## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

## The following questions have been submitted concerning Bid #230702- Fruits & Vegetables – Frozen, Canned, and Packaged. All questions received have been answered, and are provided verbatim from what was received:

<u>BIDDER QUESTION#1:</u> I recently send in samples of two different brands to cover a PO on mandarins, both brands were accepted. Can you please confirm no sample will be required?

## Answer #1: A sample will not be required for the mandarin oranges from Churchfield Trading.

<u>BIDDER QUESTION#2:</u> In regard to full case samples to be submitted. AS you know the industry has still yet to recover, most manufactures are not willing to send in full samples THOU willing to send in 1 or 2 #10 cans and on the frozen products a single bag. This cover costs and the manpower to put together several different cases with sample paperwork. The typical lead time for samples is at least 7 - 14 days for a manufacture. Any help Escambia can show us vendors in approving less than full case samples would be much appreciated.

Answer #2: The District will accept samples as single #10 cans or single bags of frozen product in lieu of full cases. However, all samples need to be manufacturer's labeled cans or bags.

The following mandarin orange brands are now approved: Lolita #767301131481 and Nemco #767301140872. Refer to Amendment #1.