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RE: TIPS Awarded Contract - Classroom & Teaching Aids
TIPS Contract Number - 2111915

CONTRACT AWARD

Congratulations! The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Board of Directors of Region VIII Education Service Center has awarded a contract for Classroom & Teaching Aids under Contract Number 2111915 to Acorn Naturalists. This contract will be in effect from 11/19/2015 through 11/24/2018. With the option for automatic annual renewal at each 12 month review for the next two consecutive years if both parties agree and vendor has reported TIPS sales. Total term of contract may be up to 36 months.

CONTRACT ADDENDUMS

Only items submitted on the original proposal can be sold through this contract. If you need to change pricing or add products this can be done through an Addendum to your Awarded Contract. You can only add items that are in the same category. Email the request to add products or change pricing to kim.thompson@tips-usa.com.

REPORTING OF SALES TO TIPS

Instructions are enclosed in this New Vendor Packet for reporting options for TIPS Sales and remitting the up to 2% Administration Fee (see Contract for percentage). If no sales were paid to you by TIPS Members during the month, then no report is due. **IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT TIPS BE PROVIDED THE SALES INFORMATION WITH THE SUBMISSION CHECK THAT IDENTIFIES THE MEMBER NAME, STATE, SALE AMOUNT, AND the 2% AMOUNT.**

PROCESSING PURCHASE ORDERS

Awarded Vendor MUST direct TIPS members to email all PO's to TIPSPO@tips-usa.com. TIPS office will validate purchase orders and forward to you as the Awarded Vendor for processing. Member will receive an email confirmation of the PO approval and a link to print a letter of authorization for their files. If you have been notified by TIPS, you may be eligible for an "Automated Contract" which means that you have an e-commerce site and take internet orders. Automated vendors must sign extra documentation accepting responsibility for sending sales to TIPS for all collected TIPS Sales.

DOING BUSINESS IN WEST VIRGINIA

If your company can serve members in West Virginia, you must review, agree, sign and forward by US Mail the enclosed **RESA-8 TERMS AND CONDITIONS** document in the addressed envelope. If you do not sign and mail this document, then your company will not be afforded the opportunity to sell products or services to any of the West Virginia Members through the

TIPS Vendor Awarded Contracts. Do not return this form to the TIPS, **Form must be mailed** to **RESA-8 Office in West Virginia at 109 South College Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401.** You must have this document signed by RESA 8 prior to selling products through TIPS to WV members. If your company will not be doing business in West Virginia, disregard this section.

VENDOR WEB PAGE REVIEW

Go to www.tips-usa.com Hover over “Contracts” and click on “All Contracts”. Find your company in the list and click on your company name. Take a moment to review the information posted for your company. Notify the TIPS office at 866-839-8477 of changes. If you would like to have your company logo displayed on your vendor page, you may email it to TIPS at tips@tips-usa.com and we will be glad to add it to your vendor page. Format: (JPG – 350 x 350 Pixels – White or Transparent Background Color – Your logo does not have to be square; it has to fit on a 350 x 350 square space)

SETTING UP VENDOR LOGIN AND PASSWORD FOR TIPS

Individual Awarded Vendors must set up their own TIPS Login and Password. (Primary Contact Only) Here are the instructions:

1. Go to www.tips-usa.com
2. Hover over “Vendors” and click on “Vendor Login”.
3. Click on “Reset Password” link.
4. Enter your email address, verify email address and click on “Send”.
5. An automated email will be sent to the user. Click on the link in the email to complete the login setup.

Not all information can be changed by the vendor. If you are not able to update some information, notify the TIPS Office at tips@tips-usa.com and request a vendor contract change. Some changes may require Board Action through an Addendum to the Vendors Contract. (i.e. name change, product changes, pricing, etc...)

You can also set up additional account users for your company. These users will not have the ability to make changes to the vendor profile. But they will be able to access TIPS Membership Information which will assist them in identifying new members for sales transactions.

To SET-UP ADDITIONAL USERS:

Hover over “My Account” and click on “Authorized Users – Click on Add Users. Fill in the required fields of information then click ADD. Users can be given FULL or VIEWER permissions. Full permission gives the user the same access as the Primary Contact. The person responsible for paying the TIPS 2% Admin Fee needs FULL permissions. *NOTE: the only person who can set up additional users is the Primary Contact for the Vendor Contract.*

SIGNING UP NEW TIPS MEMBERS

Awarded Vendors assist TIPS by signing up new TIPS members. New members bring additional sales for all TIPS Awarded Vendors. Click on Members. For all states (except- Texas and Arizona) entities may sign up for membership ONLINE. Texas and Arizona entities are required by their respective state’s to complete the Interlocal Agreement document by clicking on the state within the US Map provided. Membership Forms (Interlocal Agreement and Board Resolution) are provided. Fill out the document and send to TIPS for processing.

CERTIFICATE OF AWARDED CONTRACT



Awards
Acorn Naturalists
an Awarded Vendor Contract
For
Classroom & Teaching Aids
Contract #2111915

Contract Effective Dates

Year One – 11/19/2015 – 11/22/2016

Year Two -11/22/2016 – 11/22/2017

Year Three -11/22/2017 –11/22/2018

***Contract will automatically renew on the contract date if both parties agree and vendor has reported TIPS Sales during the previous 12 months.**

Dr. David Fitts
Executive Director
Region VIII ESC



Visit www.tips-usa.com for details on this Awarded Vendor