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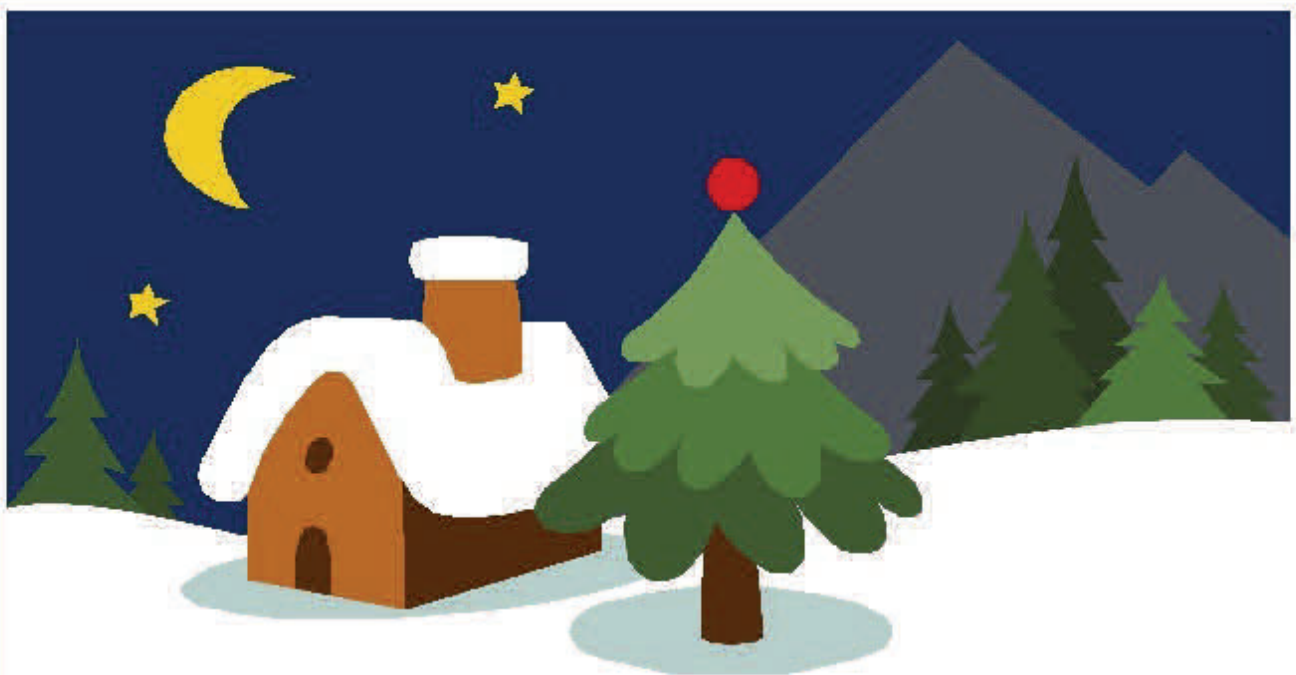
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THE TIPS/TAPS UPDATE

A Cooperative Purchasing Newsletter for TIPS/TAPS Members



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Seasons Greetings

FROM THE TIPS/TAPS OFFICE



October 2011 Newly Awarded Vendors

Internet Services

- ◆ CMC Network Solutions
- ◆ Foundation Telecommunications Inc
 - ◆ People's Telephone Inc.
- ◆ Genesis Business Communication System

Online Registration/Enrollment

- ◆ School Office Pro
- ◆ SRS Solutions Inc.
 - ◆ EST Group
 - ◆ Info Snap



CURRENT RFPs (REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL)

- Open Requests for Proposals

RFP-Audio/ Visual Equipment and Supplies Due December 15, 2011

RFP-Books, Library Books and Literature Due December 15, 2011

RFP-Uniforms (band, choir, sports, employee) Purchase, Rent and Cleaning Due December 15, 2011



Recently awarded
TIPS/TAPS primary vendor of the

ONLINE STUDENT REGISTRATION SYSTEM

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LEGAL TIPS



WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

When is Worker's Compensation Insurance required in Texas?

Generally, yes. When a school district enters into a building or construction contract, it has an obligation to require workers compensation insurance coverage. TEXAS LABOR CODE § 406.096. An exception may apply to sole proprietors, or partners or corporate officers if the sole proprietor, partner or corporate officer is explicitly excluded from the coverage of their business entity through an endorsement to the insurance policy covering the business or by a certificate of authority to self insure. TEXAS LABOR CODE § 406.097. Board Policy CV has been adopted by most school districts throughout Texas. This instrument essentially sets forth the worker's compensation insurance requirements for contractors or others involved in the construction of school facilities as mandated by Texas Labor Code § 406.096. See also 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 110.110. Board Policy CV requires that school districts use the language set out in this policy for bid specifications and contracts for building or construction, without any additional words or changes, except those required to accommodate the specific document in which they are contained or to impose stricter standards of documentation.

LEGAL TIP—In order to assure compliance, include the language of Board Policy CV (EXHIBIT) verbatim within contracts between a school district and a contractor.



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Feb 8-10, 2012	TCEA Austin, TX
Feb 28-29, 2012	TASBO Houston, TX

Meet TIPS/TAPS Secretary, Staci Jones, who has worked with TIPS/TAPS since June 2009. Staci coordinates all of the Trade Shows that our consultants attend, posts all sales from vendor submissions, as well as general office duties. Staci is one of the voices you hear when you call TIPS/TAPS. If Staci can help you in any way, please call her at 903-575-2689 or by email at sjones@reg8.net.

