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| BuyBoard Austin    | Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) | [Link](#) | – Popular program utilized by school districts, but also local governments  
– Partnership with the National BuyBoard Cooperative |
| Educational Purchasing Cooperative of North Texas (EPCNT) Lewisville | Lewisville Independent School District | [Link](#) | – Membership includes school districts, charter schools and the Regional Service Centers located in the Region X and Region XI Education Service Center areas  
– One school district sponsors the bid process for each contract |
| HCDE Purchasing Cooperative Houston | Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) | [Link](#) | – More than 380 members  
– Contracts cover 65 commodity categories  
– Approximately $100 million in annual sales |
| HGACBuy Houston | Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) | [Link](#) | – Specializes in high-ticket, capital-intensive products and services  
– Products primarily focus on those utilized for public safety, public works, communications, professional consulting, personnel and financing services |
| ITC Cooperative Contracts Austin | Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) | [Link](#) | – More than 750 technology contracts in place  
– $3.3 billion in sales from 2008 to 2010 |
| Multi-Regional Purchasing Cooperative (MRPC) Wichita Falls | Region 9 Education Service Center | [Link](#) | – Collaboration of Education Service Centers of Region 9, 11, 14 & 15  
– Annual bid process for commodity and technology catalog vendors |
| Region 7 Purchasing Cooperative Kilgore | Region 7 Education Service Center | [Link](#) | – Awards contracts in 31 categories  
– 131 members, mostly school districts |
| Region VI Interlocal Purchasing Cooperative Huntsville | Region 6 Education Service Center | [Link](#) | – Contracts awarded on an annual basis and valid during the school year (July 1 – June 30)  
– Major categories include office supplies, furniture, instructional, technology, and athletic & first aid supplies |
## Texas-Based Cooperative Purchasing Programs

### Other important programs outside Texas include:

- Western States Contracting Alliance
- U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance
- GSA Schedules
- Educational & Institutional Cooperative Purchasing

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| Southeast Texas Purchasing Cooperative<br>**Silsbee** | Region 5 Education Service Center | [Link](#) | - Awards contracts in 45 product and service categories  
- School district and charter school focused |
| Texas 20 Food Purchasing Cooperative<br>**San Antonio** | Region 20 Education Service Center | [Link](#) | - More than 100 members  
- Solicits pricing on items related to food service operations  
- Holds annual Food Purchasing Cooperative Product Show |
| Texas Educational Technology “Group” Purchasing Consortium (TETPC)<br>**Fort Worth** | Region 11 Education Service Center | [Link](#) | - Focus is on educational technology and databases for libraries |
| Texas Multiple Awards Schedule (TXMAS)<br>**Austin** | Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts | [Link](#) | - Contracts based on existing commodity or service contracts, such as the GSA Federal Supply Schedule |
| The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)<br>**Houston** | Region 4 Education Service Center | [Link](#) | - One of the largest purchasing cooperatives with members nationwide |
| The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS/TAPS)<br>**Mt. Pleasant** | Region 8 Education Service Center | [Link](#) | - Popular program in 37 states |
| West Texas Educational Purchasing Cooperative (WTEPC)<br>**Lubbock** | Lubbock Independent School District | [Link](#) | - Membership includes school districts in West Texas  
- 8 bid categories as well as copy paper reverse auction |
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