

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

FISCAL MANAGEMENT – EXPENDITURES – Vendor Relations

In all procurement activities, the Regional Office of Education members and employees shall:

1. consider first the interests of the Region #9 schools and the betterment of their educational programs;
2. endeavor to obtain the greatest value for every tax dollar expended;
3. give all responsible bidders equal considerations and unbiased judgment in determining whether their product meets specifications and the educational needs of Region #9. There shall be no discrimination toward vendors on account of color, race, nationally, religion or religious affiliation, age, or sex;
4. discourage the offer of and decline to accept gifts or gratuities for personal use from vendors who are supplying, or who might seek to supply, the Regional Office of Education. Professional samples, advertising items of nominal value, and business luncheons are excluded from this policy. However, discretion should be used in accepting vendor hospitality.

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