The board desires to provide opportunities to responsible suppliers to do business with the school system. To this end, the <u>superintendent finance officer or designee</u> is directed to develop and maintain lists of potential vendors for the various types of materials, equipment, and supplies. Such lists <u>willmay</u> be used in the development of a mailing list for distribution of specifications, invitations to bid, and notice of other competitive purchasing processes.

The <u>superintendent finance officer</u> or designee has the discretion to determine which vendors are included on the list and may establish standards for being placed on the list or for remaining on the list. The <u>superintendent finance officer or designee</u> is encouraged to include vendors listed as historically underutilized businesses with the Division of Purchase and Contracts at the State Department of Administration.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-522

Cross References: Local Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials, and Supplies (policy 6440), Participation by Minority Businesses (policy 9125)

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