



**THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
75 N. PACE BLVD.
PENSACOLA, FL 32505**

INVITATION TO BID (ITB) & BIDDER'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

POSTING DATE:

October 12, 2015

PURCHASING CONTACT & TELEPHONE:

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BID TITLE:

Bread For Direct Delivery to School Cafeterias

BID NUMBER:

160902

BID OPENING DATE & TIME **Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 1:30 PM, CST**

NOTE: BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE BID OPENING DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The School District of Escambia County, Florida, solicits your company to submit a bid on the above referenced goods or services. All terms, specifications and conditions set forth in this invitation are incorporated into your response. A Bid will not be accepted unless all conditions have been met. All bids must have an authorized signature in the space provided below. All Bids must be sealed and received in the School District's Purchasing Office at 75 N. Pace Blvd., Pensacola, Florida, by the "Bid Opening Date & Time" referenced above. All envelopes containing sealed bids must reference the "Bid Title", "Bid Number" and the "Bid Opening Date & Time". The School District is not responsible for lost or late delivery of bids by the U.S. Postal Service or other delivery services used by the Bidder. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening unless otherwise specified.

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED AS PART OF YOUR BID. BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS FORM, SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE BIDDER.

COMPANY NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

FEDERAL EMPLOYER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FEIN):

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

(EXT:)

FACSIMILE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS BID? SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE___ BIDNET___ DEMAND STAR___ PRIME
VENDOR___ OTHER___ (PLEASE SPECIFY_____)

I CERTIFY THAT THIS BID IS MADE WITHOUT PRIOR UNDERSTANDING, AGREEMENT, OR CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER BIDDER SUBMITTING A BID FOR THE SAME MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES, AND IS IN ALL RESPECTS FAIR AND WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD. I AGREE TO ABIDE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS BID AND CERTIFY THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS BID FOR THE BIDDER. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE ON MY PART AS THE BIDDER TO RETURN ALL PAGES OF THE ENTIRE BID PACKAGE, AND/OR FAILURE TO RETURN ANY OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN SECTION III, SHALL RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT THE BID IS NONRESPONSIVE.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

TYPED OR
PRINTED NAME:

TITLE:

DATE:

I. INTRODUCTION

This purpose of this solicitation is to establish an agreement for the direct delivery of bread products to school cafeterias in the Escambia County School District. Refer to Attachment A. Prices, terms, and conditions of this agreement cover all purchases for the products listed in this document for the entire term of this agreement. The term shall begin upon School Board approval on February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017. The quantities listed herein are the best estimate of the District based on prior and projected usage. The District will make every attempt to adhere as closely as possible to the estimated dates and quantities. However, the District reserves the right to reduce the number of shipments and/or purchase additional quantities at the agreement price at any time during the agreement period. By signing this agreement you are agreeing to honor your proposal's price for the entire term of the agreement.

If offering a brand and/or product OTHER THAN ONE OF THE PREAPPROVED BRANDS LISTED, make a notation in the comments section for that item. If you offer a product that is not preapproved in this bid, you must send a sample for review by Monday, October 26, 2015, 12:00 PM, CST. Failure to send a sample and the required documentation when offering an alternate product will result in your bid being determined "non-responsive" for that item. Samples should be clearly labeled "SAMPLE FOR BID NUMBER #160902." If you plan to send samples, contact the Escambia County School District Purchasing Office by email awatson@escambia.k12.fl.us or by fax at (850) 469-6271. A form will be sent to you via email or fax. **This form must be completed prior to samples being sent. All food samples should be delivered to the Escambia County School District Central Warehouse, 51 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, FL 32503.**

QUESTIONS: Due to time constraints, it is recommended that vendors send any questions regarding this solicitation by a manner that can be tracked (email, certified mail, or overnight courier); email is preferred. Deadline for questions will be **Monday, October 19, 2015, 12:00 PM, Central Standard Time**. Any changes in the specifications contained in this bid will be made by Addenda. Any Addenda issued concerning this bid will be posted on the Purchasing Department's web pages. **PRIOR TO SUBMITTING A BID,** it shall be the sole responsibility of each bidder to contact the Purchasing Agent or visit the Purchasing Department's Web pages to determine if an Addendum has been issued and to obtain such Addendum. Any Addendum and answers to any questions received concerning this solicitation will be posted by close of business **Friday, October 23, 2015.**

The direct link to the Bid Activity Section of the District website is listed below.

