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MREA, MTSBA and Montana Cooperative Services extend an invitation to join the growing number of schools and counties participating in our cooperative bids program.

Benefits of the MCS Purchasing Program:

Volume Counts! The combined purchasing power of MCS working with 25 other states and serving over 27 million students creates substantial discounts on products and services.

Convenient Ordering! Purchase directly from the companies and order only what you need when you need it.

Favorite Brands—Excellent Quality! You'll find your favorite brands all at lower prices. Quality is guaranteed, as every product in the program meets strict content and pricing criteria.

Satisfies Bid Requirements!

Mission Statement

To save members **time and resources** by exploring and solving present and future purchasing needs, creating partnerships, and obtaining the very best pricing available through a **national competitive bid process**- in order to provide excellent quality and service to all of our members in a **measurable and cost-efficient manner**.

About the MCS Program:

MCS (Montana Cooperative Services) bids for products and services for member schools under Montana state statute section 20-9-204. These bids then become available exclusively to our members. Companies enjoy the volume associated with being with MCS, and schools enjoy the lower price that volume purchasing can bring as well as the convenience of not having to go out to bid themselves. MCS is a member of the AEPA, Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies. This association is comprised of 26 states that cooperatively bid for products to obtain volume discounts which are then passed on to all members. Schools and other non-profit entities in Montana are eligible for membership in MCS. Purchasing and pricing is done by contacting the appropriate company and letting them know you are a member of MCS. The "Catalog and Order Info." page detail how to order from each company. The cost of joining is \$1.00/student with a maximum of \$1200/school. MCS has been serving schools since 2001.

Membership in MCS is worth every dime! When I placed our VERY FIRST ORDER for copier paper, our ENTIRE annual dues to MCS were completely covered by the savings we received from that ONE order!

—Wade Johnson, Cut Bank School Supt.

