

May 4, 2020

Bethel Public Schools announces the opportunity for responsible bidders from the food industry to respond to the attached food specifications valid for the period of August 1, 2020, to May 31, 2021. All bidders wishing to respond to this bid period must do so by 2 p.m., June 10, 2020, at the Bethel Public School Board Office at the above address. No e-mail or facsimile responses will be accepted.

No other format for the bid response other than the attached specification forms will be accepted. Responses will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Best price
- Meeting food descriptions
- Quantity availability
- Past history, if applicable
- Quality of food
- Meeting delivery requirements

Vendors will be expected to ensure that deliveries to Bethel Public Schools will be dropped at 36000 Clear Pond Road, Shawnee, OK up to 2 times per week (Wednesday and Friday) between the hours of 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors must be able to deliver product to both the Upper Cafeteria and the Lower Cafeteria. Delivery trucks and product drops must be HACCP compliant. Sales staff will provide on-site, phone, or e-mail/online ordering methods. Any vendors making substitutions of product must provide equal or better quality at bid price and meet original specifications.

Nutrition Facts information or Nutrition Facts labels must be provided on all products. Bids will be evaluated on a per line item basis.

Bethel Public Schools reserves the right to accept or reject any part, or all, of the bid you submit. If all criteria contained within this document are met, successful bidders will be considered.

Bids will be awarded on June 25, 2020, and all bidders will be notified in writing. Bethel Public Schools reserves the right to terminate a vendor who is awarded business but does not follow through with the above requirements.

BUY AMERICAN PROVISION Section 104(d) amended Section 12(n) of the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) (42 U.S.C. 1760) to require SFAs participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) in this contiguous United States to purchase for those programs, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic USDA Foods or products. If the product is not produced in the USA the vendor must inform the SFA so an alternative product may be used. The SFA will require the vendor to document when the use of non-domestic food exception when competition reveals the cost of domestic food is significantly higher than non-domestic food.

For purposes of this provision, the term domestic food commodity or product means agricultural USDA Foods produced in the United States and food products processed in the United States SUBSTANTIALLY using agricultural USDA Foods that are produced in the United States. The conference Report accompanying Public Law 105-336 makes it clear that the term SUBSTANTIALLY means that over 51 percent of the processed food comes from American-produced products.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation.

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