<http://ecsd.fl.schoolloop.com/purchasing/bids>

All inquiries should be sent to:

Allison Watson, Sr. Purchasing Agent
Purchasing Department
Escambia County School District
75 N. Pace Blvd. Pensacola,
FL 32505

Email: awatson@escambia.k12.fl.us

Fax: 850-469-6271

For the Escambia County School District (ECSD) to ensure equal treatment of all participating vendors, the above named individual is ECSD's only designated representative for this bid. Vendors are expected to utilize this representative for **ALL** Information regarding this bid. **Vendors who contact any other District employee regarding the subject of this bid are subject to disqualification from participating in this solicitation.**

II. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

NOTE: The term "Bidder" as used within this Invitation To Bid (ITB) refers to the person, company or organization responding to this ITB. The Bidder is responsible for understanding and complying with the terms and conditions herein.

- A. **GENERAL:** Upon a Bid award, the terms and conditions of this Bid or any portion thereof, may upon mutual agreement of the parties be extended for an additional term(s) or for additional quantities (all original terms and conditions will remain in effect). Subject to the mutual consent of the parties, the pricing, terms and conditions of this Bid, for the products or services specified herein, may be extended to other municipal, city or county government agencies, school boards, community or junior colleges, or state universities within the State of Florida.
- B. **BID OPENING AND FORM:** Bid openings will be public on the date and time specified on the Bidder's Acknowledgement form. All Bids received after the time indicated will be rejected as non-responsive and retained by the District. Bids by Email, fax, telegram, or verbally by telephone or in person will not be accepted. The public opening will acknowledge receipt of the bids only; details concerning pricing or the offering will not be announced. All bids submitted shall become public record upon an announcement of a recommended award or thirty (30) days after the opening date whichever occurs first. To protect any confidential information contained in their Bid, companies must invoke the exemptions to disclosure provided by law in response to the ITB, and must identify the data and other material to be protected, and must state the reasons why such exclusion from public disclosure is necessary.
- C. **WARRANTY:** All goods and services furnished by the Bidder, relating to and pursuant to this Bid will be warranted to meet or exceed the Specifications contained herein. In the event of breach, the Bidder will take all necessary action, at Bidder's expense, to correct such breach in the most expeditious manner possible.
- D. **PRICING:** All pricing submitted will include all packaging, handling, shipping charges, and delivery to any point within Escambia County, Florida to a secure area or inside delivery. The School Board is exempt and does not pay Federal Excise and State of Florida Sales taxes.
- E. **TERMS OF PAYMENT / INVOICING:** The normal terms of payment will be Net 30 Days from receipt and acceptance of goods or services and Bidder's invoice. Itemized invoices, each bearing the Purchase Order Number must be mailed on the day of shipment. Invoicing subject to cash discounts will be mailed on the day that they are dated.
- F. **TRANSPORTATION AND TITLE:** (1) Title to the goods will pass to the School District upon receipt and acceptance at the destination indicated herein. Until acceptance, the Bidder retains the sole insurable interest in the goods. (2) The shipper will prepay all transportation charges. The School District will not accept collect freight charges. (3) No premium carriers will be used for the School District's account without prior written consent of the Director of Purchasing.
- G. **PACKING:** All shipments will include an itemized list of each package's content, and reference the School District's Purchase Order Number. No charges will be allowed for cartage or packing unless agreed upon by the School District prior to shipment.
- H. **INSPECTIONS AND TESTING:** The School District will have the right to expedite, inspect and test any of the goods or work covered by this Bid. All goods or services are subject to the School District's inspection and approval upon arrival or completion. If rejected, they will be held for disposal at the Bidder's risk. Such inspection, or the waiver thereof, however, will not relieve the Bidder from full responsibility for furnishing goods or work conforming to the requirements of this Bid or the Bid Specifications, and will not prejudice any claim, right, or privilege the School District may have because of the use of defective or unsatisfactory goods or work.

