

What is BuyBoard?

The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative helps save time and money while purchasing the products school systems use every day. Would you like to save time and money? BuyBoard is an online purchasing cooperative designed to streamline the purchasing process and help its members make confident buying decisions. Currently endorsed by several state school boards associations, the program's purpose is to obtain reduced prices for its members through the benefits and efficiencies of a purchasing cooperative.

TSBA membership entitles your district to become a BuyBoard member for free. Once you sign up for BuyBoard, your district has the ability to make purchases from an approved list of vendors that have gone through a competitive bidding process.

BuyBoard was developed to comply with state laws which require government entities to make purchases from an approved list of vendors who have gone through a competitive bidding process. It gives districts the advantage of leveraging the cooperative's ability to get volume discounts and combines it with the ease of on-line, web-based shopping and ordering. Purchase everything from pencils to lamps to relocatable classrooms, and everything in between.

BuyBoard Benefits

A major benefit of this program is the opportunity to combine the cooperative's ability to get volume discounts with the ease of online shopping and ordering. Other benefits include:

- **Power in numbers** – By combining the purchasing power of cooperative members, BuyBoard participants are able to leverage better pricing from vendors they may already use. The program also helps reduce administrative and resource time.
- **Purchase with confidence** – BuyBoard features many well-known vendors on its product list. You will recognize many well-known brand names on our product list. The cooperative analyzes and makes award recommendations for products and services that have been submitted for competitive procurement. All awarded products and services are posted on BuyBoard's secure website. BuyBoard is available only to members.
- **Save time** – Contracts on BuyBoard have already undergone a competitive procurement process, which saves your district time and the cost of bid preparation. A unique feature of BuyBoard is the Request for Quote (RFQ) function, an electronic request that permits your district to select numerous vendors when submitting requests.

Request For Quote (RFQ)

The Request For Quote (RFQ) feature is an incredibly powerful way to get the deepest discounted price based on your multiple quantity requirements. Simply:

- ➔ Upload a spec sheet and any specific instructions for the vendors.
- ➔ Ask vendors for their deepest discounted rate based on your quantity.
- ➔ In as little as 72 hours, you should have your quotes. RFQ's can produce some amazing results.



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Membership is Free!

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