

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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The following questions have been submitted concerning Bid#153202, Breakfast and Lunch Entrees. Questions #5 & 8 have indicated a need to amend the Bid document. Therefore, Amendment No. #1, Bid#153202 has been issued. All questions received have been answered, and are provided verbatim from what was received:

BIDDER QUESTION#1: I'm not sure what type Cracker you are looking for on the new bid. Item #85 "Crackers, Whole Wheat to be wrapped in individual bags, approx. 1oz in wgt." Would this be the same as what was on last years bid? I copied line item below from 2014/15 bid.

67.	3600	cs.	GRAHAM SNACKS, WHOLE GRAIN (0505250): Graham snacks, whole grain rich, should provide no more than 35% of calories from total fat, no more than 10% of calories from saturated fat, and be no more than 35% sugar by weight. The cookie may have up to 1 gram of saturated fat even if calories from saturated fat exceed the limit of 10% of total calories. 0 trans fat. Individually portioned 1 oz. graham snacks. Must meet 1 grain per serving as defined by the Child Nutrition Program. Packed 300 per case.
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Item# 85 on the current bid is for simple whole wheat crackers, not a graham snack. It is not the same above item #67 description on the previous bid.

BIDDER QUESTION#2: I just want to verify we are sending the completed bid package to:

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

Answer: Yes, the mailing address is correct.

BIDDER QUESTION#3: Can a manufacturer bid two different items with two different prices that meet the all the specs for one line item?

Yes. However, the bidder is required to submit samples and documentation as specified for each brand model that is not approved.

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BIDDER QUESTION #4: How many samples of each alternative product do we need to send? How many total samples are required?

We need enough samples to test with approximately fifty (50) kids. Depending on the item, we will cook it and cut it up into pieces (i.e, for a hotdog, we would cut it into three (3) pieces so we could sample test with three (3) kids using one hotdog).

BIDDER QUESTION/STATEMENT#5: American Foods Group has revised item code numbers. Attached please find the nutritional fact sheets for the currently approved items and nutritional fact sheets with the new item codes.

As you can see the information is identical with the exception of the code numbers.

Line Item 29

Approved item code 290712 has been changed to 290812.

Line Item 30

Approved item code 290720 has been changed to 290820.

Line Item 37

Approved item code 290854 – no change.

Please advise if you would like to receive samples for approval due to code number changes.

If samples will be required, please advise if a dozen pieces of each item is acceptable or if full 30 pound cases are required. Please also provide the required document to be completed as indicated in paragraph 2 page 2.

No new samples will be required. Amendment #1 has been issued for items # 29 & 30.

BIDDER QUESTION#6: If I am sending samples fruit/grain bars—do I need a whole case of each flavor or would a combination case be ok? Also on the canned pineapple and mandarin—6/10 would 1 or 2 cans be ok?

A combination of flavors of fruit/grain bars will be acceptable. The District is requesting a full case to avoid receiving damaged items from partial shipments.

BIDDER QUESTIONS#7: Also, for Item #75, the description mentions that each pre-packaged lunch should provide 4 of the 5 required lunch components. Could you please let us know what all the 5 components are? We plan an offering an alternative product.

Also, please let us know if you can provide all five components of Item #75.

The item components for the National School Lunch Program are: Milk, Fruit, Vegetable, Meat/Meat Alternate, and Grain. The pre-packaged meal must contain four (4) of the five (5) components, excluding the milk.

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BIDDER QUESTION/STATEMENT#8: On line item 37 Beef Meatballs, Italian flavor you have JTM item 35030CE spec'd, this is a typo the correct code should be 5030CE. Please confirm JTM will not have to submit a sample for the 5030CE meatball.

No sample will be required for the correct product code - JTM 5030CE. Refer to Amendment #1.

BIDDER QUESTION#9: On line item 59 of bid #153202- Breakfast and Lunch Entrees there is a Pro View code number spec'd that is a 20lb pack size, Pro View may have discontinued this pack size – will they need to send a sample of the same product but packed as a 10lb pack size for sampling? The 10lb size will have a different code number.

If it is the same product, samples are not required.