- I. **STOP WORK ORDER:** The School District may at any time by written notice to the Bidder stop all or any part of the work for this Bid award. Upon receiving such notice, the Bidder will take all reasonable steps to minimize additional costs during the period of work stoppage. The School District may subsequently either cancel the stop work order resulting in an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule and/or the price, or terminate the work in accordance with the provisions of the Bid terms and conditions.
- J. **INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION:** The Bidder agrees to indemnify and save harmless the School District, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims and liabilities (including expenses) for injury or death of persons or damage to any property which may result, in whole or in part, from any act or omission on the part of the Bidder, its agents, employees, or representatives, or are arising from any Bidder furnished goods or services, except to the extent that such damage is due solely and directly to the negligence of the School District. The Bidder will carry comprehensive general liability insurance, including contractual and product liability coverage, with minimum limits acceptable to the School District. The Bidder will, at the request of the School District, supply certificates evidencing such coverage.
- K. **RISK OF LOSS:** The Bidder assumes the following risks: (1) all risks of loss or damage to all goods, work in process, materials and equipment until the delivery thereof as herein provided; (2) all risks of loss or damage to third persons and their property until delivery of all goods as herein provided; (3) all risks of loss or damage to any property received by the Bidder or held by the Bidder or its suppliers for the account of the School District, until such property has been delivered to the School District; (4) all risks of loss or damage to any of the goods or part thereof rejected by the School District, from the time of shipment thereof to Bidder until redelivery thereof to the School District.
- L. **LAWS AND REGULATIONS:** Bidders will comply with all applicable Federal, State and Local laws, statutes and ordinances including, but not limited to the rules, regulations and standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, the Federal Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and the rules and regulations promulgated under these Acts. Bidders agree not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, sex, religion, color, age or national origin.
All agreements as a result of an award hereto and all extensions and modifications thereto and all questions relating to its validity, interpretation, performance or enforcement shall be governed and construed in conformance to the laws of the State of Florida.
- M. **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES:** A Bidder, person, or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a Bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Florida State Statute, Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
- N. **PATENTS:** Bidders agree to indemnify and save harmless the School District, its officers, employees, agents, or representatives using the goods specified herein from any loss, damage or injury arising out of a claim or suit at law or equity for actual or alleged infringement of letters of patent by reason of the buying, selling or using the goods supplied under this Bid, and will assume the defense of any and all suits and will pay all costs and expenses thereto.
- O. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112 Florida Statutes. All Bidders must disclose the name of any company owner, officer, director or agent who is an employee of the School District and/or is an employee of the School District and owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent or more of the company.

