

WHAT IS TIPS?

TIPS (The Interlocal Purchasing System) is a leading, national purchasing cooperative benefiting **Education, Government and Non-Profit Agencies**. Established with over a decade of experience in the purchasing procurement industry, we make purchasing for our Members **EASY, COMPLIANT and ECONOMICAL**.

Our competitively bid contracts streamline the purchasing process and save our Members both **TIME and MONEY**. We offer opportunities for greater efficiency in pricing and delivery of goods and services by contracting with **high performance vendors**.

HOW TIPS GOT STARTED

TIPS originated in 2002 by the Lead Agency, Region 8 Education Service Center in Mount Pleasant, Texas, with 48 school districts as charter members.

In 2003, Dawson Education Cooperative in Arkadelphia, AR partnered with TIPS to create the Texas-Arkansas Purchasing System (TAPS).

In the years following, other partnering state organizations have joined TIPS which further advanced the purchasing opportunities for entities in the respective states.

Today TIPS is a premier purchasing cooperative with eligible memberships in all 50 states.

WHO CAN BECOME A MEMBER?

- ✓ K-12 School Districts
- ✓ Private Schools
- ✓ Cities
- ✓ Municipalities
- ✓ State Agencies
- ✓ Counties
- ✓ Townships
- ✓ Charitable Organizations
- ✓ Churches
- ✓ Charter Schools
- ✓ Universities
- ✓ Colleges
- ✓ Emergency Service Districts
- ✓ Park Districts
- ✓ Other entities with legislated purchasing & bidding requirements

FREE Membership

- ★ No Purchasing Obligation
- ★ No Liability

1. Click on the **MEMBERSHIP** tab
2. Follow the Registration Instructions

TIPS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ★ Free Membership
- ★ Available to All 50 States
- ★ Larger Group Buying Power
- ★ Publicly Advertised & Competitively Bid Contracts
- ★ Manufacturer Contracts
- ★ Reasonable Shipping Fees (if any)
- ★ Multi-year Contracts
- ★ Easy Purchasing Process
- ★ Membership Portal
- ★ Advertisement Cost Savings
- ★ Multiple Awarded Vendors Per Category



VENDOR INFORMATION

- ★ Awarded TIPS Vendors can view their contract information and training documents located inside their own Vendor Portal on www.tips-usa.com
- ★ Upcoming bid proposals can be viewed on our Bid Schedule, located under **CONTRACTS > Bid Schedule**
- ★ Current bid proposals can be viewed and submitted on the TIPS eBid System: <https://tips.ionwave.net>

HOW TO BECOME A VENDOR

To become an Awarded Vendor through TIPS and have the ability to sell your products and services through a TIPS contract, you would need to complete a two step process.

More information about the process can be found on our website

under **VENDORS > Potential Bidder**.



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