

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

Pursuant to the provisions under RCW 39.34, The City of Richland, hereinafter called "The City" and the following political subdivisions of the State of Washington, hereinafter called "Benton County PUD and "Franklin County PUD", hereby agree to cooperative purchasing upon the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The three parties, in negotiating, and/or advertising for public bid, for the purchase of goods and services, agree to extend the privileges of said negotiations or public bidding to the other parties to the extent permitted by law, and agreed upon by the parties hereto, and the vendors.
- 2. Each party accepts responsibility for compliance with all bid laws and any additional or varying laws and regulations governing its purchases. Purchases by either party against the bid awards of the other shall be affected by a purchase order directed to the vendor who contracted to furnish goods or services through the bid process.
- 3. The contracting agency accepts no responsibility for the performance of any purchasing contract by the Vendor, and accepts no responsibility for payment of any purchases by the other party.
- 4. Either party may contract independently for the purchase of any goods and services, with or without notice to the other party.
- 5. This agreement is for goods and services necessary for the operation of the three parties.
- 6. This agreement shall remain in force until canceled by either party, which cancellation may be effected with or without notice to the other party.
- 7. This agreement covers all Benton County PUD, Franklin County PUD and City of Richland contracts, provided, that each party reserves the right to exclude the other from any particular purchasing contract with or without notice.

**CITY OF RICHLAND
RICHLAND, WASHINGTON**

Michael R. Mitchell
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Contracts Contracts Officer

2-18-98
Date

**BENTON COUNTY PUD
KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON**

James Sand
Name / Title

2/11/98
Date

**FRANKLIN COUNTY PUD
PASCO, WASHINGTON**

Gene [Signature] / Manager
Name / Title

2/24/98
Date