

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**  
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The following questions have been submitted concerning Bid#172302, Breakfast and Lunch Entrees. Questions #2 and #3 have indicated a need to amend the Bid document. Therefore, Addendum No. #1, Bid#172302 has been issued. All questions received have been answered, and are provided verbatim from what was received:

BIDDER QUESTION#1: According to the reference above, please advise if the muffins are considered as a lot or is there other items included with the muffins as a lot? Additionally, in each item approve bran doesn't say "or equal". Would be accepted another bran besides the approved brans?

Each muffin item (#10 and #11) will be considered separately. The District is requesting separate bids for frozen and shelf-stable muffins. Both items will be awarded.

The District will consider alternate brands. A full case quantity and a completed product information form must be sent with each sample. Samples will be tested with our students for acceptability.

BIDDER QUESTION#2: I brought Rachel a Darlington kit that included the Darlington 1 Grain Appleways varieties and the 2 Grain Paleways varieties. Their products are all shelf stable. The 2 oz. Darlington ended up on the bid (line#4), but this is stating that it has to be frozen. Should we submit the 1 Grain under line #3 for the shelf stable? Are you interested in both sizes? Do we need to send more samples, or are we covered since she has seen both sizes?

The Sky Blue sliced sweet breads are on the bid, but we would like to bid on line #10, 12, 13, and 20 also. When I sent Rachel the variety of bread products, I included a Blueberry and Strawberry 2 Grain muffin. Line#10 is for a 1 Grain. Should I send another sample, or could this be approved since it is the same product but a different size? We do have the 1 Grain Banana and Double Chocolate muffins too, but these were not included in my sample order to her in November.

The 2-Grain Darlington Bars were incorrectly listed as a frozen cereal bar product. They will be accepted as an alternate to the frozen bar for item #4 even though they are shelf-stable. Refer to Addendum #1.

The District will accept the 1-Grain Darlington Appleways bars for item #3 in the flavor varieties approved for item #4. If additional flavor varieties are available, a full case sample for each flavor is required for testing with our students.

The District will only accept 1-Grain muffin options for item #10. A 2-Grain muffin is unacceptable for this bid. Full case samples of other 1-Grain muffins (chocolate or banana) will be required for testing with our students.

To the best of our knowledge, the District has not tested a cinnamon roll type product from Paramount for items #12 and #13. The sliced, sweet breads will not be acceptable as an alternate for items #12 and #13. These specifications are for a traditional cinnamon roll type product. For sliced, sweet breads, please refer to the specifications for item #14 – Breakfast Bread Slice, Variety Flavors.

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**For item #20, the specification is only for a traditional, round doughnut. If a particular item is not listed as an approved brand, a full case sample will be required for testing with our students. A “doughnut stick” type product is not acceptable for item #20.**

**BIDDER QUESTION#3:** We represent WOW Butter who had sent a note with concerns regarding your line item#87. Two concerns: they have is one: In order to qualify as a M/MA according to the buying guide, a soybutter (soynut butter) must contain a minimum of 85% of soy and soy oil. A chocolate spread does not meet those requirements and therefore does not credit as a M/MA. Two: the approved product is part of the E. Coli recall. They have stopped production, recalled absolutely everything and I would be very surprised if they get going again.

**The District has reviewed the information on our current approved brand for Item#87 – Nut Butter, Chocolate. It does meet the requirements for a meat/meat alternate. The acceptability of the approved brand (Global Foods/IM Healthy BtB #CSNB80020) will be amended to state “contingent on FDA confirmation of product food safety”. Refer to Addendum #1.**

**BIDDER QUESTION #4:** For line items 10 & 11 – Muffins samples required. Is a full case required for each flavor or a couple of flavors each? If each case has 96 muffins & we have 6 different flavors Escambia will be receiving 576 individual muffins. That seems a bit excessive.

**Yes, a full case is required for each flavor. Due to receiving inconsistent sample packaging and inadequate quantities needed for testing, the District has to require full cases for testing purposes.**