

Collaborative, organized by Family Resources, Inc., provides purchasing power for local non-profits.

February 16, 2010 - Family Resources, Inc. recently launched a new Non-profit Purchasing Commodity Volume Buying Program in the Quad Cities. This program offers QC non-profit agencies the opportunity to purchase items such as janitorial supplies, paper products, office products and office furniture at volume discounts while maintaining service and quality.

Todd Poe, Purchasing Manager for Family Resources, Inc. has been with the agency for 3 years but has been in the purchasing and supply management field for over 16 years. “It is a win win situation,” says Poe. “Our local supplier businesses are given exclusivity and the member agencies have the option to purchase from the network in order to take advantage of volume pricing,” he added. “Price is important but it was not the only consideration in the selection of our suppliers,” says Poe. “They have all been time-tested in the areas of price, delivery, quality and service.”

“Non-profits have been challenged to consider where greater efficiencies in business operations can occur,” said Cheryl Goodwin, President/CEO of Family Resources, Inc. “Family Resources identified “purchasing” as one area where capacity exists internally. The purchasing program just makes sense,” said Goodwin. “It saves local agencies, including Family Resources, dollars so we can continue to carry out our missions.”

To date the network consists of 3 local suppliers with plans to add additional suppliers in the future as the network grows.

Family Resources, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit social service agency with roots in the Quad Cities dating back more than 160 years and in Muscatine more than 40 years. With an annual budget of 15 million and a staff of more than 350 strong, we provide support to children, individuals and families in the areas of child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health, victim services and education.

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