

CITY OF VINELAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-444

A RESOLUTION FOR A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION (MRESC) COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC), hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchases of work, materials and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, desires to participate in the MRESC Cooperative Pricing System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Vineland, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. THAT this Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the City of Vineland.
2. THAT pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.
3. THAT the Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.
4. THAT this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

FROM THE DESK OF YVONNE LEWIS



October 8, 2014

MEMO TO: Business Administrator:

RE: Cooperative Pricing System – Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission

I am requesting a resolution be authorized by City Council authorizing participation in The Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative System (MRESC). Attached is information on this Cooperative Pricing System.

This will enable the City to take advantage of using contracts that provide for volume driven cost reductions. We will also save time and related expenses, such as advertising, printing, mailing, etc.

I trust the above meets with your approval. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Lewis, RPPO
Purchasing Agent

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Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission

Cooperative Pricing System



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About Us

The Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative System (MRESC) has been in existence since 1977 and has now grown to over 780 co-op members consisting of schools, colleges, universities, municipalities, county governments, housing authorities, libraries, fire districts and more. Our goal is to save taxpayers money by seeking out great prices for our members. We develop bid specifications according to the requests our members pass on to us, thus saving our members time and money by providing this service for them; time and money they would have had to spend in developing bid specifications, advertising and research. We advertise in several different newspapers throughout the state of New Jersey and on our website in hopes to attract as many responsible bidders as possible.

There is no fee to join and members are lifetime members with no need to renew this membership. The Commissions' State of New Jersey approved Co-op number is 65MCESCCPS. Please see our "How to Join" link for information on becoming a member and begin saving time and money. All MRESC co-op member applications are approved by the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs.

The MRESC Co-op conducts Vendor Fairs periodically in order to provide our members and vendors an avenue in which to become familiar with one another. Our last Vendor Fair had over 60 vendors in attendance and will unforeseeable grow in the near future. We also offer a wide array of New Jersey State approved continual education credits for QPA's, CMFO/CCFO's, CTC's, CPWN's and RMC's.

The MRESC is also a member of the **Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies**. The AEPA is a national purchasing association that includes 26 states which brings additional buying power to our co-op members. Only one entity per state may be a member of the AEPA and the MRESC is that entity. How does the AEPA differ from other national associations? The AEPA differs from other national associations in that the bids are advertised locally by each individual state member, reviewed by an AEPA bid committee and recommended for award to all states. Each state reviews the bid award recommendations and decides if the bids and vendors are compliant with their individual state laws. If the awards/vendors are complaint and have been proven to provide savings to our co-op members, the MRESC passes a Board resolution to add these AEPA bids as an offering to our members. Nationally Bid and locally awarded!

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