



NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Moderator: Lori Clark, Air Quality Program Manager & DFW Clean Cities Coordinator

Housekeeping Reminders:

Keep Lines Muted!

**Chat Questions As Needed** 

### Who and What is NCTCOG?

Voluntary association of local governments

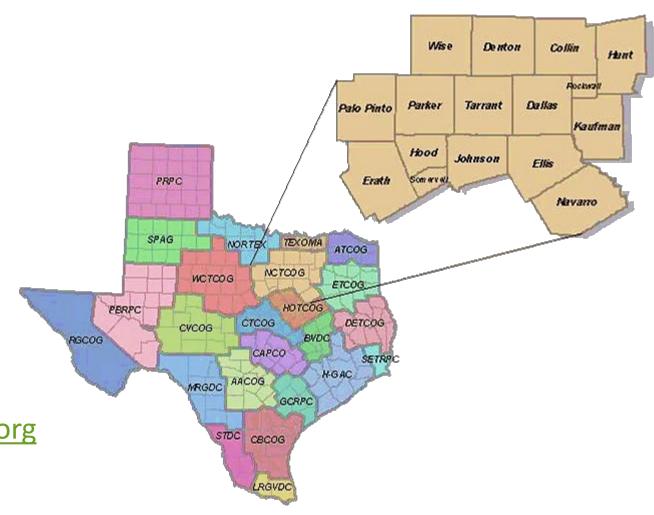
Established in 1966

### Assists local governments in:

- Planning for common needs
- Cooperating for mutual benefit
- Recognizing regional opportunity
- Resolving regional programs
- Making joint decisions

One of 24 COGs in Texas

www.nctcog.org or www.txregionalcouncil.org



## NCTCOG Energy Efficiency and Energy Management Resources

Webinar Recordings

**Workshop Presentations** 

**Toolkits** 

White Papers

**Case Studies** 

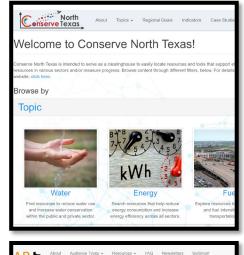
**Best Practices** 

Videos

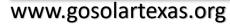
**Training Presentations** 



www.conservenorthtexas.org









www.dfwcleancities.org

# Polling Questions

## Recap From Prior Webinar (May 12, 2020)

Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracting – Procurement Methodology

Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Finance Agreement – Financing for Public Entities

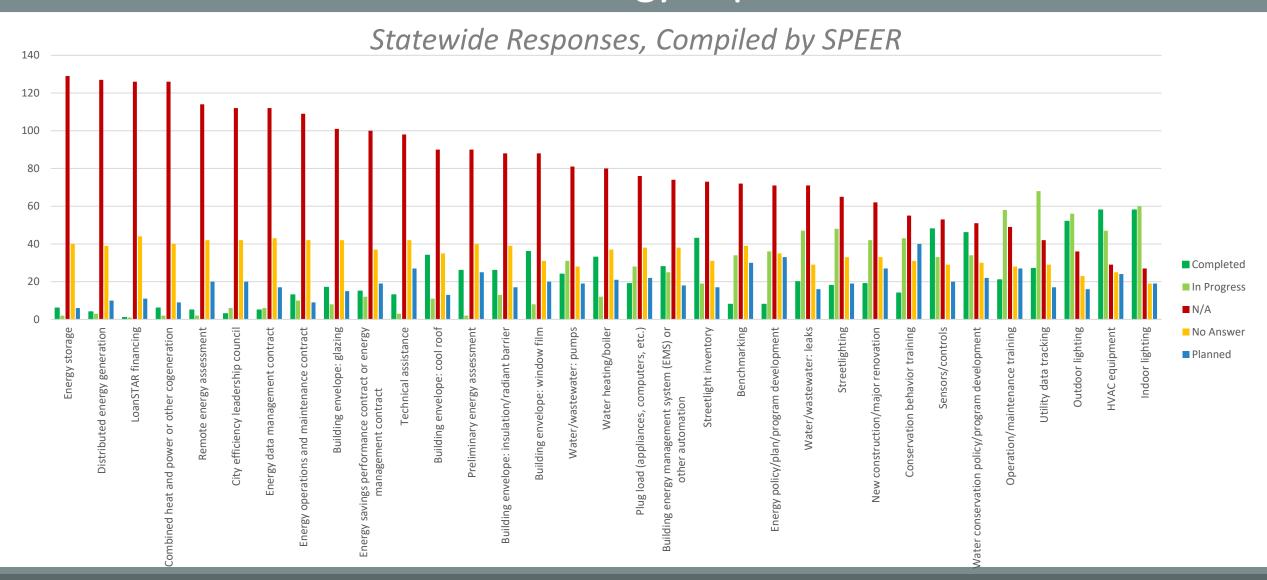
SECO LoanSTAR – Loan Program for Public Entities

