

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

The finance officer 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 standards shall take into account the requirements of G.S. 147, art. 6E and art. 6G. The finance officer or designee 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; 147 art. 6E, art. 6G

Cross References: Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials, and Supplies (policy 6430), Participation by Minority Businesses (policy 9125)

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