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DATE: May 1, 2020  
TO: All ESC Region 19 Allied States Cooperative Vendors and Members  
FROM: Becky Hernandez- Procurement Director  
SUBJECT: New Federal Regulations regarding EDGAR

When Federal funds are utilized, ESC Region 19 and Allied States Cooperative will be in full compliance with the new EDGAR (Education Department General Administration Regulations) 2 CFR Part 75 and Part 200. As a result of this new Federal regulation, no contracts for products/goods, consulting, contracting, or staff development will be permitted when the aggregate for any one vendor reaches \$3,500 per fiscal year unless the vendor has responded and been awarded a competitively bid contract.

Products/goods, consultants, contracting, and staff development contracts will not be authorized unless interested individuals and companies first respond to a solicitation processed by the ESC Region 19 Purchasing Department. New federal regulations no longer acknowledge sole sources, proprietary processes, copyrights, and/or patents regarding consultants, contractors, and or staff development consultants, therefore all referenced goods and/or services must be competitively solicited.

In June 2016, ESC Region 19 was audited by TEA for EDGAR compliance in all aspects of its State Entity Business Office Procedures Manual regarding EDGAR compliance and no findings or management points were noted.

Regarding, 2 CFR §200.323, pricing and cost analysis is performed in determining independent estimates prior to processing a cooperative contract based on historical data from previous contracts, new member commitments and input, as well as a review of overall market conditions relating to commodities impacting various contracts. In some cases, vendors provide unique services for which no cost analysis can be performed.

Vendors interested in becoming awarded with ESC Region 19 must first go to [www.alliedstatescooperative.com](http://www.alliedstatescooperative.com) and register. When completing vendor profile, check the commodity boxes for any products/goods or services currently provided in order to receive notification by email when these solicitations are processed. No submittals will be accepted after the time and due date indicated on the solicitation. Additionally, all solicitations will be scrutinized regarding pricing, scope of services provided, references provided, and other weight factors pre-designated in the best interest of ESC Region 19 and its Allied States Cooperative members.

Should you have any questions, please contact Becky Hernandez at 915-780-5021, [rshernandez@esc19.net](mailto:rshernandez@esc19.net). We look forward to your interest in working with ESC Region 19 on this new regulation.

Respectfully,  
Becky Hernandez  
Procurement Director

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