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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION THAT ALLOWS JOINT PROCUREMENT WITH
OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

Increased flexibility will save taxpayer dollars.

The City Council today unanimously approved an intergovernmental agreement that increases the City's chief procurement officer's ability to work with other governmental entities on purchasing agreements.

"We must always be sure to get the best deal for the taxpayers," said Chief Procurement Officer Jamie Rhee. "This agreement allows us to work with other governments to save money and time while ensuring that the City is meeting its procurement needs in the most efficient manner."

Chicago can work with other governments in two fashions, according to the new ordinance:

- It can enter into multi-party purchasing agreements.
- It can order through contracts previously awarded by other government entities.

In each of the above cases, all existing Chicago regulations surrounding minority- and women-owned business enterprise participation will be honored.

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