



## ACES Update, December 2016

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### Custodial Services Now Available!

ACES recently published a Request for Proposals for Custodial Services. After carefully evaluating the proposals that were received, ACES awarded a contract to Jani-King of New Mexico. Jani-King of New Mexico has been providing custodial services to many organizations since 1999 and can provide services throughout the state.

Accommodating a large number of students, educational facilities can quickly become breeding grounds for fast-moving germs if the building is not cleaned properly. Jani-King goes above and beyond to ensure the cleanliness of your school and strives to help you keep kids in the classroom.

Jani-King's school cleaning professionals deliver:

An immaculate facility through cleaning practices that maximize efficiency

Dedicated and experienced support to handle any cleaning challenge

24-hour operations support and measured inspections

Jani-King offers more than just competitive pricing. We provide your campus with a sense of security and trust. We provide a comprehensive insurance policy and dishonesty bond, and value extensive background checks.

ACES members will receive lower pricing for custodial services. Since each building is unique, and each school's needs are different, an onsite visit will be necessary to obtain a customized quote. To arrange for a visit and to get a price quote, please contact Bruce at [bruce.h@nmaces.org](mailto:bruce.h@nmaces.org) or Max at [max.l@nmaces.org](mailto:max.l@nmaces.org).

### New Food/Cafeteria Request for Proposals (RFP)

A number of schools recently received letters from the PED's Student Nutrition Program regarding changes in the contracts for the 2017-18 school year. Dr. Max Luft, ACES Deputy Director, recently met with the Michael Chavez, Director of the Student Nutrition Program at the PED regarding the changes that will be necessary in all food service contracts.

ACES will be issuing a new Request for Proposals for food/cafeteria services this Spring that will be in compliance with the new guidelines and ensure that the required changes are met with all contracts for food/cafeteria services. Thus, all schools utilizing the new contracts through ACES can rest assured they will be in compliance with all new requirements.

We encourage any vendor that is wishing to provide food/cafeteria services to NM's charter school to contact [Max](mailto:Max) or [Bruce](mailto:Bruce) to ensure they are notified of the new RFP and have an opportunity to submit a proposal.

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### Charter School Job Fair/Online Employment Services

ACES is in the planning stage for the 2nd Annual New Mexico Charter School Job Fair. Currently, we are looking at holding the Job Fair on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 3:00 -6:00 pm. To allow schools the opportunity to host the event, Albuquerque School Excellence (13201 Lomas NE, Albuquerque 87112) will be the site of this year's Job Fair. There will not be any charge for a table for schools that are using ACES Online Charter School Employment Service. For schools not currently using the service, they can subscribe between now and March 15, 2017 and receive a free table. For schools that are ACES members, but not a subscriber to the Online service, the cost for a table will be \$100. For schools that are not ACES members, the cost for a table will be \$200. All fees for the tables will be used to advertise the event throughout the state and nationally.

For more information on the Online Charter School Employment Service or on the Job Fair, please contact [Bruce](mailto:Bruce).

It is not too early to start thinking about your staff needs for next year. Many school staff members are already contemplating retirement, relocations, or other changes in employment. To learn more about how ACES can help you advertise and recruit new staff members, and utilize national job advertising, please contact [Bruce](mailto:Bruce). Also, if you know of someone that will be looking for a job in a charter schools, please have them submit a online application that can be viewed by many schools at [www.nmaces.org/employment](http://www.nmaces.org/employment).

### Challenging Legislative Session/Contact Your Legislator/NMCCS

From all of the information we are hearing, this will be a very challenging legislative session for charters. From a push for a moratorium on charters, to cuts in charter school funding, this 60-day session will consider many bill's that stand to impact charter schools. We at ACES encourage each of you to contact your legislator and make your wished, needs, concerns know. If they don't hear from you, your legislators will think those issues don't matter. Please contact them now before the session starts on Tuesday, January 17th.

Also, we encourage every charter school to become a member of the New Mexico Coalition for Charter Schools (NMCCS). The NMCCS has a lobbyist and a lobbying campaign to advocate for charter schools in NM. For more information on the NMCCS' legislative platform and lobbying efforts, please contact [Greta Roskom](mailto:Greta) or [Kelly Callahan](mailto:Kelly) at NMCCS.

### Innovative Charter Teachers Win Awards

Congratulations to the following teachers for winning innovative teaching awards from Wells Fargo and Golden Apple:

Stephanie Daffron, Taos Municipal Charter School; Danielle Plomaritas, The ASK Academy; Mary Fox, The International School at Mesa del Sol; Christina Williams, Mountain Mahogany Community School; Gerrit VanEvery, Roots and Wings Community School; Alanna Purdy, Six Directions Indigenous School; Michael Hatcher, Academy for Technology and the Classics Charter School; and Harry Phillips, Turquoise Trail Charter School.