## GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

## **RESOLUTION NO. 20-02**

WHEREAS, the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("NET RMA") was created pursuant to the request of Gregg and Smith Counties and in accordance with provisions of the Transportation Code and the petition and approval process established in 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.1, et seq. (the "RMA Rules"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the NET RMA has been constituted in accordance with the Transportation Code and the RMA Rules; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the initial formation of the NET RMA the Counties of Cherokee, Rusk, Harrison, Upshur, Bowie, Panola, Titus, Van Zandt, Wood, Kaufman, Camp and Cass joined the Authority and are represented on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, NET RMA staff have identified participation in the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative, also known as "BuyBoard," as a method to enhance efficiencies and costs in eligible procurements; and

WHEREAS, the NET RMA is authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, to agree with other local government entities to form a purchasing cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative is further authorized as a local purchasing cooperative organization as set forth in Section 271.101, *et seq.*, of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 370.033 of the RMA Act provides that regional mobility authorities may enter into interlocal agreements with other governmental entities for project development related services; and

WHEREAS, to participate as a member of the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative, the NET RMA must execute an interlocal participation agreement in the form attached hereto as Attachment "A"; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the interlocal participation agreement is to facilitate compliance with state procurement requirements, to identify qualified vendors of commodities, goods and services, to relieve the burdens of the governmental purchasing function, and to realize the various potential economies, including administrative cost savings, for members of the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors now desires to enter into an interlocal participation agreement with the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative to participate and join with other local governments and authorize the use of cooperative purchasing through the agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the NET RMA hereby authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an interlocal participation agreement with the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative in the form attached hereto as <u>Attachment "A"</u>; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NET RMA requests that the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative include its stated needs in the cooperative's purchasing program and select vendors for those items, whereby cooperative members may be allowed to purchase those items from the cooperative's contracts, and the cooperative is authorized to sign and deliver necessary requests and other documents in connection therewith for and on behalf of the cooperative members that have elected to participate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the execution of this Resolution shall evidence the election of the NET RMA to become a member of the cooperative upon the terms and conditions stated, and the Board of Directors has full power and lawful authority to adopt the foregoing Resolution and to confer the obligations, powers, and authority to the persons named, who are hereby granted the power to exercise the same.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 14th day of January, 2020.

Submitted and reviewed by:

C. Brian Cassidy

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Linda Ryan Thomas

Chair, Board of Directors

Date Passed 01/14/20

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