https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/seco/funding/101819/

Property Assessed Clean Energy – Financing Mechanism for Private Entities

http://texaspaceauthority.org/

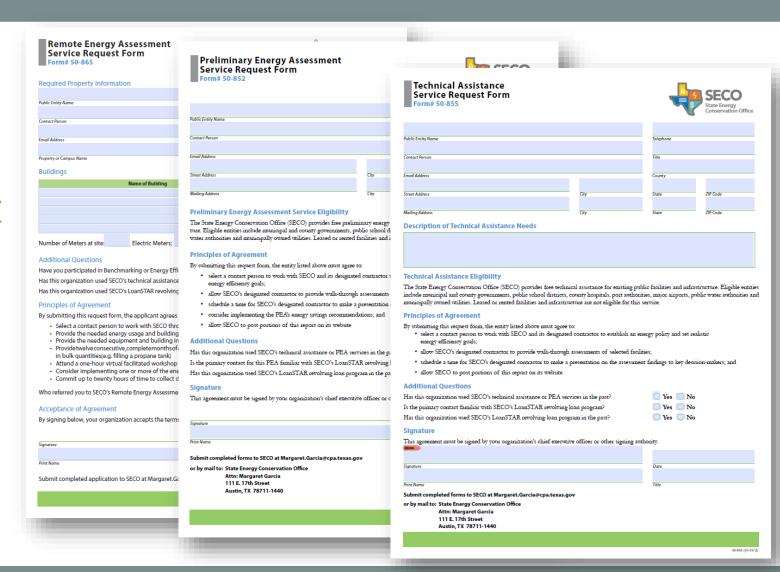
# Status of Potential Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy Measures from 2019 Local Government Energy Reports



### FREE Resources Available from State Energy Conservation Office

Remote Energy Assessments
Preliminary Energy Assessments
Technical Assistance

https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/seco/programs/local/



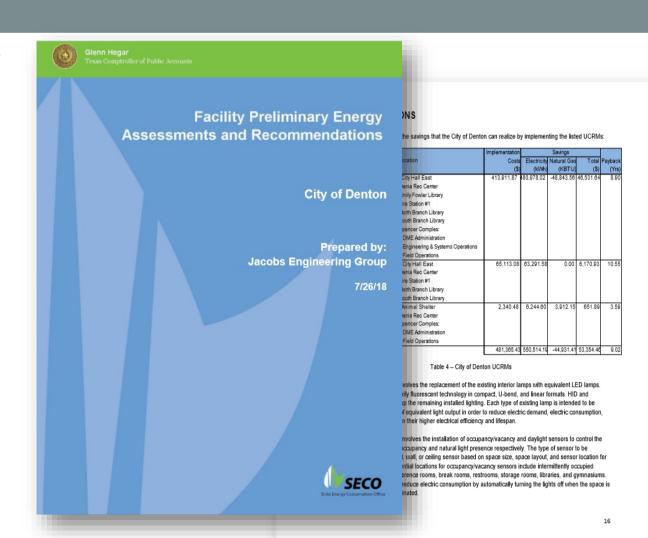
## Example of Preliminary Energy Assessment Findings

www.conservenorthtexas.org, search "PEAs"

