

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions have been submitted concerning RFP #152002, Fruits & Vegetables – Frozen, Canned & Packaged. Questions #1 and #2 indicated a need to amend the RFP document. Therefore, Addendum 1 to RFP #152002 has been issued. All questions received have been answered, and are provided verbatim from what was received:

BIDDER QUESTION #1: You are currently buying the Asian Food Solutions Broccoli cuts, but do not have them spec'd on your Fruits & Vegetables bid line item 24, do they need to send a sample of this item in for your approval? I wouldn't think so since you are already buying it from them.

Yes, the District is currently using the product because they were the only company that could provide domestic broccoli. It did not get approved last year because they had a minimum quantity. Since we are using it, a sample is not needed. However, the above vendor will be added to Addendum#1 for this item.

BIDDER QUESTION #2: After reviewing the bid I noticed that a few brands that I am currently supplying are not listed as an approved brand. We are currently supplying Peaches and Pears under the "Premium" Label. On the Vegetarian Beans, we are currently supplying "Bella Vista" label packed by Furmano foods.

According to the District records, the above diced pears and vegetarian beans brands were approved last year. However, they did not get transferred onto the master specification list. The RFP specification for the peaches was changed. It is now for diced peaches instead of sliced. The above label was approved for sliced peaches. No approved brands are listed for diced peaches. Therefore, a sample is required.

BIDDER QUESTION #3: Which Food Distributors usually provide products for Escambia County? One of our products is on the bid and we need to know who to contact for distribution.

The District can use any distributor for example, Kelley, Sysco, etc. It may be helpful for the bidding company to view the Purchasing website below to find the awarded Bidder(s) on the previous RFP #141103- Fruits, Vegetables & Miscellaneous Food – Frozen, Canned & Packaged. These awarded items are shipped directly to the ECSD Warehouse.

<http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/purchasing/bids> under Bids Previously Awarded.