

TO: Board of Trustees/Dr. Randy Shaver  
FROM: Nancy McReynolds  
RE: Permission to Advertise for Sealed Bids and  
Permission to Limit Bid Specifications to the Apple Brand.  
DATE: November 10, 2009

The following information will be sent to the newspaper to solicit sealed bids as required by state law. The results of the sealed bids will be presented when the successful bidders have been determined. As is customary, purchase orders will be mailed only after School Board action to award bids.

**BD1005 APPLE COMPUTERS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES**

Funding: ARRA and other Funds  
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Funding guidelines of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) do not provide for sole source purchases of Apple Computers even though the Mississippi ITS Department recognizes the Apple Company as being the only reseller of Apple Computers for educational purposes in Mississippi. For this reason, we are required to bid any Apple Computers to be purchased using ARRA funds. Because the Apple Company does not allow its resellers to sell Apple Computers intended for educational use, it is both possible and acceptable that only one bid will be received.

In order to specify APPLE products in our bid, the Board must agree to limit the bid to Apple Products. In agreeing to this advertisement for bids, the Tupelo Public School District Board of Trustees agrees to limit this bid to only Apple Products.