#### **Recommendations:**

- Interior Lighting Retrofit
- Interior Lighting Controls
- HVAC Night Setback

All Include Cost Estimates, Projected Energy Savings, and Years to Payback



# Today's Speakers



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### **SMART REGION CONSORTIUM**

AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD THROUGH COLLABORATION AND CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

July 2020

### Overview



#### Introduction



Opportunity Overview: Smart Cities & Regions



NTXIA Structure, Value Drivers & Target Outcomes



Procurement Vision & Best Practices



Questions



# Introduction

# From Dallas to North Texas



Building on
Demonstrated Success,
Expertise, and
Collaboration





Regional focus. Global thinking.

## Our Mission

To create the most connected, smart, and resilient region in the country.





















(AS OF MAY 27TH)



















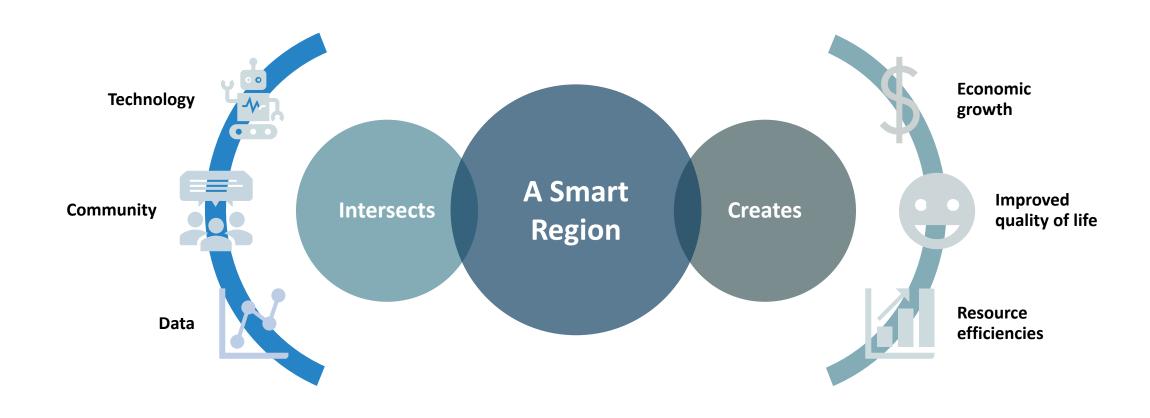












# **Envisioning Smart Cities & Smart Regions**

### OUR BACKGROUND

### **Structure**

- Independent
- Nonprofit [501(c)3]
- Public-private partnership (P3)

### Vision

 To support a resilient and equitable future by finding innovative solutions that improve quality of life, inclusive economic growth and resource efficiency.



# Opportunity Overview: Smart Cities & Smart Regions





Blurring Geographic Boundaries



Aging Infrastructure and Depleted Natural Resources



Extreme Weather Events & Health Crises



Workforce Pipeline and Upskilling



**Population Inflow** 



Technology
Implementation &
Challenges

## CONSORTIUM STRUCTURE



# BENEFITS OF ENGAGEMENT

P3 model expedites execution of pilot programs and data-driven learnings on emerging technologies and infrastructure solutions.

Active voice in establishment of regional standards and best practices on topics including data sharing, standards, policy priorities, citizen engagement

Access to central portal and repository of regional initiatives, learnings and resources.

Opportunity to leverage NTXIA negotiated partner licenses, SME resources, etc.