- P. **TERMINATION: DEFAULT:** The School District may terminate all or any part of a subsequent award by giving notice of default to Bidder, if Bidder: (1) refuses or fails to deliver the goods or services within the time specified; (2) fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Bid or so fails to make progress as to endanger performances, hereunder, or; (3) becomes insolvent or subject to proceedings under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, or relief of debtors. In the event of termination for default, the School District's liability will be limited to the payment for goods and services delivered and accepted as of the date of termination. **CONVENIENCE.** The School District may terminate for its convenience at any time, in whole or in part any subsequent award. In which event of termination for convenience, the School District's sole obligations will be to reimburse Bidder for (1) those goods or services actually shipped/performed and accepted up to the date of termination, and (2) costs incurred by Bidder for unfinished goods, which are specifically manufactured for the School District and which are not standard products of the Bidder, as of the date of termination, and a reasonable profit thereon. In no event is the School District responsible for loss of anticipated profit nor will reimbursement exceed the Bid value.
- Q. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** Whenever two or more Bids are equal with respect to price, quality, and service, a Bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program as defined by Section 287.087 Florida Statutes, will be given preference in the award process.
- R. **PERFORMANCE:** In an effort to reduce the cost of doing business with the School District, and unless indicated elsewhere, no Bid or performance bond is required. However, upon award and subsequent default by Bidder, the School District reserves the right to pursue any or all of the following remedies: (1) to accept the next lowest available Bid price or to purchase materials or services on the open market, and to charge the original awardees for the difference in cost via a deduction to any outstanding or future obligations; (2) the Bidder in default will be prohibited from activity for a period of time determined by the severity of the default, but not exceeding two years; (3) any other remedy available to the School District in tort or law.
- S. **AUDIT AND INSPECTION:** The District or its representative reserves the right to inspect and/or audit all the Bidder's documents and records as they pertain to the products and services delivered under this agreement. Such rights will be exercised with notice to the Bidder to determine compliance with and performance of the terms, conditions and specifications on all matters, rights and duties, and obligations established by this agreement. Documents/records in any form shall be open to the District's representative and may include but are not limited to all correspondence, ordering, payment, inspection and receiving records, and contracts or sub-contracts that directly or indirectly pertain to the transactions between the District and the Bidder.
- T. **SAMPLES AND BRAND NAMES: BRAND NAMES.** Specifications referencing specific brand names and models are used to reflect the kind and type of quality in materials and workmanship, and the corresponding level of performance the School District expects to receive as a minimum. Bidders offering equivalents or superior products to the brand/model referenced will: (1) reference on the Bid in the space provided the manufacturer's name, brand name, model and/or part number; (2) next to the price Bidder will indicate "ALT" to reflect an alternate offering; (3) where no sample is provided with the Bid, Bidders will enclose sufficient technical specification sheets and literature to enable the School District to reach a preliminary evaluation; (4) the School District may request and Bidder agrees to submit a sample or to provide its product on-trial or demonstration, whichever the School District may deem appropriate, at no charge to the District; (5) the School District reserves the right to determine the acceptability of any alternatives offered. **SAMPLES.** Any sample requested by this Bid or to be provided at the Bidder's option, should be forwarded under separate cover to the attention of the Purchasing Office of the School District. The package or envelope will reference the Bid Number, Bid Title, and Bid Item Number and clearly marked "Samples".

All samples will be provided free of charge, including transportation charges. Bidders are responsible for notifying and making arrangements for pick up from the School District if a return of samples is expected. All samples unclaimed for thirty (30) days will be disposed of at the discretion of the School District.

U. **EVALUATION CRITERIA:** Primary factors used to decide the award hereunder will be price, quality, availability, and responsiveness. Other factors that may be used in the evaluation of this Bid will be: (1) administrative costs incurred by the School District in association with the discharge of any subsequent award; (2) alternative payment terms; (3) Bidder's past performance. The School District reserves the right to evaluate by lot, by partial lot, or by item, and to accept or reject any proposal in its entirety or in part, and to waive minor irregularities if the proposal is otherwise valid. In the event of a price extension error, the unit price will be accepted as correct. The School District has sole discretion in determining testing and evaluation methods. The School District may consider in conjunction to any award hereunder, those products, services and, prices available to them through contracts from state, federal, and local government agencies or other school districts within the State of Florida.

