

# Business Item

Management Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: May 27, 2026

## Business Item: 2026-99

Joint Powers Agreement with Omnia Partners, Contract 26I038

<b>District(s), member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/legal reference:</b>	FM 14-1 Procurement Policy; Minn. Stat. § 471.59
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### Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Joint Powers Agreement with Omnia Partners, contract 26I038, to allow the Council to utilize their contracts for cooperative purchasing of goods and services.

### Background

This agreement with Omnia Partners will provide the Council access to group purchasing publicly awarded cooperative contracts with leading national suppliers, giving volume savings and a streamlined procurement process for a variety of products and services that will create value driven contracts, spend visibility and analytics, and ensure total contract lifecycle management. Minnesota Statutes section 471.59 authorizes two or more governmental units to enter into agreements through which they jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties.

### Rationale

The execution of a Joint Powers Agreement requires Council approval.

### Thrive lens analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this action advances the outcome of Stewardship and Accountability by utilizing contracts that have been solicited on behalf of the Council as an eligible entity to a cooperative purchasing venture. This initiative satisfies the statutory requirement to competitively solicit projects, leveraging staff time and resources to efficiently procure goods and services.

### Funding

This is a zero-cost cooperative. Funding for goods and services will be approved separately.

### Small business inclusion

This is a Joint Powers Agreement with a government entity; therefore, the Office of Civil Rights and Small Business Programs did not assign a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business goal.