



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

00-553

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

To approve amending Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code regarding contracts exempt from bidding.

NOVEMBER 20, 2000

FISCAL IMPACT -

SUBJECT:

Anticipated additional savings on purchases for City departments.

AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 2 OF
MUNICIPAL CODE

RECOMMENDATION -

TYPE:

Approval.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

BACKGROUND -

SUBMITTED BY:

This ordinance change will allow the Purchasing Division of the City's Finance Department to take advantage of special pricing for commodities from contracts that have been competitively bid by non-profit organizations.

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AGENT

Such non-profit organizations might include the Western States Contract Alliance (WSCA) which is made up of 16 western states, whose goal is to obtain large volume buying power in order to gain the most aggressive pricing available for states and local governments.

Commodities are generally available from local Des Moines businesses at the contracted prices. Use of these contracts would be at the Purchasing Division's discretion and used if determined to be in the City's best interests.



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