V. **CLARIFICATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS:** The School District reserves the right to allow for clarification of questionable entries, and for the Bidder to withdraw items with obvious mistakes. Any questions concerning terms, conditions or specifications will be directed to the designated Purchasing Agent referenced on the Bid Acknowledgement. Any ambiguities or inconsistencies shall be brought to the attention of the designated Purchasing Agent in writing at least seven workdays prior to the opening date of the proposals. Failure to do so, on the part of the bidder will constitute an acceptance by the bidder of consequent decision. An addendum to the Bid shall be issued and posted for those interpretations that may affect the eventual outcome of this Bid. It is the bidder's responsibility to assure the receipt of all addendum issued. No person is authorized to give oral interpretations of, or make oral changes to the bid. Therefore oral statements given before the Bid opening date will not be binding. The School District will consider no interpretations binding unless provided for by issuance of an addendum. Addenda will be posted to the School District's Purchasing website address at: <http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/purchasing/bids> at least five workdays prior to the opening date. The bidder shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda by signing and enclosing said addenda with their bid.

W. **BID TABULATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PROTEST:** Bid tabulations with award recommendations are posted for 72 hours in the Purchasing Office and are also posted to the School District's Purchasing website address at: <http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/purchasing/bids>. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3) Florida State Statutes will constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida State Statutes and School Board Rules. Bid tabulations, recommendations or notices will not be automatically mailed.

X. **CONTACT:** All questions for additional information regarding this Bid **must be directed to the designated Purchasing Agent noted on page one.** Prospective bidders shall not contact any member of the Escambia County School Board, Superintendent, or staff regarding this Bid prior to posting of the final tabulation and award recommendation on the website and in the Purchasing Office. Any such contact shall be cause for rejection of your bid.

Y. **BID PREPARATION COSTS:** Neither the School District nor its representatives shall be liable for any expenses incurred in connection with the preparation of a response to this Bid.

Z. **AGREEMENT FORM:** All subsequent agreements as a result of an award hereunder, shall incorporate all terms, conditions and specifications contained herein, and in response hereto, unless mutually amended in writing.

III. **SPECIAL CONDITIONS** These "SPECIAL CONDITIONS" are in addition to or supplement Section II GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS. In the event of a conflict these SPECIAL CONDITIONS shall have precedence.

A. **EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS:** Ex parte communication, whether verbal or written, by any potential Bidders or representative of any potential Bidders to this solicitation with District personnel involved with or related to this Bid, other than as expressly designated in this document, is strictly prohibited. Violation of this restriction may result in the rejection/disqualification of the Bidders' offer.

Ex parte communication (whether verbal or written) by any potential Bidders or representative of any potential Bidders to this solicitation with District Board members is also prohibited and will result in the disqualification of the Bidders.

Any current vendor meetings with District staff and administration, or instructional personnel shall at no time include any conversation regarding the Bid.

- B. DOCUMENTATION AND REQUIRED ENCLOSURES:** All documents listed below must be returned in their entirety. **Failure to return all pages (entire document) or any of the items listed below may result in your proposal not being accepted.**
- 1. The entire bid document shall be returned (pages 1 – 26 plus Attachment A&B).** The signature on the first page must be an original signature – no fax or email documents will be accepted. In the event that the bidder makes an error on entering any information and enters a correction, the change(s) must be initialed. Any bid submitted with strike over or white out corrections that are not initialed will be rejected as non-responsive.
 - 2. Return your original bid and one copy.** The copy should be a photocopy of your original bid and there should be no differences in the bid document or attached enclosures. Any difference or failure to include bid attachments in both sets may cause your bid to be rejected. **Please mark copy “COPY.”**
 - 3. Product specification/ nutrition fact sheets or certifications must be attached if requested for an item in the Specifications and Pricing Section and/or if offering alternate items. **Sending these sheets with your sample product does not negate the need to attach these as part of your bid.****
 - 4. If not currently doing business with the Escambia County School District, a business reference, preferably a School District must be submitted. See attached Form Number P-002, contained within this document.**
- C. JESSICA LUNSFORD ACT:** Vendor will comply with all requirements of Sections 1012.32 and 1012.456, Florida Statutes, by certifying that the vendor and all of its employees who provide services under this contract have completed the background screening required by the referenced statutes and meet the standards established by the statutes. This certification will be provided to the school in advance of the vendor providing any services on campus while students are present. **The vendor will bear the cost of acquiring the background screening required by Section 1012.32, F.S.,** and any fee imposed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to maintain the fingerprints provided with respect to vendor and its employees. The vendor will follow the procedures for obtaining employee background screening as outlined on the Escambia County School District Website: <http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com>. Vendor will provide school a list of its employees who have completed background screening as required by the referenced statutes and meet the statutory requirements. Vendor will update these lists in the event that any employee listed fails to meet the statutory standards or new employees who have completed the background check and meet standards are added. The parties agree that in the event that vendor fails to perform any of the duties described in this paragraph, this will constitute a material breach of the contract entitling school to terminate immediately with no further responsibility to make payment or perform any other duties under this contract. Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless school, its officers and employees from any liability in the form of physical injury, death, or property damage resulting from vendor's failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph or Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes.
- D. DISCONTINUED OR SUBSTITUTE ITEMS:** In the event the producer/supplier replaces the specified products with a new product, the Bidder will notify the Purchasing Agent indicated on page one (1) in writing, and will apprise the District of product replacement options at the bid price, and/or any cost reduction available for the specified product(s). The District reserves the right to authorize such product replacement and/or cost reduction on any specified product(s).

