



ACES Update, February 2016

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Online Governing Council Training

In response to the many requests for an online training option, ACES and NMCCS are partnering to make available online training for governing council members. Beginning April 15, governing Council members who have yet to obtain their required 5 hours of training will have an online option to complete the training by the June 30th deadline. The training available will consist of 11 modules on a variety of topics of approximately 30 minutes each (including testing). A GC member will only need to complete 10 of the 11 modules to meet the 5 hour requirement. GC members who only need 1-2 hours, can subscribe for either 2 or 4 modules.

The modules are designed to provide a review for experienced GC members and an introduction to GC roles and responsibilities for newer GC members.

Registration will be available through NMCCS beginning April 15. The pricing will be as follows with members of ACES or NMCCS, or both, receiving discounts:

Members of both ACES and NMCCS

5 hours-\$400 1 hour-\$80

Members of ACES or NMCCS, but not both

5 hours-\$450 1 hour-\$90

Regular-Not a member of ACES or NMCCS

5 hours-\$500 1 hour-\$100.

For further information, please contact Bruce with ACES at bruce.h@nmaces.org or Greta Roskom with NMCCS at greta@nmccs.org or Kelly Callahan at kelly@nmccs.org.

1st Annual NM Charter School Job Fair

ACES and NMCCS are co-sponsoring the **first annual New Mexico Charter Schools Job Fair** on May 11, 2016. The event will be held from 2 pm to 6 pm at:

North Valley Academy Charter School
7939 4th Street, NW
Los Ranchos, NM 87114

Susan McConnell, Principal at North Valley Academy has graciously agreed to host this event.

ACES and NMCCS will be advertising the event through a number of national (national job sites), state (ABQ Journal, Department of Work Force Solutions, NM colleges and universities), and local sources (Craigslist and school websites) to attract as many candidates as possible that are looking for positions in charter schools in New Mexico. The Job Fair will provide schools with the opportunity to accept applications from potential employees and to do preliminary interviews. Schools can conduct more in-depth interviews at their convenience.

Tables and chairs will be provided at the event as well as refreshments for the school officials.

There is **not a cost for this event for any school that is a member of ACES or NMCCS.** This is a benefit of membership in both organizations. The cost to non-members is \$100 per school.

ACES Negotiates Special E-Rate Consultant Pricing

Because 54 charter schools did not apply for E-rate reimbursement this past year, ACES has negotiated special pricing for ACES members for E-rate Consulting. Chris Webber of CRW Consulting is offering ACES members 15% off of normal pricing for his consulting services. His prices for consulting services are far below any other pricing we have found thus far. Please contact Chris at chris@crwconsulting.com for more information. The deadline for securing his services for this e-rate season is Friday, March 11.

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Job Fair, Continued.

The deadline for schools to sign-up to participate in the Job Fair will be 4 pm on Friday, April 15, 2016. Schools are encouraged to register early so that we can advertise the number of schools that will be participating and the types of jobs that will be (or anticipated to be) available to perspective employees. The earlier schools register for the fair, the greater the opportunity to attract more perspective employees. Perspective employees will be more apt to attend if they know they can visit with a large group of schools at one time.

For more information and to register, please contact Dr. Bruce Hegwer at ACES, bruce.h@nmaces.org. We will need the following information:

Name of School:

Address:

School Officials that will be attending and their contact information (email and cell):

Number and type of anticipated vacancies:

Special Technology Pricing Opportunities

LDD Consulting, in an effort to help your technology dollars go further, is working with NM ACES, NMCCS and HP to help make technology even more affordable for your school. Two current opportunities that are available are:

“Big Deal” Pricing

If you will be purchasing computer, server or networking equipment in any quantity this summer and want to invest in high quality state of the art Hewlett Packard equipment contact LDD Consulting right away to get on the list. By purchasing individually thru LDD Consulting, which will be placing one large order, you will be eligible for better volume pricing. To participate in the special pricing, we need your contact information and the equipment you are considering purchasing. You are not obligated to purchase anything by participating. So if you just want to see what the pricing might be, sign up today.

“Name your Price” pricing

LDD Consulting is also offering special, no minimum quantity, pricing thru April. Present us with a competing bid from other vendors and we will go directly to HP to beat the price (not by pennies either) on equivalent hardware. If you are planning on purchasing equipment soon, this is a great opportunity. We would like to see orders placed by mid-April to ensure we do not miss the HP deadline.

For more information, please contact David at david@lddconsulting.com or at (505) 792-2375.

Charter Leader Academy #7-Administrative Uses of Technology

Charter Leader Academy #7 will focus on using technology as a school administrator and what you really need to know. Partnering with Microsoft, David Luft of LDD Consulting will be the featured speaker. The session will be held on Thursday, April 14th from 10 am to 2 pm, with lunch provided, at Grand Canyon University at 6700 Jefferson, Albuquerque, NM 87109. **Please RSVP by replying to this email by the end of the day Tuesday, April 12th.** Cost is \$80 for ACES members and \$100 for non-ACES members.