



ACES Update, May 2016

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ACES Anniversary

Thank you charter schools! ACES became 1 year old on July 3, 2013; the date it was approved by the NM Department of Finance and Administration. Starting a year ago, with 8 charter schools coming together through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to share resources and to purchase goods and services cooperatively, ACES now has 37 charter school members. Thanks so much to our members and our supporters for making our first year a huge success!

Ancillary Services

Looking for an affordable and competitively-priced ancillary services provider? ACES is very excited to announce a new, **Preferred Vendor**, partnership with AmAble Therapies. Through our partnership with AmAble Therapies, ACES members will receive discount pricing on related services including, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychologists, Social Workers and Diagnosticians. In addition, AmAble can provide bilingual therapy services as well.

Please contact AmAble Therapies at [505-866-9086](tel:505-866-9086) or <mailto:to:amabletherapiesnm@hotmail.com>

Online GC Training

THANKS to everyone who completed the ACES/NMCCS Online GC Training. We had over 60 participants complete the online training with a 100% pass rate. Great job!

Employment Services

ACES is now offering the New Mexico Charter Schools Employment Service. The Employment Service is a one-stop online recruiting, application, and applicant tracking service for New Mexico Charter Schools and ACES members.

Linked to the ACES Employment Webpage (www.nmaces.org/employment), Charter leaders can now quickly, easily, and effectively, post notices of vacancies and search a database of applicants interested in working in New Mexico Charter Schools.

For less than the cost of advertising in local media, a posted vacancy notice will be advertised on several national job boards, thus expanding the reach of your search to attract more highly qualified and experienced staff. Contact Bruce for more information on this service.

Online Professional Development for Staff

For those mandatory staff trainings on Sexual Harassment, Blood Borne Pathogens, and Reporting Child Abuse, please consider the online trainings available from Global Compliance Network (GCN) at special pricing through ACES. GCN offers over 100 training modules, often 30 minutes or less, that can be taken at the anytime, anywhere. Through a yearly subscription as low as \$200, any modules can be viewed as at any time, by as many employees as you may have, and Certificate of Completion can be provided by GCN. For more information, please call or email Bruce.

Facilities Maintenance

One of the many services provided by ACES is taking care of the maintenance of charter schools. **This allows charter leaders to focus on educating students.** While this initially takes care of minor repairs that need to be made, it quickly evolves into developing a preventative maintenance plan, providing a data base to track maintenance activities, and provides a single point of contact available to coordinate routine, emergency and preventive maintenance services. It can also include facility upgrades. Monthly meetings with ACES and charter school staff make certain there is a smooth coordination of efforts. All purchase orders and payments to contractors are made by ACES with monthly billings to the charter schools, reducing much of the paper work. All work meets the requirements of the procurement code. Contact Bruce or Max with additional questions or for a more personal onsite visit.

Huge Savings on Activity/Field Trips

Through a competitive bid process, ACES has awarded a contract to Herrera Coaches to provide huge discounts for ACES members on chartering buses for Activity/Field trips. **The savings for ACES members over non-ACES members are: 11% savings on standard rates for a minimum trip; 50% savings per hour at 5 hours; 25% savings per mile; and, 11% savings for the coach rental.**

The buses originate the trips from Albuquerque, Santa Fe, or Pojoaque. All a school needs to do is to call Martin (pronounced Marteen) Herrera at [505-270-1001](tel:505-270-1001) to schedule the bus. Herrera Coaches will bill the school directly. Purchasing of bus trips this way are covered by the Procurement Code. A copy of the Herrera Response is available on the ACES Website.

Preferred Vendor-Strategic Communications

ACES is pleased to announce that it has secured a **"preferred vendor"** relationship with **The Waite Company, a strategic communications, public relations, and marketing firm** located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the benefit of our member schools. The Waite Company, with its diverse team of professionals, is **now available to serve you for any of your design, marketing, advertising, fundraising, social media and strategic consulting needs.** This preferred vendor relationship has made it possible for ACES to contract for services with the number one public relations firm in New Mexico (ranked by the Albuquerque Business First for 2016) at a **rate far lower than** each school could negotiate on its own. **The Waite Company team is ready to help you grow your enrollment and communicate with your school community.** For more information about the firm, go to www.waitecompany.com. You may contact them directly for bids and proposals on specific jobs, or as always, you can contact us here at ACES for more information.