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Responses to Written Questions

RFP: 25-19 CWS Regional Sourcing

Question 1:

- I'm wondering if all submitters need to submit section 3 with the final proposal, or if we are able to use last year's since we are a current vendor?

Answer 1:

- To fairly evaluate submissions, we ask all vendors submitting for this RFP to submit a full proposal per the guidelines in the RFP document.

Question 2:

- We make lefse, which can also be used as a tortilla. Could a 6" lefse be considered for your "Tortilla, Corn, 6", WG" if it was made with a whole grain flour?

Answer 2:

- MPS would not consider this a replacement product. We ask that you submit this product as a separate "other" line so it may be considered on its own merits. Whole Grain flour would still be preferred.

Question 3:

- We make fried chips from lefse with a seasoned salt variety and a cinnamon sugar variety. Could the seasoned salt variety be considered a tortilla chip? Would there be other categories this might fall into?

Answer 3:

- MPS would not consider this a replacement product. We ask that you submit this product as a separate "other" line so it may be considered on its own merits.

Question 4:

- We make fried chips from lefse with a seasoned salt variety and a cinnamon sugar variety. Could the cinnamon sugar variety be considered a cookie? Would there be other categories this might fall into?

Answer 4:

- Cinnamon Sugar varieties would fall under the “Dessert” section of this RFP, but not specifically a cookie.

Question 5:

- Assuming we provide our product in bulk 1# bags, are there specific requirements for bulk packaging (e.g., bag type or labeling)?

Answer 5:

- No. As long as case labeling supplies all required information (Pack size, Ingredients, Nutrient panel, etc.) bags may be plain.

Question 6:

- Because our product is loose (chips), would we still be able to provide it bulk or will it need to be individually wrapped to be used as a dessert?

Answer 6:

- IW is preferred but Bulk pack will be considered on a case by case basis by the evaluation committee to determine if such offerings are viable in operation.

Question 7:

- Beyond the appendices and product specification sheets mentioned in the RFP, is there any additional information or documentation that would strengthen our proposal and improve our chances of being selected? For example, would a sample product be beneficial?

Answer 7:

- Additional information or product samples may be requested by the evaluation committee during the evaluation period, but is not requested or expected prior to submission.

Thank you,

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