

8/6/13

Does anyone know anything about National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources (NAEIR)?

We used NAEIR for a year. You can get office supplies and such – but it is a kind of get what they have service. We used the gift type items and holiday items as incentives for residents that paid their rent by the third of the month. After a year we had so much stuff we cancelled. It took us about three years to get through everything.

once a member but could not buy in bulk and most of the items we did not use.

I have used them but the problem is a lot of the cost comes in the shipping of the items. The items are "free" but there is a shipping and handling fee that is pretty high. Some things were worth the fee, but others were not. I am not recommending this as a real bargain for the agency.

We joined but never ordered anything from them. We did not renew our membership. From what we understood you had to buy in big quantities and there wasn't that much that we would have been able to use. There were only a couple of catalogs that we could order from not all that they offer.

I joined NAEIR last year, but didn't renew our membership this year because they do not really offer anything we need. They do have great prices for some office supplies, but the amounts they are offered in are too excessive for our needs.

We have been using this program for years. We pay an annual fee and can then order all kinds of items at extremely low prices. We use it mostly for resident services (bingo, event items such as plates and napkins, door prizes, school supplies etc) but we have also been able to get some office supplies and maintenance supplies through them. Basically it is a huge surplus place that gets tons of items.

We used it for a while, thought it would be good for school supplies and door prizes for tenant get togethers. But very frustrating. We would ask for say 20 of

something and they would only ship 3 or never ship it at all. Or they would ship us something we didn't ask for and couldn't use. We ended up with lots of stuff we didn't want and then couldn't get rid of. We don't think it is worth the money.

Naeir is a great organization. They distribute overstocked products from business to their members. All you do is pay a small yearly fee and they send catalogs full of products that you can order. All merchandise is free but you do pay handling and shipping. Clifton & Hubbard HA has probably received in excess of \$40,000.00 in goods from them. We use their maintenance supplies and use other products as resident give always and incentives.

MAYBE SMALL AGENCIES COULD GET TOGETHER AND SHARE ORDERS SO THAT YOU COULD BENEFIT WITHOUT ENDING UP WITH EXCESS.