# NTXIA Value Drivers & Target Outcomes

# Year One Priorities & Outcomes



Membership, Governance, Funding



Actionable Inventory of Projects and Entities



Co-create Strategic Priorities and Action Plan



Workshops & Education Sessions



PR Strategy & Elevated National Awareness

KEY
STAKEHOLDER
GROUPS



### VALUE PROVIDED

#### To Residents

- Increased value per tax dollar spent
- Improved UX across service jurisdictions
- Increased access to modern services and solutions

#### To Cities

- Cost and operational efficiencies through economies of scale, common metrics
- Organic opportunities for cross-jurisdictional innovation
- Honest, unbiased evaluation of tested solutions
- Protected space for open feedback and discussion of needs, lessons learned
- Need-driven education and skills-capacity support

### VALUE PROVIDED

#### To Industry

- Region-wide solution & service guidelines
- Fewer meetings and upfront insight on solution/use case priorities
- Reduced approval and procurement delays
- Regional lens for partnerships and corporate social responsibility

#### To North Texas Region

- Dedicated shepherd for federal funding that benefits regional submissions
- Filled gap in regional innovation leadership through position as a neutral convener
- Expertise in evaluating new solutions through lens of existing solution landscape
- Provide needed workshops and education to inform and empower consortium members



# Procurement Vision & Best Practices

# Regional Procurement Vision



**Utilize speed-to-market structure** of NTXIA to stress-test solutions and start small (literally and figuratively) to leverage up



**Ease and lesson time burden** on locating existing contracts - both through expanded repository and internal training



Fully leverage available legacy tools, funding schedules and sources.



**Explore evolving P3 opportunities**, particularly as they relate to a portfolio approach in deployment

# Regional Procurement Vision



Streamline and expedite MOUs/LOAs between public entities to move collective projects/RFPs forward in more cost and time efficient manner. Read: Lock up the lawyers.



**Co-create regional RFPs** for interoperability/ standardization and purchase power



Replicate and/or expand the regional cooperative concept



**Explore evolving P3 opportunities**, particularly as they relate to a portfolio approach in deployment



A cluster of small cities streamlined the LOA and contracting process to undertake full infrastructure assessment and feasibility planning. This will set the stage for collaborative purchasing expediencies in execution. Larger cities have sought to replicate this structure.

# Peer Illustrations



**Translate collaborative purchasing successes** primarily held within transportation agencies toward the energy space. [Sacramento, Grand Rapids]



Watch, wait and expand on outcomes of California's <a href="RFI2">RFI2</a>: What makes RFI2 unique is that the state outlines a problem to be solved rather than deciding on a solution and asking vendors for bids. Collaborative P3 teams including startups, universities and nonprofits were highly encouraged. The first two contracts were awarded just 8 months after its launch, and any approved proposal can be bought directly by cities across the state.

### FURTHER DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

PLEASE CONTACT

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# Polling Questions





# Statewide Procurement Serving Texas Governments

<u>Gerard MacCrossan</u> — Data Management, Analytics & Technology <u>Daniel Kinsey</u> — Term Contract Development

North Texas Council of Governments — July 16, 2020









### **Statewide Procurement Division**

- Central authority for state procurement
- Establishes contracts for non-IT commodities and services
- 600-700 active contracts
  - Texas SmartBuy (Term)
  - TXMAS (Texas Multiple Award Schedules)
  - Managed Contracts mostly services
  - State Use Program (WorkQuest & TCI)



# **Texas SmartBuy Membership**

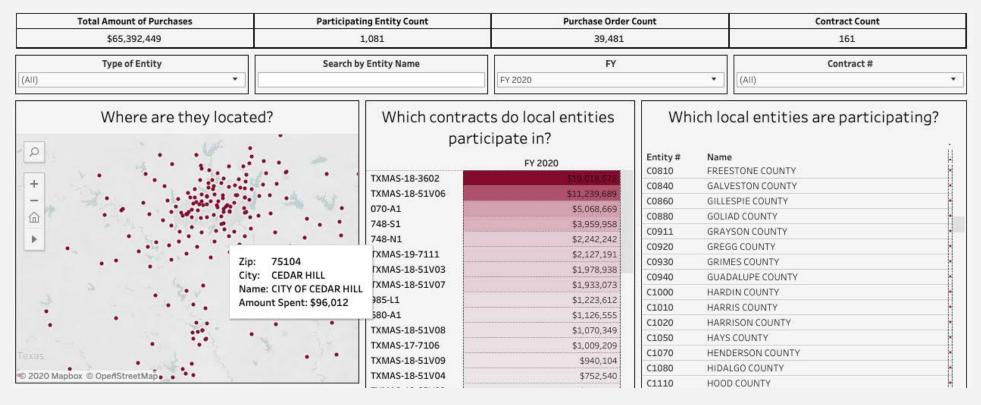
- Cooperative Program created in 1987 for local governments
- For \$100 annually, local governments can become Texas SmartBuy <u>Members</u>
- Leveraging statewide contracts streamlines the procurement process
- FY20: 1,100 Members using SPD contracts
  - \$65.3 Million across 161 contracts

