

*Regional Education
Service Agencies*

RESA

A powerful engine for education

In 1972, the West Virginia legislature provided for the establishment of regional education service agencies (RESA) for high quality, cost effective education programs and services to students, schools, and school systems. One of those identified assignments for RESAs is cooperative purchasing. Below is the list of primary assignments for RESAs. Also below is WV policy 8200, which provides educational entities the ability to utilize the WV RESA AEPA system.

WV STATUTE §18-2-26

WV BOARD OF EDUCATION (WVBE) POLICY 3233

WV Code §18-2-26 and WV Board of Education (WVBE) Policy 3233 identifies six areas of services for RESAs which include:

1. Providing technical assistance to low-performing schools and school systems.
2. Providing high quality, targeted staff development designed to enhance the performance and progress of students;
3. Facilitating coordination and cooperation among county boards within their respective regions in such areas as cooperative purchasing; sharing of specialized personnel, communications and technology; curriculum development; and operation of specialized programs for exceptional children;
4. Installing, maintaining and/or repairing education related technology equipment and software with special attention to the state technology initiatives;
5. Receiving and administering grants under the provisions of federal and/or state law;
6. Developing and/or implementing any other programs or services as directed by law or by the State Board of Education.

Policy 8200 Section 8

(For the full policy, visit <http://wvde.state.wv.us/policies/p8200.pdf>)

Purchasing Policies and Procedures Manual for Local Educational Agencies

8.1. The LEA may purchase equipment and other commodities or services directly from a vendor without competitive bidding, if any of the following conditions exist.

8.1.1. The item cannot be obtained through ordinary purchasing procedures, such as in situations where no bidders respond to a request for bids:

8.1.2. The item is unique, or is not available from another source (sole source). This can include copyrighted materials, conference facilities, lecturers, and workshop presenters;

8.1.3. The item is available from the State or another LEA, provided the price, availability, and quality are comparable to those in the open market;

8.1.4. The item is available from a statewide contract and “piggybacking” by local governmental entities is permitted in the contract;

8.1.5. The item is available from a federal or GSA contract and the supplier is willing to sell to an LEA in the state at the same or lower price.

8.1.6. The item is available from a sheltered workshop;

8.1.7 The item is available from an internet website maintained by a legitimate government purchasing cooperative, such as the one maintained by the Government Purchasing Alliance or the Southern Region Education Board, or from a vendor who participates in a government purchasing cooperative, and where competitive bids have already been obtained;

8.1.8. The item is a used vehicle or piece of equipment and its purchase is determined by the purchasing director to being the best interest of the LEA.