

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions have been submitted concerning RFP#191502, Food Processing: USDA Commodities. Questions# 4, 5, 8, and 13 indicated a need to amend the RFP document. Therefore, Amendment No. #1, RFP#180502 has been issued. All questions received have been answered and are stated verbatim from what was received:

BIDDER QUESTION #1: On item 39, can sodium be adjusted to not exceed 690 mg?

**No, the item already has several approved brands within the sodium limits. Therefore, the sodium level will not be changed.**

BIDDER QUESTION #2: Are we able to just bid a line item or do we have to bid the whole category? For example we have one Chicken item we can bid but cannot bid all the Chicken items, are we allowed to bid the one chicken item we do have or is this bid going to bid by Category only? This would be ITEMS 7 -16, where it says may be awarded as a lot.

**The District would consider a line item offer as long as it would be cost efficient to send a truck or a (1/2) half truckload to the processor. Otherwise, items may be awarded as a lot in each category.**

BIDDER QUESTION #3: If we are an approved vendor, are samples required to be submitted for this bid?

**No, samples are not required for approved brands.**

BIDDER QUESTION #4: Will a Product Formulation Statement be accepted as a substitution for the CN Label?

**Yes, the District will accept a product formulation statement as long as the information provided states the required contribution information. Please refer to Addendum No. #1.**

BIDDER QUESTION #5: On page 12, Section IV, Commodity Exchange Agreement and Sample Requirements, subsection B, Processor Agreement, it states that the conditions must be submitted in triplicate. Does this mean that we have to submit one original and two copies? Or one original and three copies of the entire RFP and any other required documents?

**The Responder is now required to submit one (1) original and one (1) copy of their proposal. Please refer to Addendum No. #1.**

BIDDER QUESTION #6: Please see the 2017-2018 Escambia commodities bid. Chef's Corner is spec'd by name. How are they not approved any longer. They had been tested and approved for the bid in the past. And last year their name came off the bid (not sure why). Do you happen to have the answer for that?

Since we have been approved in the past, do we have to send samples in for this bid?

**The products were initially tested and approved by the District. Once they were placed on the District wide menu, the students did not like the taste and the amount of breading used on the items. Therefore, Chef's Corner was taken off the approved list. Samples are not required.**

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BIDDER QUESTION #7: On line item 40, you have Tasty Brands item 62002 listed as the approved code # but you have tested an approved code 62001, please make the correction on this line item.

**After reviewing our sample records, we did not find item #62001. Our records show that item#62002 was tested and approved. Therefore, a sample for item #62001 will be required.**

BIDDER QUESTION #8: On line item 49, you have Red Gold item RPKMA9C listed, but this is not a low sodium Spaghetti Sauce, the code you have approved and have been purchasing is RPKMA9E, please confirm RPKMA9E is the sauce you want Red Gold to bid.

**Yes, the correct item number is RPKMA9C for the spaghetti sauce. Please refer to Addendum No. #1.**

BIDDER QUESTION #9: For item line #8 – Chicken Breast Filets, Whole Muscle Breaded, Could you increase the allowed sodium per serving from 500 mg to 510 mg to allow for competition of like product by other manufacturers?

**No, there are at least two (2) approved brands for this item. The sodium level will not be increased.**

BIDDER QUESTION #10: For item line #9 – Chicken Breast Filets, Hot & Spicy, Whole Muscle Breaded, could you increase the allowed sodium per serving from 460 mg to 525 mg to allow for competition of like product by other manufacturers?

**No, there are at least two (2) approved brands for this item. The sodium level will not be increased.**

BIDDER QUESTION #11: For item line #10 – Chicken Breast Filet, Whole Muscle, Grilled, could you increase the allowed sodium per serving from 250 mg to 265 mg to allow for competition of like product by other manufacturers?

**No, there are at least two (2) approved brands for this item. The sodium level will not be increased.**

BIDDER QUESTION #12: For item line #11 – Chicken Tenders, Whole Muscle Breaded, could you increase the allowed sodium per serving from 350 mg to 385 mg to allow for competition of like product by other manufacturers?

**No, there are at least two (2) approved brands for this item. The sodium level will not be increased.**

BIDDER QUESTION #13: For item #14 – Chicken Fajita Strips, product code number for Gold Kist/Pilgrim's Pride spec'd #1325 has been changed to product code 1250. Please change to 1250.

**The Gold Kist/Pilgrim's Pride product code is now 1250. Please refer to Addendum No. #1.**