# **Texas SmartBuy Member Benefits**

- State Level Best Value
- TXMAS contract discount opportunities
- No fee per purchase order for buyers
- No spend threshold to receive best value
- Save on fuel with quarterly rebates
- Save on travel expenses: rental car, hotel, air

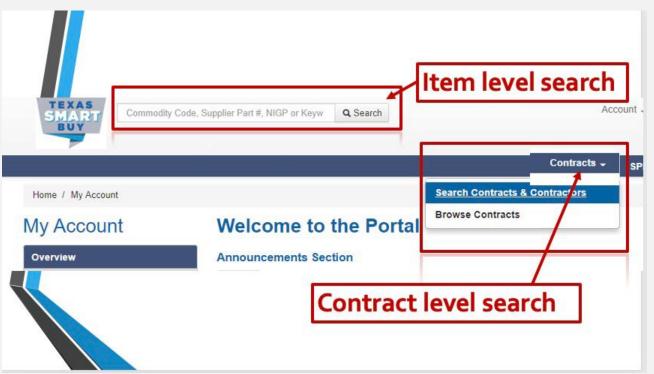


# **Texas SmartBuy Member Spending**



Top 3 contracts by spend: Records management, MRO and fleet

# Navigating txsmartbuy.com



- Search catalog
- Search or Browse
   Contracts
- Contact vendors or SPD's <u>contract</u> <u>managers</u> with contract questions
- Contact <u>SPD support</u>
   for help navigating
   <u>Texas SmartBuy</u>.

### **Example TXMAS Contracts of Interest**

 TXMAS base contracts bid by another entity — GSA or a cooperative such as NASPO ValuePoint, and a Texas contract awarded with Texas terms and conditions.

Indoor and Outdoor Lighting
 Fixtures - TXMAS-19-5603

<u>Facilities Maintenance &</u>
 <u>Management – TXMAS 17-03FAC06</u>

• <u>Electric vehicles – TXMAS-17-7802</u>



### **Term Contracts of Interest**

- Term or Managed contracts have been competitively solicited by SPD
  - <u>Utility Invoice Processing 958-M2</u>
  - Fleet Trucks and Automobiles 070-A1



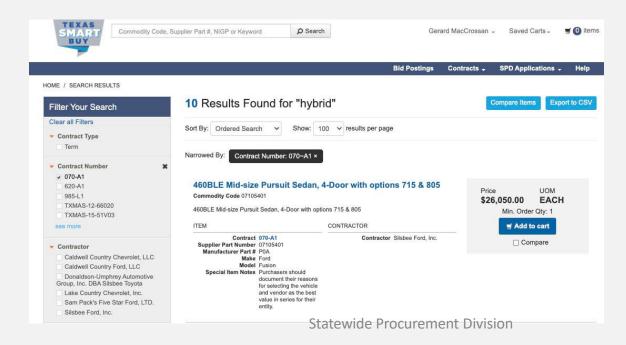
- 2,344 separate entities used the Fleet contract during FY17 – FY19
- Includes almost every
   State agency and many
   Co-ops



# **Purchasing Fleet**

- People Movers
  - Cars
  - SUVs
  - Vans

- Trucks
  - Light, Medium, Heavy Duty
  - Cab and Chassis
  - Cut-away



- Search for desired contract vehicles and options
- See locked-in pricing



### **Future of fleet**

- SPD moving from two-year fleet awards to one-year
- Multiple brands and models awarded to provide best value choice for customers





