

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions have been submitted concerning RFP #140903, Fresh Produce for Direct Delivery to School Cafeterias (Includes Farm-to-School Program). None of the questions (below) received indicated a need for a change to the RFP document. Thus, no Addenda will be issued. All questions received have been answered, and are provided verbatim from what was received:

BIDDER QUESTION 1: I am looking over the bid and the delivery times have changed from 6:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. is this correct?

Yes, the delivery times are correct in the bid. Delivery of these products should be between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and must follow other stipulations listed in the RFP document.

BIDDER QUESTION 2: Page 13, Letter I of the attached states 3 deliveries per week per school. How firm is the 3 deliveries per school per week? Can we submit 1 scheduled delivery per school per week with any additional needs addressed as they arise?

FIRM. We will not accept a bid for delivery one day per week. Some schools may only require two days per week, how the vendor will be notified of this is detailed in the RFP in the same section referenced in the question.

BIDDER QUESTION 3: Three day a week delivery? Is this expected, suggested, or recommended? How do you get three days into a 5 day school week without waste? Monday, Wednesday, Thursday? Monday, Wed, Friday and it sits for two days?

Nothing stated in this RFP is a suggestion; all terms and conditions listed in this RFP are a requirement and, if awarded, becomes the contract between the vendor and the District.

Some schools will not require 3 days per week (see Question 2), but some will and this could change during the menu cycle. With the increased requirement by the Department of Agriculture for students to be provided a fruit for meals, we expect usage to increase.

BIDDER QUESTION 4: Under Award Criteria Number 4 sub letter b, there are several new items on the bid (cherries, diced apples, etc.). If we do not have purchase history on 11/19/2013 for an item, what is the procedure to comply with bid criteria?

Just put "new" where you would have listed the price. Not all items on that list will have been delivered by any vendor during the pricing period listed. Since you are attaching invoices for the period, if you did not sell an item during that period, just pull a dash that section. We will be comparing the exact invoices you attach with your pricing sheet. This is a sampling to verify that bidder's understand the pricing structure of the RFP, not your bid. Your pricing should be listing in the pricing section of the RFP, pages 15-37.

BIDDER QUESTION 5: Is this "All of Nothing" or is this to be subdivided territories once again?

No, this is not an all or none bid. See Section III, U, Number 6. Being added to the list does not guarantee that the schools will be split evenly by the number of vendors. Vendor performance and school needs will dictate the number of schools assigned to each vendor.

BIDDER QUESTION 6: Under Diced Apples 500lbs are you looking for a specific pack size? Same question applies to Chopped Collards, Cherries, Tomatoes Wedge Cut.

Pack sizes vary from vendor to vendor. You must list the pack sizes you are bidding on the pricing sheets of this RFP, along with your price, pages 15-37.

BIDDER QUESTION 7: Can I have clarification on "LOCAL" I understand it to be anyone in Florida, and possibly the neighboring counties in Al. (Escambia, Baldwin) Is that correct?

At this time, it is our understanding that all of North Florida and the surrounding Alabama counties will be considered local for Escambia County, Florida. We will have to get a determination on any location not in the Northwest Florida area at the time of Purchase or as we become aware that you may purchase products from those locations. If you are able to include a list of the areas you will purchase from to honor the farm-to-school portion of this bid now, please list those in your Value Added Service Plan.