

CHRONOLOGY OF THE AGENDA ITEM

In accordance with Board Policy DJE (Purchasing), Paragraph III (c)(3)(c), exceptions to competitive selection are allowed when the purchase is made through contracts formally solicited and obtained by the State of Georgia, the Federal Government, or some other government agency. The installation or upgrade of the TCU Intercom Systems will be procured under the GSA Contract No. 47QTCA21D0098.

Section 211 of the E-Government Act of 2002 (the Act) amended the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act to allow for "Cooperative Purchasing." Cooperative Purchasing allows for the Administrator of General Services to provide states and localities access to certain items offered through the General Services Administration's (GSA's) Federal Supply Schedule 70, Information Technology (IT), and Consolidated (formerly Corporate Contracts) Schedule contracts, containing IT Special Item Numbers (SINs).

Use of this contract increases economies of scale, resulting in efficiencies in regards to volume discount pricing as well as administrative oversight. At this time utilizing the GSA Contract will result in the lowest cost to the district.