

EAST TENNESSEE PURCHASING ASSOCIATION

THE BUYER'S FLYER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ETPA SPONSORED BUSINESS MATCHMAKING EVENT TO BE HELD ON JULY 17, 2014 AT ROTHCHILDS CATERING IN KNOXVILLE. OUR PLANNING TEAM HAS BEEN VERY BUSY IN PREPARATIONS BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP IN GETTING THE WORD OUT TO ALL YOUR VENDORS ABOUT THIS EVENT. WE HAVE TO DATE 22 MATCHMAKERS, 22 ATTENDEES AND 16 BOOTH VENDORS SIGNED UP. IF YOUR ENTITTY WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS NETWORKING EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT PENNY OWENS AT POWENS@CITYOFKNOXVILLE.ORG. REMEMBER, IT IS NO COST TO YOUR AGENCY AND AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK AT THE EVENT AS WELL AS THE MEET-N-GREET BREAKFAST THAT MORNING. SPACE IS LIMITED FOR THAT EVENT SO PLEASE SIGN-UP THIS MONTH.

THIS YEAR WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPONSORSHIPS FOR BOTH THE MATCHMAKING EVENT AND THE MEET-N-GREET BREAKFAST. THE COST FOR MATCHMAKING SPONSORSHIP IS \$1000 AND \$900 FOR THE BREAKFAST. TO DATE, WE HAVE ONE \$1000 SPONSORSHIP AND WE ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING TWO TO THREE MORE FOR THE EVENT. ALSO, THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE TWO WORKSHOPS THAT WILL BE FACILITATED BY

THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND THAT SHOULD BE VERY INFORMATIVE FOR ALL ATTENDEES.

FINALLY, TO CONTINUE TO ADD VALUE TO OUR CHAPTER, I AM ASKING FOR YOU TO SUBMIT ARTICLES OR ANY PROCUREMENT ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ALL ETPA MEMBERS FOR OUR NEWSLETTERS. STEVE HILLIS HAS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED THIS ROLE AS THE FACILITATOR AND COLLECTION POINT FOR THE ARTICLES TO BE SUBMITTED. HE WILL REVIEW AND SELECT PROCUREMENTS ITEMS OF INTEREST AND FORWARD TO OUR NEWSLETTER CHAIR LEA SHARON FOR INSERTION IN OUR NEXT UPCOMING NEWSLETTER. THIS MONTH, STEVE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THE PROGRESS MADE ON OUR EDUCATIONAL PROJECT WITH ROANE STATE FOR PROCUREMENT CURRICULUM CREDIT.

SEE YOU ON MAY 8, 2014 AT ROTHCHILDS.

**MIKE REEVES, CPPO, CPPB
PURCHASING COORDINATOR
ETPA PRESIDENT**