

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**  
**Bid#201502 – Breakfast and Lunch Entrees**

The following questions have been submitted concerning Bid#201502, Breakfast and Lunch Entrees. Questions #1, 6, and 7 indicated a need to amend the Bid document. Therefore, Addendum No.#1 has been issued. All questions received have been answered and are provided verbatim from what was received:

BIDDER QUESTION #1: Item #36 – 8500 cases – The spec doesn't say a minimum of 1 BG. It says 1 BG. Ours is 1.25 BG. Deadline for questions is Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> 4pm. If they approve a higher bread/grain – then we would need to send a sample via Pilgrims Fed Ex to arrive by Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, FYI – spec says boxes in case for serving is preferred. Gold Creek won this item. I tried to find their spec, cannot get it on line.

- CHICKEN BREAST TENDERS, WHOLE
- MUSCLE (0516650): Chicken breast
- tenders, **frozen**, fully cooked whole muscle.
- Whole grain rich breading with seasoning
- for mild flavor. When baked, product
- should have a crunchy outside and be
- moist inside. Product not to exceed 600 mg.
- of sodium per serving. One (1) serving must
- provide two (2) meat/meat alternates and
- one (1) grain as specified by the Child
- Nutrition Program. No more than three (3)
- chicken tenders should be required to meet
- the two (2) oz. meat/meat alternate
- component. Inclusion of individual boxes for
- packaging on the serving line is desired.
- Packed 10-20 lbs. per case.

**ANSWER: We will approve a higher grain level. The minimum is 1 oz. grain equivalent with the 2 oz. meat/meat alternates. Inclusion of individual boxes for packaging on the serving line is desired but not required.**

**The sample deadline has been extended to Monday, February 3, 12:00 p.m. CST. Please refer to Addendum #1.**

BIDDER QUESTION #2: Sky Blue has discontinued the Oatmeal Rounds that are still listed under line item #1. We have WGOS272 that we bid last year for this line. Samples of this were sent last year (1/29/19) and paperwork was submitted before we bid. I have attached a copy of this. I want to make sure that we don't have to resubmit samples again for this item. Can you change this for us?

**ANSWER: The submitted sample was not approved. Unless the specifications have changed, a new sample would not be needed.**

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BIDDER QUESTION #3: Sky Blue has discontinued the old codes listed under line #5. The new codes are listed below. They are the same formulation, just 1.6oz and now Smart Snack approved. Can you adjust for us? I wanted to check to make sure that we don't have to send new samples.

WMDC196-Double Chocolate  
WMCHCH196-Chocolate Chip  
WMBLU196-Blueberry  
WMBAN196-Banana  
WMSTW196-Strawberry  
WMCRO196-Cranberry Orange

**ANSWER: We would now consider them to be different products, a sample will be required for re-testing before we can adjust the product code numbers.**

BIDDER QUESTION #4: CHR272 and BCR272 listed under Line #7 are Crumb Cakes. These are a different price point than the Bread Slices. We bid both items last year, but just wanted to let you know that it would be better if listed on different lines. Would you like us to still bid both under #7 for this year?

**ANSWER: Yes, a bid can be made under item #7. The specification change will be made in the next bid solicitation.**

BIDDER QUESTION #5: Could you give me information on the last winning bid or tell me where I can find it? Do you have information on the delivery schedule for this bid for Escambia County Public Schools?

**ANSWER: Please refer to the Purchasing website at:**

[http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/purchasing/bids\\_previously](http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/purchasing/bids_previously) for the award notice and tabulation.

**The items will be purchased as needed.**

BIDDER QUESTION #6: On the above referenced bid we are an approved brand for Item no#21 Taco Meat. The code that is attached (75156-93200) is a commodity code number whereas all of the other items that we are approved on have our commercial equivalent code numbers.

1. Is this a commercial bid or is it commodity? 2. If this is a commercial bid our code should read 75156-03200.

**ANSWER: Bid#201502 is a commercial bid. Please refer to Addendum #1.**

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BIDDER QUESTION #7: On the Breakfast and Lunch Entrees bid # 201502, it appears there is a typo for an item code that I wanted to make you aware of.

On line item 22 – Please note the correct JTM code for the commercial Beef Meatballs is 5030CE not CE5030.

**ANSWER: The product code has been changed. Please refer to Addendum #1.**

BIDDER QUESTION #8: I wanted to know if you all had an MBE/DBE goal or requirement for this bid?

**ANSWER: No. We encourage all minority or DBE vendors to participate.**

BIDDER QUESTION #9: In reading through the bid solicitation for Bid #201502, page 12 references the following regarding shelf life:

*All shelf-stable goods delivered to the ECSD Warehouse must, at a minimum, have a shelf life of six (6) months. The Best By Dates must be clearly marked on the side of the boxes or pallets.*

Is 'shelf-stable' only referring to dry goods here, or goods of all temp channels?

**ANSWER: Shelf stable is only for items that do not require refrigeration. They are stored at room temperature.**

BIDDER QUESTION #10: If we have an item we would like to bid on and have previously sent samples on the prior school years bid will we need to send more sample for testing?

**ANSWER: If previously submitted samples do not appear on the Approved Brand list on the current bid, they were not approved due to either not meeting the nutrition specifications or were disliked by students during school taste tests.**

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BIDDER QUESTION #11: If we have sent samples in the past for bids would it be possible to know the results of the samples test?

**ANSWER: The approval status of submitted samples is indicated on the bid tabulation which is posted on the Purchasing website at: [http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/purchasing\\_home](http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/purchasing_home) under Current Bid Activity.**

BIDDER QUESTION #12: If samples are sent this year and results of said sample are available when can we expect the results to be released?

**ANSWER: Please refer to the above Question #12. If samples were sent randomly throughout the year without an issued bid solicitation, the vendor should contact Sophie Goyins, Dietitian-Food Services, at 850-469-5637 or [sgoyins@escambia.k12.fl.us](mailto:sgoyins@escambia.k12.fl.us) . If a bid has been issued, all communication must be directed to Allison Watson, Sr. Purchasing Agent, at 850-469-6210 or [awatson@escambia.k12.fl.us](mailto:awatson@escambia.k12.fl.us). Vendors who contact any other District employees regarding the subject of the bid are subject to disqualification from participating in the bid process.**

**All approved samples will put on the Approved Brand list on the next bid solicitation.**