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 🛛 🛩 Churches
- Private Schools
 Charter Schools
 - 🖌 🖌 Universities
 - 🖌 🖌 Colleges
 - Emergency Service Districts
 - Park Districts
 - Other entities with legislated purchasing & bidding requirements

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1. Click on the <u>MEMBERSHIP</u> tab

* No Liability

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State Agencies

Counties

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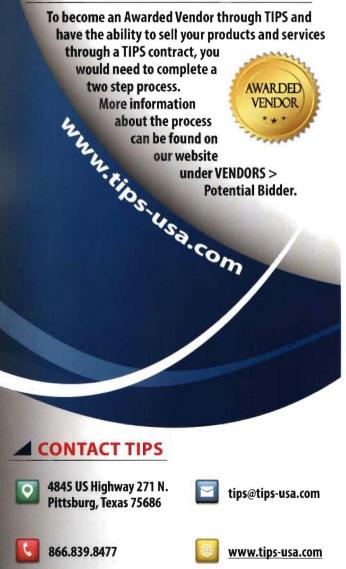
2. Follow the Registration Instructions

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: <u>https://tips.ionwave.net</u>

HOW TO BECOME A VENDOR



TIPS LOCATION

The Interlocal Purchasing System is located at Region 8 Education Service Center, our Lead Agency.



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