

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

January 4, 2011

SUBJECT:

Approval to Join the Strategic-Alliance-Volume-Expenditures Cooperative Purchasing Group

SUMMARY:

The Maricopa Association of Governments is requesting a recommendation of approval to join the Strategic-Alliance-Volume-Expenditures (S.A.V.E.) cooperative purchasing group in order to take advantage of any opportunities for cost savings on purchases and sharing of information on purchases.

S.A.V.E. is an Arizona association that provides for the coordination of joint bid and piggybacking opportunities for its membership for commonly purchased items. S.A.V.E. membership also provides a forum for sharing information, networking and the development and attainment of purchasing goals. Regular membership can be in the name of the state, county, city, town, school, special district group, or political subdivision as prescribed by the by-laws of the S.A.V.E. organization. A provision is also included in the by-laws for associate membership and MAG would be considered eligible for participation in S.A.V.E. as an associate member. Associate members do not possess any rights in relation to voting and could only attend S.A.V.E. meetings by invitation of the Board of Directors.

Currently there are no annual dues for membership in S.A.V.E. and in order to join, the by-laws of S.A.V.E. require only the approval of the applicant's governing body. Upon approval, the signature page of the S.A.V.E. agreement between MAG and S.A.V.E. must be filed with the Secretary of State.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public comments have been received.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: Membership in the S.A.V.E. cooperative purchasing group will provide additional opportunities for MAG to achieve cost savings in making common purchases and will provide a forum for additional information when making common purchases for MAG.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: None.

POLICY: None.

ACTION NEEDED:

Recommend approval for MAG to join the Strategic-Alliance-Volume-Expenditures (S.A.V.E.) cooperative purchasing group.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

None.

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