

PULASKI COUNTY SCHOOLS

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INVITATION TO BID

BID REFERENCE:	Pulaski Co Food Bid 2019-2020
BID CONTRACT PERIOD:	July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020
BID POSTING DATE:	May 23, 2019
BID CLOSING:	June 14, 2019 3:00 PM
BID OPENING: Pulaski County BOE.	June 17, 2019
BID AWARD:	*SEE NOTE

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **BID PURPOSE:** The Pulaski County BOE solicits sealed bids that would, if accepted by the Pulaski County BOE, establish contracts, with the general and detailed terms, conditions, and specifications contained in these standard terms and conditions and in the bid specific terms and conditions.
2. **INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS:** Competitive sealed bids are requested on the following items for delivery to the Pulaski County Public Schools subject to the conditions of this invitation and the special conditions of bidding. Bid tabulations will be made and recommendations will be presented to the respective Board of Education by their Food Service Director. *Bids will be awarded at the Board meeting. Bid award announcements will be mailed. The Pulaski County BOE reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
3. **BID RETURN INSTRUCTIONS:** Bids must be received by the specified bid closing date and time shown above. Submit one copy of the completed bid in a sealed envelope, with the designated reference number :
Pulaski County BOE
Att. Lucille Hudson
925 North Main Street
Somerset, Kentucky 42503-1575

Faxed submissions will not be accepted. Bids must be submitted on the original form. The bidder acknowledges that the bidder has read this invitation, understands, and agrees to bind by its terms and conditions. Bids must be signed by some officer or member of the bidding firm who is authorized to legally bind the firm. If you do not wish to bid, return the bid form marked NO BID, otherwise the firms name will be removed from the official mailing roster.

4. **CLARIFICATION:** To request an electronic copy of the bid document, or for clarification and additional information relative to this bid invitation contact:
Pulaski County BOE
Lucille Hudson
501-North Main Street
Somerset, KY 42503-1575
606-679-1123 E-mail: Lucille.hudson@pulaski.kyschools.us

5. **PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS:** Pulaski County BOE conducts all procurement transactions in full compliance with all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations and rules. A contract will be entered into by Pulaski County Schools with only responsible bidders who possess the potential ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions. Consideration shall be made for such matters as a bidder's integrity, record of past performance, financial and technical resources or accessibility to other necessary resources. Pulaski County BOE shall follow the principles of cost analysis in the review and evaluation of bids to determine if the bidder meets the requirements of reasonableness, allocability, and allowability.

6. **AUTHENTICATION OF BID AND STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION AND NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE KENTUCKY MODEL PROCUREMENT CODE:** By my signature on the bid certification, I hereby swear or affirm under penalty of false swearing as provided by KRS 523.040: I am the bidder (if bidder is an individual), a partner in the bidder (if the bidder is a partnership), or an officer or employee of the bidding corporation having authority on its behalf (if the bidder is a corporation). The costs quoted in the bid response are correct and have been arrived at by the bidder independently and have been submitted without collusion and without agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action, with any vendor of materials, equipment, or services described in the invitation to bid, designed to limit independent bidding or competition. The contents of the bid or bids have not been communicated by the bidder, or its employees, or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the bidder or its surety on any bond furnished with the bids and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official opening of the bid or bids. Bidder certifies that this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a proposal for the same materials, supplies, or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. The bidder certifies that collusive bidding is a violation of federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damage awards. The Pulaski County BOE collective bidding process is conducted consistent with KRS Chapter 45A:345 through 45A:460, the Model Procurement Code and that the contents of the bid response and the actions taken by the bidder in preparing and submitting the bid response are in compliance with above sections of the Model Procurement Code. The bidder is legally entitled to enter into contracts with agencies and is not in violation of any prohibited conflict of interest, gratuities and kickbacks including those prohibited by the provisions of the Model Procurement Code (KRS Chapter 45A). Any employee or official of the Pulaski County BOE, who shall take, receive, or offer to take or receive, either directly or indirectly, any rebate, percentage of contract, money, or things of value as an inducement or intended inducement, or in the procurement of business, or the giving of business, for or to or from, any person, or in open market seeking to make sales to the membership shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction such person or persons shall be subject to punishment or fine in accord with state and/or federal laws.

7. **CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING:** The bidder certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:
- i. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
 - ii. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
 - iii. The bidder shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. The Contractor will comply with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352) and the New Restrictions on Lobbying and has signed and attached to this agreement the Certificate Regarding Lobbying and, if applicable, the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Forms SF-LLL) and annually will sign and submit a certificate, if applicable, Form SF-LLL to the Pulaski County BOE.

