

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions have been submitted concerning Bid #230402-Condiments, Spices, and Staples. Amendment #1 has been issued in response to Questions #3 and #4. All questions received have been answered, and are provided verbatim from what was received:

BIDDER QUESTION#1: Is this a distributor bid or are you looking to bring in these items as a DIRECT ship?

Answer #1: The awarded items will be shipped directly to the ECSD Central Warehouse.

BIDDER QUESTION#2: We supply Escambia with raisins, which is line #76. Lions is not on here as an approved brand. Is a sample still required?

Answer #2: No, a sample will not be required.

BIDDER QUESTION#3: Why such a short sample submission deadline? Most manufactures are still facing workforce and production shortages. Industry standard is 2 weeks at least to get full cases samples but these days it can be up to 3 weeks. Will Escambia can accept less than full cases? Or extend the sample submission due date?

Answer #3: The District determines the scheduling in order to maintain the continuity of the bid contracts and awards. If you do not send a full case sample, unmarked boxes or bags containing loose samples will not be accepted. Refer to page two of the bid document. The sample deadline has been extended. Refer to Amendment #1.

BIDDER QUESTION#4: We are a preapproved brand, and the product code you have our Teriyaki Sauce listed under was discontinued. The item we have now is identical, but packaging was changed from a jug to a pouch, giving us a new product code for it. Would you still need us to send in a sample?

Answer #4: Yes, product specifications for the new product code and a sample will be required. Refer to Answer #3 above regarding sample submission. Refer to Amendment #1.