

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting

January 19, 2012

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

- WHEREAS, Effective March 6, 1986, Ohio's Cooperative Purchasing Act provides the opportunity for public libraries to participate in contracts distributed by the state of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, Office of Cooperative Purchasing for the purchase of supplies, services, equipment and certain materials; and
- WHEREAS, The Cleveland Public Library is required under Revised Code Section 3375.41 to competitively bid improvements to the Library the cost of which exceeds \$25,000, and in some cases, purchases of equipment and other materials are considered improvements which must be competitively bid; and
- WHEREAS, Purchases made through the state of Ohio's Cooperative Purchasing program are exempt from competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Revised Code Section 125.04(C), and prices of supplies, services, and equipment are often available at volume discounts; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library hereby requests authority in the name of the Cleveland Public Library to participate in state contracts which the Department of Administrative Services, Office of State Purchasing has entered into and the Office of Cooperative Purchasing has distributed for the purchase of supplies, services, equipment and certain other materials pursuant to Revised Code Section 125.04; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Library's Director or his designee is authorized on behalf of the Cleveland Public Library to execute such documents as may be necessary to participate in the State Purchasing Program, and to be bound by all contract terms and conditions as the Department of Administrative Services, Office of Cooperative Purchasing prescribes. Such terms and conditions may include a reasonable annual membership fee which is currently \$100.00 per year, to cover the administrative costs which the Department of Administrative Services incurs as a result of the Cleveland Public Library's participation in the contract. Further, that the Library Director does hereby agree to be bound by all such terms and conditions and to not cause or assist in any way the misuse of such contracts or make contract disclosures to non-members of the Coop for the purpose of avoiding the requirements established by ORC 125.04; be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Director or his designee is hereby authorized to agree in the name of the Cleveland Public Library to directly pay the vendor, under each such state contract in which it participates for items it receives pursuant to the contract, and the Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to directly pay the vendor; be it further
- RESOLVED, Provided this Resolution receives a unanimous affirmative vote of all Trustees present, the Board of Trustees hereby suspends the provision contained in Article IX of the Board's By-Laws requiring that this Resolution be referred to the Committee on Finance, in order that the Cleveland Public Library may receive the benefits of membership in the State's Cooperative Purchasing Program as soon as possible.