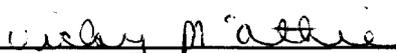
That arrangement, the U S Communities Purchasing Program, was established to provide local governments the power to purchase products and services at volume discounts normally available only through large national or regional contracts. Since adoption of Resolution 2000-159 the City has used Fairfax County (VA) and Los Angeles County contracts (under U S Communities sponsorship) to purchase computer systems from Dell and Micron, software from Software Spectrum, and industrial supplies from Grainger and Graybar, at substantial savings. We expect to continue to use those contracts where it is advantageous for us to do so.

The Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) was formed in 1993 by state purchasing directors in fifteen western states. Quoting WSCA, "The primary purpose of WSCA is to establish the means by which participating states may join together in cooperative multi-state contracting in order to achieve cost-effective and efficient acquisition of quality products and services." (<http://www.aboutwsca.org/wscawelcome.html>) All government entities within the fifteen states are eligible to use the WSCA agreements. WSCA contractors include IBM, Compaq, and Dell, as well as Verizon Wireless and AT&T Wireless.

Government Code Section 6502 authorizes the City to participate jointly with other public agencies in such a program, and Lodi City Code Section 3.20.070 allows alternative methods of procurement when such methods are in the best interest of the City. Under the program, the city would not only enjoy volume pricing, but would save the time and expense of competitive bidding on previously-bid contracts.

Additional information on WSCA and US Communities may be found on the web at [www.aboutwsca.org](http://www.aboutwsca.org) and [www.uscommunities.org](http://www.uscommunities.org).

FUNDING: None required.

  
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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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RESOLUTION NO. 2001-261

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING  
THE CITY OF LODI'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WESTERN  
STATES CONTRACTING ALLIANCE PURCHASING PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) was formed in 1993 by state purchasing directors in fifteen western states; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of WSCA is to establish the means by which participating states may join together in cooperative multi-state contracting in order to achieve cost-effective and efficient acquisition of quality products and services; and

WHEREAS, all government entities within the fifteen states are eligible to use the WSCA agreements; and

WHEREAS, WSCA contractors include IBM, Compaq, Dell, as well as Verizon Wireless and AT&T Wireless; and

WHEREAS, Government Code §6502 authorizes the City to participate jointly with other public agencies in such a program, and Lodi Municipal Code §3.20.070 allows alternative methods of procurement when such methods are in the best interest of the City. The City would benefit from volume pricing as well as saving time and expense of competitive bidding on previously-bid contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby authorizes the City of Lodi's participation in the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Purchasing Program.

Dated: November 21, 2001

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2001-261 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held November 21, 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Pennino and Mayor Nakanishi

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
City Clerk