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ACES July Newsletter

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New ACES Members



~ Note from Executive Director, Christy Takacs ~

Welcome back to a new school year! On behalf of everyone at ACES, we wish you and your staff a successful, rewarding year ahead. We are excited to continue working alongside each of our member agencies, connecting you with trusted vendors, valuable services, and practical solutions that help your organization thrive.

Because you have chosen to partner with ACES, we have been able to continue to grow, expand our programs, services, vendor network, and staff to better meet the evolving needs of New Mexico's schools. Your support has allowed us to strengthen our mission. We are truly grateful for the trust you place in us.

Our goal has always been simple: to make your job easier. Whether you need procurement assistance, access to competitively solicited contracts, operational support, or help finding the right solution to a challenge, our team is here to help. If there is a gap to fill, a question to answer, or a resource you need, we encourage you to reach out. We are committed to being a responsive, dependable partner you can count on throughout the year.

We are excited to introduce you to our newest staff members in this month's newsletter. Each member of our team brings unique expertise and a shared commitment to providing exceptional service to our schools.

Thank you, again, for allowing ACES to serve your organization. We look forward to another year of building strong partnerships, supporting your success, and helping you focus on what matters most—serving your students. Here's to a fantastic school year!

and technical assistance to New Mexico charter schools. Members have access to cooperative purchasing of goods and services from vetted, high-quality vendors.



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- ◆ Job Posting and Search Management
- ◆ High-Level Managerial & Admin Support
- ◆ Substitute Teachers (ABQ, LC)
- ◆ Marketplace (Vendor Spotlight/Promo)

OPERATIONS

Christy Takacs *Executive Director* (ed@nmaces.org)

~ Leader of ACES, sets the strategic vision, and oversees the delivery of support and services ~

*Contact for organizational partnerships and strategic initiatives.

Fred Parker *Operations Manager* (operations@nmaces.org)

~ Partners with organizations to build strong operational foundations so school leaders can remain mission-focused ~

*Contact for operational and building/construction support and resources.

Tammy West *Procurement Program Manager* (procurement1@nmaces.org)

~ Coordinates with schools, contractors, and vendors on procurement and contract matters ~

*Contact for solicitation and contract information and guidelines for contracted vendors.

Chris Moore *Procurement Compliance Specialist* (procurement2@nmaces.org)

~ Researches, implements and maintains compliance for current contracts and upcoming vendor solicitations ~

*Contact for active bids, RFPs, and contracting processes and guidelines.

OUTREACH

Lauren Hunter *Vendor Relations Manager* (vendorrelations@nmaces.org)

~ Liaison for contracted vendors and schools that utilize them for quality assurance and problems solving/resolution ~

*Contact for current vendor/school relationship questions, marketing for vendors and ACES event information

Dr. Valery Ratliff-Parker *Charter School Relations Manager* (schoolrelations@nmaces.org)

~ Builds and maintains school connections and relations, aligns schools with ACES resources and partner networks ~

*Contact for school-related professional service and support, technical assistance and procurement questions.

Sharon Myers *Substitute & Employment Service Manager* (jobs@nmaces.org or substitutes@nmaces.org)

~ Manages job postings on behalf of schools and coordinates the substitute teacher program for ABQ and Las Cruces ~

*Contact for substitute teacher needs, job board postings and ACES website updates

BUSINESS OFFICE

Katherine Moore *Director of Finance* (businessoffice@nmaces.org)

~ Oversees all business financials with focus on gaining process efficiencies ~

*Contact for escalated finance issues, vendor/school onboarding, purchase order processes and school payment tracking

Lorrie DeLoach *Accounts Receivable* (a.r@nmaces.org)

~ Manages incoming transactions and supports ACES finance roles ~

*Contact for Accounts Receivable (A/R), invoice processing and billing questions.

Nancy Bangs *Accounts Payable* (a.p@nmaces.org)

~ Manages outgoing transactions and supports ACES finance roles ~

Tiffany Romero *Administrative Support Specialist* (adminsupport@nmaces.org)

~ Administrative assistant and operations support to the ACES office ~

*Contact for general office administration inquiries and connection to appropriate ACES staff.

~ School and Vendor invitation to use Beacon Bid ~

ACES is using Beacon Bid for vendor registration, solicitation management, and electronic bidding. Current and past bidding opportunities can be found on our [website](#) or directly through [Beacon Bid](#).

considered for a future ACES contract opportunity, encourage them to get registered with Beacon!

Additionally, if your school or agency is looking for a simple way to manage formal requests for bids, RFQs, RFPs, and vendor registration, Beacon Bid also offers a no-cost bid and vendor management solution that can be beneficial, even for smaller agencies who conduct minimal procurements annually.

To schedule a quick demonstration or to learn more - click [here](#).



[Shamrock Foods Company](#) is pleased to offer ACES Participating Agencies access to a comprehensive foodservice distribution program designed to support K-12 school nutrition operations throughout New Mexico. Through this contract, ACES Participating Agencies will have access to a broad portfolio of products used to support school nutrition programs, including frozen foods, refrigerated products, dairy, fresh produce, dry grocery, protein items, beverages, disposables, cleaning and sanitation supplies, and other foodservice essentials. Participating Agencies will also have access to online ordering tools, reporting resources, product documentation, commodity processing support, and dedicated customer service.

Shamrock's dedicated K-12 Education Team provides specialized support for school nutrition programs, including assistance with USDA Foods, CN Labels, Product Formulation Statements, Buy American documentation, product sourcing, order guide development, and school nutrition program requirements. Supported by its Albuquerque distribution center and experienced local service team, Shamrock is committed to providing reliable delivery, responsive communication, food safety compliance, and high-quality products to help ACES Participating Agencies efficiently serve students throughout New Mexico. Shamrock looks forward to partnering with ACES



New Member Agencies, Welcome to ACES!

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