

**WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARREN, PENNSYLVANIA**

REQUEST FOR BID AWARD

For the: August 8, 2005 Board of Education Meeting

**Area of Bid: Quilting/Embroidery/Sewing Machines
2005 - 2006 School Year**

Budgeted Amount for Area of Bid:

Vendors may request or be invited to bid for goods and services. Bids recommended for award to individual vendors

- will meet specifications unless noted below,
- will represent the low bid unless noted below, and
- may reflect a bid on only a portion of the goods/services sought.

<u>VENDOR LIST</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BID RECEIVED</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BID RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD</u>
Super Stitch	\$59,332.00	
Millcreek Vacuum & Sewing Center	\$63,948.90	\$63,948.90
Yaple's Sewing Center	No Bid	

The Family Consumer Science Curriculum Review Committee requests that you accept the bid for sewing machines submitted from Millcreek Sewing and Vacuum. The reasons for this request are as follows:

1. The other submitted bid from Super Stitch did not meet the specifications as detailed in the proposal. That is, the Janome, 4900, does not have an extension table and it does not have the multi-directional feed feature which we requested.
2. The bid on the 100 classroom machines is lower at Millcreek than at Super Stitch, if they receive the entire bid.
3. Millcreek has training in their embroidery/computer lab where we teachers can go for instruction. There is a minimal fee for this training. They also have monthly classes which we can attend. Millcreek also has ties to our community as Karen Eggleston, owner of Sew Necessary, in Warren, is a sub dealer for Millcreek. Diane Dick is a professional long arm quilter and machine embroiderer in Warren who also has offered to provide local support and assistance.
4. Although we are pleased with the classroom machines proposed at Super Stitch, it seems prudent to have the same brand of machine in all styles in all the schools. This provides for more efficiency in maintenance, repair and training.

Thank you for considering our request. We feel that the additional expenditure will prove to be cost effective in the long term.

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