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The following questions have been submitted concerning Bid#202202, Miscellaneous Food Items. Questions #1 and #3 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: Bid #202202 states 'All goods delivered to the ECSD Warehouse must at a minimum have a shelf life of twelve (12) months.' Does this shelf life statement apply to bid item #6 Pre-K Compliant Cereal? Previous bids have stated a 6-month shelf life for Ready-To-Eat Cereals.

ANSWER: The shelf life for item #6 has been amended to a minimum of six (6) months. Refer to Addendum No. #1.

<u>BIDDER QUESTION #2</u>: The product we are bidding is packed with six 5-lb inner bags. Would it be acceptable to ship just one inner bag since they are all the same and equivalent? We will make sure to properly label the shipping box with contents and sample information.

ANSWER: The District will not accept any unmarked bags without labels. Therefore, a full case quantity will be required. Refer to page two of the bid document.

<u>BIDDER QUESTION #3</u>: For line item #1, broccoli, frozen, will Escambia accept a 20 lb. bulk case? What about import product will Escambia if lower in cost. Please advise as soon as possible as sample case is due very next day after addendum posted. Being a women small business in these trying times sending a frozen sample is very costly overnight.

ANSWER: The District will accept a 20-30 lbs. case. However, it must be a <u>domestic</u> product. Imported products will not be accepted. Refer to Addendum No. #1.

<u>BIDDER QUESTION #4:</u> We bid our Bowlpak Cereal skus through multiple distributors for Bid #201502, line #54, back in February. Some of these same skus will also apply to the bid specifications on bid #202202 for the Ready To Eat Cereals (Item #6) that are 6g of sugar or less.

ANSWER: The award for item #6 on Bid #202202 will be independent from Bid #201502.

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<u>BIDDER QUESTION #5</u>: Will the pricing that is provided for bid #202202 for line item #6 only be used for this estimated quantity listed on this bid of 600 cs? Can you confirm that pricing given on this bid will not compromise pricing on bid #201502?

ANSWER: The award for item #6 on Bid #202202 will be independent from Bid #201502. The pricing for Bid #201502 is still in effect for the awarded brand(s) and flavor(s).

BIDDER QUESTION #6: Item number 6 on the ITB seems to have the same specifications as Item Number 54 that was awarded on Bid No. 201502, Breakfast and Lunch Entrees. Can you explain any difference in the two and the reason that it is being bid again?

ANSWER: In order to be compliant for Pre-K, the specification must be under six (6) grams of sugar per one (1) oz. serving. Bidders must ensure that the correct product is offered.