- E. **BID QUANTITIES:** Quantities indicated in this bid are estimates based on prior usage. Actual purchases may vary from item to item and the School District cannot guarantee that items will be purchased exactly as indicated. The District reserves the right to increase or decrease all estimated quantities during the term of this contract or delete any item or items as it deems appropriate without affecting the bid pricing or the terms and conditions of the bid.
- F. **TERM OF AGREEMENT:** The term of this agreement will be for the period beginning February 1, 2016 and ending January 31, 2017. All terms and conditions including price shall remain in effect for the entire term of this agreement. **The District does not pay fuel adjustment charges.**
- G. **EVALUATION CRITERIA:** Bids shall be evaluated by a committee to determine which bidder best meets the needs of the School District. The School District reserves the right to evaluate by lot, by partial lot, or by item. Award will be made using either or both of the following criteria:
1. Line Item by Low Price: Award for each line item will go to the vendor with the lowest price when the low price is for a product on the approved products list or where an alternate product is bid, was tested and approved by the District upon receipt of sample as detailed in this solicitation. The District reserves the right to reject any bid with a minimum shipment requirement; therefore, low bid with minimum shipment requirements will only receive the award if the minimum shipment quantity is accepted by the District. Products approved prior to posting of this bid are listed in the Specifications and Pricing Section (Section VII) for each item.
 2. Award by Lots: Aggregate low price for all line items in a lot (i.e. all cereal would be one lot) will be awarded to one vendor.
- H. **ALTERNATE BID:** The District shall have sole discretion in accepting or rejecting any alternate product offered.
- I. **ALTERNATE PRODUCTS:** The District pre-approves products in student taste tests prior to bid evaluation (see paragraph U). Offering any product not listed as approved in this document is an alternate bid. Bidders may offer an equivalent product in lieu of the items approved. An alternate product will only be accepted if a sample is provided to the District in the time and manner stated within this document. The District shall have sole discretion in accepting or rejecting a vendor's alternate product. If approved, the alternate product bid for that item will be added to the approved product list and will be accepted for potential award for this and future solicitations. For larger and/ or more expensive items, vendors may send detailed specifications, including but not limited to, photos or drawings and the full manufacturer's warranty in place of the sample, providing a request is made in writing to the Purchasing Agent list on Page one (1) of this document.
- J. **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** The School District reserves the right to reject offers containing terms and/or conditions contradictory to those requested in this solicitation.
- K. **FLORIDA PUBLIC RECORDS LAW:** Bidder shall comply with Florida's Public Records Law. Specifically, Bidder agrees that it will:
1. Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the District in order to perform the services performed by the vendor under the Agreement.
 2. Provide the public with access to such public records on the same terms and conditions that the District would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed that provided in chapter 119, Fla. Stat., or as otherwise provided by law.
 3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or that are confidential and exempt from public record requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.

4. Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in possession of the vendor upon termination of the Agreement and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the District.
 5. The failure of the vendor to comply with the provisions set forth shall constitute a default and breach.
- L. **ADDITIONAL FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS:** While not provided as separate certifications in this bid, by signing this bid, the signatory attests to the applicable certification provisions listed below:
1. Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, USDA regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 7 C.F.R. Parts 15, 15a and 15b, and FNS Instruction 113-1, Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement-Nutrition Programs and Activities, and any additions or amendments.
 2. The Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*), the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1311–1330, § 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 C.F.R. § 1.1 *et seq.*).
 3. Certification Regarding Lobbying pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352 (Appendix A: 7 C.F.R. Part 3018).
 4. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352 (Appendix A: 7 C.F.R. Part 3018).
 5. Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94–163, 89 Stat. 871).
 6. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (29 C.F.R. Part 5).
 7. Executive Order 11246, entitled Equal Employment Opportunity, as amended by Executive Order 11375 and Department of Labor Regulation (41 C.F.R. Chapter 60).
 8. Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (18 U.S.C. 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 3).
 9. Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5).
 10. The vendor is subject to the provisions of Section 2209d of Title 7 of the United States Code due to the use of federal funds for the food service program. All announcements and other materials publicizing this program must include statements as to the amount and proportion of federal funding involved.
- M. **BUY AMERICAN ACT:** Except in those instances where certain food items are not commercially available from production within the United States, no food items covered by this solicitation are to be imported, imported and repacked, or imported and labeled with an American Processor or Distributor's label.
- N. **INSPECTIONS:** All products delivered shall conform in all respects to applicable standards promulgated under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, and the Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection in effect at the time of delivery. No product that contains any artificial coloring agent, such as #2 red dye, is to be offered on this bid. The School District of Escambia County shall be permitted to inspect the processor's inventory of USDA donated commodity products or the School District's bulk or processed meat items that he has on hand at any time.

- O. **GRADES FOR FOOD:** Grades for foodstuffs are based on standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service and items supplied must be of grade indicated for the item.
- P. **IRRADIATION PROCESS:** Do not bid any food items preserved by the use of an irradiation process.
- Q. **SPECIFICATIONS:** Bids must be submitted in strict accordance with the specifications contained herein; if vendor is submitting a bid not conforming to specifications, please indicate this in the pricing section. Complete information and product specifications must be included with the bid.
- R. **FEDERAL FOOD, DRUG AND COSMETIC ACT, THE MEAT INSPECTION ACT, AND THE POULTRY PRODUCTS INSPECTION ACT:** All products delivered shall conform in all respects to applicable standards promulgated under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the Meat Inspection Act, and the Poultry Products Inspection Act in effect at the time of delivery.
- S. **INCOMPLETE BID INFORMATION:** Failure to submit complete information on an item may prevent consideration of your bid for that item.
- T. **WHOLE GRAIN RICH:** Where the term “**whole-grain rich**” appears in the specifications for any of the products listed below, whole-grain rich means the product must contain at least 51% whole grain flour.
- U. **DISTRICT TASTE TEST:** A diverse group of students representing the entire student population at one or more schools will be used to test new food products. Regarding their participation in the taste test, the group of students will be informed of the importance of their decisions in the District menu development. The students will participate in a blind taste test and are given a score sheet to rate each item as acceptable or unacceptable. The test results are tallied and each item is given an approved or unapproved status based on a substantial majority vote. If an item will be used exclusively for a la carte sales, there is an additional question on the score sheet which asks if a student would pay a specified amount for the product. In some instances, new products are tested on the reimbursable meal line and approval is based on verbal student feedback and/or sales.
- V. **SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS:** Samples are required under the circumstances listed below.
1. The products offered have not been previously approved by the District.
 2. The District may request samples of products for review that have been approved and purchased previously for the following reasons:
 - a. School Cafeteria Managers indicate there has been a decrease in product quality.
 - b. Manufacturing firm or process has changed since product was last tested by the District.
 - c. More than five (5) years has elapsed since product was last tested.
 - d. The Food Services Department wishes to test for any reason.
- W. **MINIMUMS:** If a statement regarding minimum order quantity or value is not indicated by the bidder, the schools may request any order quantity for delivery without limitations or restrictions.

