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Note from Executive Director, Christy Takacs

It was a pleasure to connect with so many vendors and school leaders at the annual PCSNM Conference last week. We were especially excited that nearly all of ACES staff were able to attend, giving us the opportunity to strengthen relationships, make new connections, and engage in meaningful conversations as we look ahead to the coming year.

We extend our sincere thanks to PCSNM for welcoming ACES and for allowing us to hold our annual JPA Board Meeting during the conference. We are truly grateful for our strong partnership and ongoing relationship with their team.

We would also like to recognize Matt Pahl as he transitions from his role as Executive Director of PCSNM. We are truly grateful for Matt and his dedication to the state of New Mexico and for his continued support of ACES throughout his tenure. His leadership and commitment to public charter schools has made a lasting impact, and we wish him all the best in his next chapter.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to ACES—we are here to support you and your work throughout the year. Happy Holidays and Happy New year!



Employment Services Program

The beginning of the calendar year can often bring staff turnover and ACES is here to help! Our Employment Services Program is designed to support schools and agencies in filling open positions efficiently and effectively. We're excited to share that we are now using a new platform through Leadline, to streamline the hiring process and connect you with qualified candidates. You can check out our Job Board [here](#). If you have upcoming vacancies or anticipate staffing needs, please reach out to Sharon Myers at jobs@nmaces.org for more information—we're ready to support you!

PROCUREMENT CORNER

As winter settles in and the days turn crisp and bright, we find ourselves in that familiar season of reflection and renewal. It's a time for slowing down just enough to appreciate what we've built, gather close to what matters, and look ahead to the possibilities waiting in the new year. In this month's procurement corner, I'll share a peek at what we're working on currently and at what we have planned upcoming in the new year. Wishing you a season filled with small joys, gentle moments, and the kind of warmth that lingers long after the holidays fade."

Roofing Services

ACES has recently secured awards for construction management services and are pleased to announce an RFP active for Roofing



Services. This contract will encompass all roofing needs, including routine maintenance, repairs, and replacements. Selected contractors will be required to be knowledgeable about and comply with PSFA requirements and Statewide Adequacy Standards, among other conditions. Specifications also require quality assurance, testing and inspections, regular progress meetings, written updates, and a focus on ensuring agency operations continue without interruption. Interest in this solicitation has been strong, and we anticipate receiving several outstanding proposals. The submission deadline is currently set for January 13, 2026.

UPCOMING SOLICITATIONS

ACES plans to kick off 2026 with a unique solicitation based on **Dual Language Program Development, Support and Educator Training**. The purpose of this solicitation is to facilitate contracting for services to assist schools with building or improving academic language and literacy programs for multilingual learners, with a focus on ensuring equity for culturally and linguistically diverse students.

Multiple re-solicitations of existing contracts are scheduled to be renewed at the start of the next fiscal year, including: School Cafeteria Food and Supplies; On-Call and Preventative Maintenance Facilities Services; Energy, Security and Life Safety Systems and Services and Special Education support Services and Case Management.

SELECTING GREAT CONTRACTORS

We are always on the lookout for one or two volunteers to help with proposal evaluations and selecting great contractors. We make the process very simple and straightforward and deeply value all members who generously volunteer their time to assist. RFP committee members turn careful review into meaningful impact — their time, insight, and integrity help shape partnerships that move our mission forward and benefit all ACES Participating Agencies. If you have the capacity and willingness to assist with a round of evaluations, we would love to hear from you!

PROCUREMENT FUNNY OF THE DAY:

I told a roof joke once... it went right over their heads.



Welcome to ACES!

ACES is pleased to welcome **Los Alamos Public Schools** as our newest participating agency. We are excited to begin this partnership and look forward to collaborating in the year ahead. Welcome to the ACES community!

A large, white, cursive-style word "Welcome" is centered on a solid black rectangular background. The text is written in a flowing, handwritten font.



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