

2019 Joint Purchase

TO: Town/City Managers, Selectmen, and Road Commissioners
FROM: Laura Cyr, KVCOG

KVCOG is pleased to inform you that once again we are offering cooperative purchasing opportunities to KVCOG member towns. As in past years, we will be selecting items that have proven to offer substantial savings through a joint purchase. We estimate that every year, we can save our members over \$60,000 in price reductions.

Items for purchase include:

- **Weight Limit Posting Signs**
- **Bump Signs**
- **“Maine Land Use Laws “ 2017 edition**
- **Home Composting Equipment**
- **Flake Calcium Chloride for dust control**
- **Culverts (galvanized, aluminized, and plastic)**
- **Geotextile: erosion control mat and silt fencing**
- **Road Salt**

How it Works:

Signs (weight limit, bump), land use law books, and composting equipment are stocked by KVCOG and may be purchased at any time. Contact the office administrator for signs or law books (ext. 211), or Ross Nason for equipment (ext. 220).

KVCOG solicits bids for Calcium Chloride, culverts and geotextiles in early spring (calendar attached) and road salt in the late summer. *KVCOG's role is only to aggregate volumes, set specifications, and solicit vendors' bids.* The actual purchase, including quantities, delivery arrangements, and quality control, is controlled by the town.

Member towns will receive notification of opening of the bid window according to the calendar attached. You will receive a form to return, and there will also be an opportunity for electronic submittals. KVCOG summarizes the information returned and sends it out to qualified vendors.

Once the low bidder is selected, participating towns will be provided the price and contact person. You are then responsible for arranging the purchase. In some cases, we also provide you with information on quality control.

FEEDBACK: If you are not satisfied with the service you get from the vendor, please let us know. Although we have no control over how the vendor operates, if we get multiple unresolved complaints, we can disqualify the vendor from future participation.

This program is a benefit for KVCOG members only. Our administrative costs are covered using your membership dues. If you have any questions about the operation of the program, or suggestions for future purchases, please contact me at, 207-453-4258 ext 220 or <mailto:lcyr@kvkog.org>.