

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions have been submitted concerning ITB #231002 – Breakfast and Lunch Entrees. The questions received have been answered and are stated verbatim from what was received:

QUESTION # 1: We have multiple items preapproved on RFP 230902 (Item 3 – 13441, Item 4 – 13440, Item 5 – 13410, Item 10 – 91401) do we still need to send samples in if we bid these items on the ITB?

Answer #1: No, samples will not be required. The Bidder should indicate on their bid response for each item that it was previously approved on Commodity RFP #230902.

QUESTION # 2: Bid Line 35 – Rich Chicks is spec'd but the items are incorrect (54415 & 54409), we are a pre-approved spec for this item on Commodity bid 230902 line 3 for 13441. Would we need to send samples to be approved on this bid?

Answer #2: No, Rich Chicks should correct and list the accurate product item numbers (#13441 & 13415) on their bid response.

QUESTION # 3: Bid Line 37 - Rich Chicks is not spec'd – We would bid 13440. We are a pre-approved spec for this item on Commodity bid 230902 line 4 for 13440, would we need to send samples to be approved on this bid?

Answer #3: No, samples will not be required. The Bidder should indicate on their bid response for each item that it was previously approved on Commodity RFP #230902.

QUESTION #4: Bid Line 38 – Rich Chicks is not spec'd – We would bid 43424. We are a pre-approved spec for this item on commodity bid line 6 for 43424. Would we need to send samples to be approved on this bid?

Answer #4: Yes, the approved Rich Chicks brand on the commodity bid (Item #6) has a different product code, 43403 not 43424.

QUESTION #5: For line item 16- Would it be possible to increase the sodium to 575mg?

Answer #5: No.

QUESTION #6: For line item 17- Would it be possible to increase the sodium to 625mg?

Answer #6: No.

QUESTION #7: For line item 27- Jennie-O is spec'd but a 1.37oz serving is 320mg and a 1oz serving is 240mg sodium, can you increase the sodium to 240mg for a 1oz serving?

Answer #7: Yes, the sodium level can be increased to 240 mg for 1 oz serving.

QUESTION #8: For line item 41- Would it be possible to increase the sodium to 550mg?

Answer #8: No.

QUESTION #9: For line item 69- Jennie-O is spec'd but each serving is 190mg sodium, would it be possible to increase this slightly?

Answer #9: Yes, the sodium level can be increased to 190 mg.

QUESTION #10: What is the project usage number of deliveries during the first year of the contract?

Answer #10: The number of deliveries to the Central Warehouse varies based on the menu/student participation. As stated on page two of the bid document, 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 quantities. However, the District reserves the right to adjust shipment dates, reduce the number of shipments to the Central Warehouse, and/or purchase additional quantities at the agreement price at any time during the agreement period.

QUESTION #11: If alternate brands are offered, what is your submission of sample policy?

Answer #11: Please refer to following as stated on page two of the bid document:

"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, February 13, 2022, 12:00 PM, CST. Failure to send a full case quantity sample size in its original packaging and the required documentation when offering an alternate product may result in your Bid being determined "non-responsive" for that item. Unmarked boxes or bags containing loose samples are not accepted. Samples should be clearly labeled "SAMPLE FOR BID NUMBER #231002" If planning to send samples, the form and instructions will be posted on the Purchasing website at <http://ecsdfl.schoolloop.com/purchasing/bids>. 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. Refer to Section T - Samples and Brand Names on page 5."

QUESTION #12: Is RFP Breakfast & Lunch Entrees 23/231002 for the commercial equivalents?

Answer #12: Yes.

QUESTION #13: If we bid the same product codes on the commodity RFP, do you need to send a new set of samples? Or can we send samples of only the products that differ from the previous submission?

Answer #13: No, if the product codes and formulations are the same brands approved on the Commodity RFP #230902, a new sample will not be required. The Bidder should indicate on their bid response for each item that it was previously approved on Commodity RFP #230902. However, if the products have different product code or formulation, a sample will be required.

Question #14: How can I sign up to receive bid opportunities from your office?

Answer #14: The bid/RFP solicitations are posted on the District's Purchasing website at: <https://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/purchasing/bids>, BidNetDirect.com, Prime Vendor, and DemandStar distribution services.

Question #15: In the past, I always sent the bid proposal by mail. However, someone told me we can submit our price electronically thru BidNet. Is that correct?

Answer #15: Yes, the District is now also accepting bids electronically through BidNetDirect.com

Question #16: Are products to be delivered to your central warehouse, correct (i.e. not site to site to each cafeteria)?

Answer #16: Yes, all deliveries will be shipped to the District Central Warehouse located at 51 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida 32503. Please refer to page two of the bid document.