



**FORNEY**  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Inspiring Students Through Innovative Education*

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Dear Prospective Vendor,

Public schools in Texas are required to follow specific guidelines when procuring goods or services. The most efficient method that we follow is by utilizing membership with purchasing cooperatives. The cooperatives to which the district current belongs are listed below:

- BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing – [www.buyboard.com](http://www.buyboard.com)
- E&I Cooperative Services – [www.eandi.org](http://www.eandi.org)
- Educational Purchasing Cooperative of North Texas (EPCNT) – [www.epcnt.com](http://www.epcnt.com)
- Harris County Dept of Education (HCDE) Choice Partners – [www.choicepartners.org](http://www.choicepartners.org)
- Region 7 Education Service Center Purchasing Cooperative – [www.esc7.net](http://www.esc7.net)
- Region 10 Education Service Center – Multi-Regional Child Nutrition Cooperative Purchasing Program – [www.region10.org/mrpc](http://www.region10.org/mrpc)
- Region III Education Service Center Purchasing Cooperative of America – [www.esc3.net/Page/50](http://www.esc3.net/Page/50) ([www.PCAmerica.org](http://www.PCAmerica.org))
- Region 19 Education Service Center Purchasing Cooperative – [www.esc19.net](http://www.esc19.net) (Allied States Cooperative – [www.alliedstatescooperative.com](http://www.alliedstatescooperative.com))
- State of Texas CO-OP Program – [www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/programs/co-op/](http://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/programs/co-op/)
- TCPN/National IPA – [www.tcpn.org](http://www.tcpn.org), [www.nationalipa.org](http://www.nationalipa.org)
- Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) – [dir.texas.gov](http://dir.texas.gov)
- The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Program – Region VIII – [www.tips-usa.com](http://www.tips-usa.com)
- US Communities – [www.uscommunities.org](http://www.uscommunities.org)

When a vendor has been awarded a contract from one of the above groups, then we may utilize that vendor for purchasing. If a prospective vendor has not been awarded a contract with one of the above groups, we may not utilize that vendor for purchasing unless awarded a bid through a Forney ISD competitive bid process. Certain sole source vendors are exempt from these requirements; however, there are very stringent requirements for consideration as a sole source vendor.

We encourage you to contact one or more of the above groups for a list of pending bids. In the event that you have received an award through a different public purchasing group or cooperative, then please advise us in writing of the name and location of the group for our consideration.

Thank you for your interest in the Forney schools.

Sincerely,



John Chase  
Chief Financial Officer