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NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

In an effort to reduce costs and improve communication with vendors, Okaloosa County School District has teamed up with the Florida Purchasing Group Bid System (Bidnet). All formal Invitations to Bid (ITB), Request for Proposals (RFP), Request for Qualifications (RFQU), addendums and awards are posted through this convenient web site.

This bid notification system allows your company instant access to bid opportunities for Okaloosa County School District as well as over 60 other governmental agencies through one centralized site. To receive future bid opportunities, we invite your company to register online. Visit www.bidnetdirect.com/florida and use the "Register Now" link to complete the registration form. If you are currently registered as a vendor on this system, you do not need to register separately for Okaloosa County School District.

By creating an account, your company will receive access to bid opportunities from all 60+ participating agencies. To view the list of participating agencies please visit www.bidnetdirect.com/florida and click the "Participating Agencies" link at the top of the page. There are two registration options available when creating your account. The "Limited" option gives you full access to view and download all bid documents, addendums and awards by simply logging on to the system and searching bid opportunities at no charge. In addition, this system offers an Automatic Email Notification service "Group Option" for a nominal fee that will automatically send you a message each time any of the participating agencies issue bids, addendums, and awards that match your selected product and service codes. If you need assistance with registration please call the Bidnet support desk toll free at (800) 835-4603, Monday through Friday, 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. Central Time. To expedite your request, please ask for the Florida Purchasing Group Bid System.

The Okaloosa County School District has discontinued maintenance of our in-house Bidders List and automatic mailing of documents with the transition to the Florida Purchasing Group Bid System (BIDNET). We look forward to providing you with more bid information, less paperwork, and simplifying the entire bid process for everyone involved. We appreciate your cooperation and welcome your participation. In addition to the bid system service, we also post all formal solicitations on the District's Purchasing Web Site under the "Current Bid Activity" link. Should you have any questions pertaining to this notice you may contact the Okaloosa County School District Purchasing Department at (850) 833-7668.

Sincerely,

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Program Director of Purchasing

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