



## ACES Update, September 2016

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### ACES Annual Meeting

The ACES Annual Membership Meeting will be held at 4 pm on October 26th at the Albuquerque Marriott in conjunction with the NMCCS Annual Conference. The ACES Annual Meeting is the only meeting each year of all schools that are ACES members. At this meeting, the ACES members approve new officers, changes to the ACES bylaws and policies, and receive an update on ACES financial status and activities.

It is important that each member school send a member to this meeting to represent the school. If a school is not able to send a member, they may give their proxy to another member school who will have someone in attendance. For a proxy form, 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).

### Trusted Partners and Preferred Vendors

At ACES we believe one of our foremost responsibilities is to ensure that all of our members have access to the very best possible goods and services at the most advantageous pricing. Therefore ACES offers "Trusted Partner" and "Preferred Vendor" partnerships to companies wishing to join and/or partner with ACES and its members.

ACES currently has 80 New Mexico Charter Schools as members and that number is growing. Through our monthly Newsletter, our Website ([www.nmaces.org](http://www.nmaces.org)) and our other forms of communications, we reach all 100 charter schools Principals/Directors in New Mexico and a majority of their Governing Council Members. Additionally, ACES facilitates regional meetings of charter school leaders and hosts one-day conferences on topics of importance to charter schools.

#### Trusted Partners

Trusted Partners are those organizations that have been awarded a contract by ACES after having gone through New Mexico's public procurement process. That process includes submitting a proposal in response to a publicly solicited Request for Proposals published by ACES. The proposal is then evaluated by a team who determines the proposal meets all of the requirements of solicitation and offers charter school advantageous pricing.

Benefits of being a Trusted Partner include, but are not limited to: all benefits of the ACES Business Partners; sole sponsorship of specific materials; at least one article in the ACES Newsletter outlining the partnership; opportunity to participate in market research; opportunity to network with ACES affiliate groups; and a more comprehensive joint marketing program. All benefits of the agreement are negotiable.

Our Trusted Partners are:

Food Service

[Canteen New Mexico](#)

Financial Services

[AptAbility](#)

IT Services

[EnvisionIT](#)

[Harris Technologies](#)

[LDD Consulting](#)

Transportation

[Herrera Coaches](#) (call 505-270-1001)

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#### Preferred Vendors

A business can join ACES as a Business Partner for an annual fee. In return for an annual fee, ACES will help the Business Partner to market their goods and services. ACES does not endorse or certify the goods and services of the Business Partners. The Executive Council reviews and adjusts the annual Business Partner membership fee as appropriate. A Business Partner receives benefits according to the level of membership they subscribe to. The pricing and benefits for each level of membership are listed below. Most businesses opt for this relationship with ACES.

Various levels of engagement are available for vendors who would like to become Business Partners with ACES to offer their goods and services to New Mexico Charter Schools at a reduced rate for ACES members. Please click here: [Vendor Levels](#).

Our Preferred Vendors are:

Online Mandatory Compliance Training

[Global Compliance Network](#)

Online Curriculum

[Edgenuity](#) (call 480-221-8750)

Ancillary Services

[AmAble Therapies](#)

Strategic Communications/Publications

[The Waite Company](#)

#### ACES Employment Opportunities

ACES is always looking to add to our Cadre of Professionals that can provide high quality support and technical assistance to charters. If you, or anyone you know, has experience and expertise in an area that can provide support and technical assistance to NM's Charter Schools, please have them contact Bruce or Max.

#### ACES Online Employment Service

Since the inception of the ACES online Employment Service ([www.nmaces.org/employment](http://www.nmaces.org/employment)), subscribing schools have been able to attract and employ candidates for their job vacancies. The Online service provides a quick, easy and low-cost way to advertise job vacancies and to view candidates and their applications online. For more information on this service, please contact Bruce at [bruce.h@nmaces.org](mailto:bruce.h@nmaces.org).

#### ACES Facilities Management

Want to spend more time on educating students and less time on managing your building and its maintenance needs? Contact Max at [max.l@nmaces.org](mailto:max.l@nmaces.org) to find out how he can save you time, energy and money maintaining your building and let you spend more of your time doing what you do best—educating students!