

Good Afternoon,

With the recent regulation changes to testing lead in school drinking water, now coupled with current inflation rates, we are seeing increased lab fees and additional costs from laboratories across the state. BOCES has determined that it is no longer cost-effective for us to provide the sampling and services ourselves. The Health & Safety Dept is part of a statewide association of health and safety professionals that has discussed this situation at length. As a group, it was decided that it would be to our collective benefit to work together on a cooperative bid for lead in drinking water services, in attempt to secure the best pricing. Lead in drinking water services will include the physical sampling and lab analysis for water samples.

Citi BOCES has offered to lead the Cooperative Purchasing Service as they already have an RFP developed from the previous sampling contract. In order to participate in this joint bidding of lead in drinking water services, any interested district/BOCES will need a resolution authorizing participation in Oswego County BOCES cooperative purchasing program. The current compliance period for lead in drinking water testing is Jan, 1 2023 – DEC 31, 2025. We have three years to complete to first compliance period and from that point compliance testing will occur on a triennial (every 3 years) schedule.

Our goal is to target the award so districts have the option to begin testing this summer and fall. The tentative RFP schedule is to release the document in May and award on June 21st. Please review and sign the attached resolution form at your earliest convenience. We will need original copies, they can be mailed directly to me. If you have any questions about this process please don't hesitate to call.

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