IV. **PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION, PACKAGING, AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS**

- A. **ALTERNATE PACKAGING:** Mindful of the variance in the kind and size of container and number of units in a shipping case commercially available, no vendor is prevented from offering on different kinds and sizes of containers and/or number of units in a shipping case.
1. Any alternate packaging offered must be substantially equivalent **and listed as an alternate bid**.
 2. Changes in packaging and packing offered by the bidder must be clearly indicated in their bid and will be given consideration to the extent deemed consistent with the best interests of the schools.

- B. **EXTERIOR LABELING:** The net product content will be displayed on the exterior of all shipping containers of all products delivered.
- C. **LOT IDENTIFICATION:** All lots shall bear the correct commercial label that conforms to the brand being bid.
- D. **BRAND/TRADE NAME:** Vendor shall indicate in their proposal the brand or trade name by which the product offered is identified.
- E. **BRAND/PACKER IDENTIFICATION:** In the event of an award, deliveries must be identified by the brand or trade name of the packer as submitted by the vendor in his bid, unless otherwise specifically approved and authorized.

V. ORDER PLACEMENT AND DELIVERY PROCEDURES

- A. **ORDERING PROCEDURES:** All orders will be placed directly with the successful vendor or his agent/broker by the individual school or Food Service agent as directed by the Food Services Department.
- B. **DELIVERY PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION:** Deliveries shall be made to each school at a time that is convenient for cafeteria operations.
 1. Deliveries shall be made between 6:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., Central Standard Time. The cafeteria manager may request up to two (2) deliveries of fresh product per week, if needed. For frozen product, one (1) delivery per week is needed.
 2. Vendor must provide substitution in the event of an out of stock item, with prices being the same or less than the original product requested. Once a product has been ordered, non-deliverance of the product or an acceptable substitute will be unacceptable.
 3. If the vendor is unable to deliver any or all of an order one (1) working day notice shall be given. The vendor shall notify the Food Services office at 850-469-5635. Items ordered, but not delivered, will be purchased from other sources, with the difference in price between the bid price and price paid to be deducted from the awarded vendor's subsequent invoices.
 4. Product must always be delivered to be fresh or, if applicable, frozen to each location.
 5. **Under no circumstances is product to be left unattended on a loading dock. All product must be delivered during a time when cafeteria staff is present. This also excludes leaving product with custodial or security staff.** If, on rare occasions, a reason should arise that would make this acceptable to a cafeteria manager, that manager should notify the Food Services Office in writing that he/she has authorized product to be left with non-cafeteria staff.
- C. **CONDITION OF PRODUCT AT TIME OF DELIVERY:** If applicable, Contractors shall assure that refrigerated trucks are used to protect products during transport and that these trucks comply with all ServSafe/Haccp (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points) regulations. At destinations, all products shall be in compliance with applicable specifications and will be reexamined by the consignee for cleanliness and soundness.
- D. **DELIVERY EQUIPMENT (FROZEN FOOD):** If applicable, the successful vendor and/or his delivering carrier shall utilize properly insulated, mechanically cooled, thermostatically controlled equipment. The proper temperature of 35 to 38F degrees will be maintained for cooler (non-frozen) products and 0 (zero) F degree or below for frozen food items. **This shall be evident upon its arrival at the school cafeterias. All frozen food items must arrive in a hard frozen state.**