- Dynamic and constantly changing market
  - New safety features
  - Greater efficiency
    - full-size hybrid
    - o all-electric pickups



# **Other Purchasing Options**

IT Commodities and Services contracts



- Texas Department of Information Resources
- Texas is a member of the <u>NASPO ValuePoint</u> purchasing cooperative
  - Contracts are competitively bid by a lead state
  - States can sign statewide participating agreements or authorize Texas SmartBuy Members to participate







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#### **SPD Resources:**

- Statewide Procurement Division: <u>Comptroller.Texas.Gov/Purchasing</u>
- Texas SmartBuy: <u>TxSmartBuy.com</u>
- Office of Vehicle and Fleet Management <u>State of the Fleet Annual Report</u>.

### Intro to SHARE Program/NCTCOG

SHARE is a Cooperative Purchasing Program of the North Central Texas Council of Governments located in Arlington Texas.

The SHARE Program is the direct outcome of local governments in the 16-county region partnering to identify specialized needs and develops solutions through collaboration and cooperative purchasing.

The benefits of this collaboration were recognized beyond the NCTCOG region, and are now SHARED to all public and not-for-profit agencies!









### How to Participate in the SHARE Program

#### Who can join?

• Any public or non-profit organization in the United States.

#### Why Join?

• This is **NO-COST** service with access to some of the **BEST IN CLASS** contracts! SHARE is a Public Cooperative staffed with public purchasing agents. Our specialty is to help Public Agencies stand up cooperative programs that presently do not exist or are insufficient. Do you need a cooperative contract option? We can help you get one!

#### How to Join?

- Just download and execute our Interlocal Agreement located on the SHARE website and email it to us.
- This process usually only takes 2-3 business days from the time we receive the executed contract by organization.

#### Want to Know if You're Already a Participating SHARE Organization?

• Visit our Participating Organizations webpage and see if you're able to take advantage of our offerings immediately!









### SHARE's Energy Conscious Solutions

- SHARE/NCTCOG promotes the implementation of green or sustainable infrastructure in the region to help reduce carbon emissions, urban heat islands, and stormwater runoff. Types of green project initiatives include LED and solar lighting, and the creation of our Regional Solution Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Infrastructure.
- Further, the following energy efficient or energy neutral options are also available today:
  - Electric Vehicles
  - Electronic Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE)
  - Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Vehicles and Equipment
  - Propane Auto Gas (LPG) Vehicles and Equipment
- SHARE is proud to offer these Associated Contracts and other solutions by way of our partnership with Sourcewell.







### How SHARE Can Help Your Organization Find A Solution that Works for You

- SHARE strives to create and host unique contract solutions not presently available on cooperative programs. Each contract is the product of a need from the public sector, and we SHARE them for the benefit of public and nonprofit agencies. This is What Sets Us Apart from a public needs standpoint. SHARE has provided custom services to numerous cities and agencies within the Metroplex such as:
  - The City of Dallas
  - The City of Fort Worth
  - City of University Park
  - Workforce Solutions of North Central Texas
- Our dedicated purchasing staff are knowledgeable and can assist with finding a solution that will work for you. If there isn't a solution, we can create one for you. We are your public sector procurement resource!
- Gone are the days of searching multiple Cooperatives looking for a solution that is only 'good enough'.
- Let SHARE be your one-stop-shop for all your procurement needs!











### How to Contact Us

Is public procurement getting you down? Are you wasting precious time and resources trying to procure goods and/or services in compliance with local and federal regulations? Are you a buyer or purchasing professional? If so, help is only a click or call away!

Let SHARE's knowledgeable purchasing staff help you with our hands-on approach to solving all your procurement needs. We're available Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm CST.

Email us at northtexasshare@nctcog.org

Call us at 817-704-5696

Visit our website at northtexasshare.org

Follow us on LinkedIn https://www.linkedin.com/company/sharecooperative









### **Questions or Comments**

# WE at SHARE/NCTCOG THANK YOU!!!









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### For More Information

Presentations, webinars, and training opportunities posted at www.conservenorthtexas.org

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