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Subject: FW: Tennessee Purchasing

Mickey,

We have reviewed your updated bid process letter.

We believe that these procedures comply with the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) Section 12-3-1205 for cooperative purchasing agreements if the following conditions are met:

(1) Eagle County Health Services (ECHS) is indeed a local government entity under state law, and if so, its procurement complies with all local and state competitive bidding requirements; (2) ECHS must maintain documentation of such compliance and must make the documentation available to the Tennessee purchasing entity showing ECHS complied with its own purchasing requirements.; (3) Tennessee local governments using the purchasing cooperative adopt a resolution authorizing the master agreement with Savvik; and (4) Tennessee local governments do not purchase any of the items specifically excluded in TCA 12-3-1205(4) through the purchasing cooperative.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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TASA Commentary: TN local government EMS systems should pay specific attention to item #3 & #4 in the email opinion.

See the competitive bid process on the following page that was part of this email exchange and was used in the determination of the issued opinion.



**Eagle County Health Service District, dba Eagle County Paramedic Services
Public Safety Association Inc.
North Central EMS Corporation, dba Savvik Buying Group**

To Whom It May Concern:

Eagle County Health Service District a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado d/b/a Eagle County Paramedic Services solicits public cooperative bids for use by Eagle County and shared with other public agencies in Colorado and around the United States.

These public cooperative contracts are then marketed and managed exclusively through the Public Safety Association Inc. (PSAI) and Savvik Buying Group nationwide.

Colorado law allows Eagle County to bid products and services through cooperative contracts only if Eagle County complies with competitive bidding procedures when awarding those contracts. *See* Colorado Stat. §24-110-101. Eagle County may also award contracts to more than one vendor, provided that the effects of competition are maintained when awarding the contracts *See* Colorado Stat. §24-110-102.

Specifically, the Eagle County process includes:

1. At least 30 days before a bid submission deadline, PSAI on behalf of Eagle County advertises the request for bids.
 - a. (RFB). The notice states the basic facts regarding the RFB, including where to obtain RFB documents.
2. Sealed bids must arrive at the designated location on a specific date and time selected by Eagle County in accordance with the 30-day period after the first publication in the local newspaper.
3. A public bid opening is conducted by Eagle County and PSAI.
4. A committee reviews the bids and selects the lowest responsible and responsive bids for awards.
5. The bid review committee recommends one or more bids for approval and awards contract(s)
6. If you have any further questions, please contact the PSAI office below.



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