



Houston-Galveston Area Council's Cooperative Purchasing Program

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Save Time and Money

ON CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

Black & Veatch has joined Helping Governments Across the Country Buy (HGACBuy), an innovative partnership that offers our consulting and engineering services to government entities through a competitively procured contract. Through HGACBuy, the Houston-Galveston Area Council's cooperative purchasing program, state and local governments nationwide can take advantage of an easy procurement process that saves time and money by eliminating the need to conduct a separate competitive procurement within the locality.

HOW DOES HGACBUY WORK?

All Black & Veatch services offered through HGACBuy are provided through a procurement contract between Black & Veatch and HGACBuy that was awarded as a result of a full and open competitive procurement process. To participate in HGACBuy, eligible entities execute an interlocal contract with HGAC, which details the conditions, requirements and processes. HGACBuy professionals have already prepared the specifications and handled the procurement process for professional services available through HGACBuy. HGACBuy also reviews purchase orders to confirm that the requested services are in alignment with contract provisions.

BUYING BLACK & VEATCH'S SERVICES HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER.

Simply follow these four steps:

- Join HGACBuy by calling 800-926-0234.
- Work with Black & Veatch to develop the scope of services you need.
- Review the professional services proposal from Black & Veatch. Once accepted, Black & Veatch will submit the scope of work and fee schedule to HGACBuy.
- Receive the notice to proceed from HGACBuy, and your agency and Black & Veatch can begin the project.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SELECTING BLACK & VEATCH THROUGH HGACBUY?

- Rapid access to high-quality Black & Veatch services
- Procurement cycle reduced by 90 - 120 days
- Negotiated rates reduce time and costs
- No need to develop and release an RFP
- No need to read and evaluate numerous proposals
- Reduces the risk of sole-source procurement protests
- Assistance from professional HGACBuy staff

WHO CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HGACBUY PROGRAM?

- Municipalities, cities, counties and state agencies — nationwide!
- Councils of government
- Schools, school districts, colleges, universities
- Hospitals and hospital districts
- Emergency medical services and services districts
- Volunteer fire departments and rural fire prevention districts
- Special law enforcement jurisdictions
- Judicial courts and districts
- Emergency communications districts
- Utility districts (MUDs, WCIDs, irrigation, etc.)
- Authorities (airport, port, river, water, toll road, etc.)
- Not-for-profit corporations [501(c)(3)] providing government functions and services

ABOUT HGACBUY AND THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

HGAC is a regional council of governments, governed by a board of 35 elected officials. The HGAC board awards all contracts for a variety of goods and services that are made available for purchase by governmental entities nationwide through the HGACBuy program.

As a unit of local government Helping Governments Across the Country Buy (HGACBuy), makes the governmental procurement process more efficient by establishing competitively procured contracts for goods and services, and providing the customer service necessary to help governmental entities achieve their procurement goals.

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