

# **ABOUT TIPS**

About Us

### **Purchasing Cooperative**

TIPS is a national purchasing cooperative offering competitively solicited contracts to education government and nonprofit agencies, saving them both time and money. TIPS provides a proven, streamlined process that eliminates the purchasing stress for Members.



#### www.tips-usa.com

866-839-8477

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#### "Purchasing Made Personal"

## **TIPS MEMBERS**

are able to save time and money without the delay and expense because TIPS completes the competitive bid process for you



TIPS is the purchasing cooperative of Region 8 Education Service Center, the Lead Public Agency.



TIPS has the legislative authority to establish contracts for government and education agencies nationwide.



Membership is **FREE** with no purchasing obligation or liabilty. Members gain immediate access to our competitively procured contracts with quality vendors.



### **BENEFITS**

#### **Full-Line Contract Solutions**

 Choose the products & services desired

#### Leveraging Relationships

- Select the Vendor desired to purchase from & work with
- TIPS is always available to assist in the process & confirm pricing

#### **Quality Pricing**

- Avoid low-bids and low-guality awards.
- Receive national volume. ceiling-based, discounted pricing
- Submit your own RFQ and specs through our Member Portal in one easy step

#### WHO CAN JOIN

The benefits of using TIPS are available to Education, Government and Non-Profit Agencies



#### About Us

Business Essentials is the largest 100%, locally owned office supplier in North Texas and has been providing our customers with business solutions for over 100 years. Offices in DFW, Texarkana, and Longview give BE the ability to service a large market with next day service, provided by our own delivery trucks and drivers. With our 31 distribution centers across the United States, Business Essentials can also service you nationally with the same local service our customers have come to expect from us. Our HUB certification and Edgar compliance with the State of Texas allows us to be a great partner for your purchasing needs!

At Business Essentials, we pride ourselves in not only servicing our customers but becoming your partner by providing real value and smart solutions to your everyday needs. Business Essentials thanks you for considering us to be your single-source provider and invites you to join us...

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Awarded Contracts	
CONTRACT #	CONTRACT NAME
200301	Furniture, Furnishings and Services
200106	Janitorial and Sanitation Supplies and Services
210401	Office and School Supplies Products and Services

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#### **EDGAR Compliant**

The Education Department of General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) are the federal regulations that govern all federal grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Education on or after December 26, 2014 to local districts (LEAs) and charters including State-administered programs.

We are self-reporting, and all POs/orders come directly to us to make it easier for customers to use!

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## REWARDS QUALIFICATIONS



TIPS Rewards Dollars are awarded based on all purchases processed through TIPS. A purchase is considered completed once TIPS has received full payment from the Vendor.

TIPS Rewards Dollars are based on Vendor payments received during the TIPS fiscal year (September 1st -August 31st). Purchase Orders should be sent to TIPS within 30 days of issue date/PO date.\*

Texas Members Only

#### **Best Practice To Ensure Maximum Rewards**



Send Purchase Order and Quote to TIPS for processing. *Be sure to include the TIPS contract #*. You may also reference <u>How To Make A Purchase</u> for detailed instructions.



If you elect to send a Purchase Order directly to a vendor, send a "confirmation only" copy to TIPS at tipspo@tips-usa.com

\*Purchase orders received more than 30 days after the issued date/PO date may be ineligible for the TIPS Rewards Program. TIPS reserves the right to exclude purchases not received in a timely manner. You will be notified if your PO is ineligible.