8. **CERTIFICATION CONCERNING DISBARMENT AND SUSPENSION:** The contractor understands that a contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension."

By electronically signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the Pulaski County BOE. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the Pulaski County BOE, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 180.220 while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

9. **ERROR IN BID:** No bid may be altered, or amended after the specified time and date set for the bid opening. The Pulaski County BOE reserves the right to waive defects and informalities in bids, to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid as may be deemed to its interest.

10. **WITHDRAWAL OF BID:** All bids shall be valid for a period of ten (10) days from the bid opening date to allow for tabulation, study, and consideration by the Pulaski County BOE, or its designee. The bidder may withdraw a bid, without prejudice, prior to the published bid opening date.
11. **ADDENDA:** The Pulaski County BOE may issue addenda to the bid after its release.
12. **REVIEW:** After the public opening of proposals received from the Bid Invitation, The Pulaski County BOE committee will review the results, develop a preliminary tabulation, and may contact the bidder for the purpose of clarification only. Bids will be awarded based on the scoring criteria found on page 10 of this document.
13. **PRE-QUALIFICATION:** The Pulaski County BOE reserves the right to pre-qualify any bidder, especially those which has not previously participated in the Pulaski County bid program. Criteria for qualification shall include:
 - a. **Product Line:** The bidder shall provide proof that all items listed are in stock or can be quickly obtained.
 - b. **Physical Facilities -** Bidder must have the warehouse facilities required to safely and securely store the products required by these specifications. All food service distributors must maintain refrigeration facilities used for storing chilled and frozen products that meet recommendations of the Refrigeration Research Council. Delivery temperatures of frozen and chilled food shall be in compliance with AFDOS code as recommended by the Federal Food and Drug Administration. Pulaski County BOE reserves the right to prequalify any or all bidders and to reject any bidder not meeting the requirements in the areas of warehouse facilities and equipment associated with and necessary for the safe and sanitary storage and delivery of food items requested in these specifications. The facilities and operating practices must, at all times, be in compliance with the United States Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act as well as any State and Local Statute, Regulation or Ordinance.
 - c. **Financial Capacity -** The potential bidder shall have financing adequate to purchase items in the most economical quantities. References may be requested to document adequate financial capacity.
 - d. **Service Level -** If the Pulaski County BOE does not have adequate historical data to determine the bidder's ability to comply with the service level requirement outlined in this bid invitation, then three letters of reference from previous school district customers shall be provided.
 - e. **Past Performance –** The bidder must demonstrate an acceptable level of past performance under previously awarded contracts including conformance to contract requirements, industry standards of performance, reasonable and cooperative behavior, commitment to customer satisfaction, and record of integrity and business ethics.
14. **NON-ASSIGNABILITY OF AWARD:** The awarded bidder cannot convey this contract to its successors or assigns without the prior, express approval of the Pulaski County BOE.
15. **TRANSMITTAL OF ORDERS:** The Pulaski County BOE shall issue formal purchase orders in ordering from the awarded bidder. The successful bidder may use salespeople for in-person and/or telephone solicitation of orders in accordance with a mutually arrived schedule developed between the Pulaski County BOE and the awarded bidder. The bidder shall accept orders electronically from the Pulaski County School cafeterias, after approval from the central office food service department.

16. **QUANTITIES:** It shall be understood that the bid contract will not obligate the Pulaski County BOE to purchase from the Bid Contract.
17. **WARRANTY:** The awarded bidder shall make available and honor all manufacturer's warranties, standard and extended, to the Pulaski County BOE.
18. **RECALLS:** The awarded bidder shall notify the Pulaski County BOE immediately of any product recalls. The awarded bidder will issue a credit or comparable substitute for any delivered, recalled product at Pulaski County BOE discretion. All costs associated with voluntary and involuntary product recalls shall be borne by the awarded bidder.
19. **RETURNS:** The successful bidder must provide a Return Material Authorization within 1 working day of the request by the Pulaski County BOE. Bidder must restock returned materials at no charge (special order and custom crafted items excluded).
20. **LIABILITY:** The awarded bidder agrees to protect, defend, and save harmless the Pulaski County BOE from any suits or demands for payment that may be brought against it for the use of any patented material, process, article, or device that may enter into the manufacture, construction, or form a part of the work covered by either order or contract; and awarded bidder further agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Pulaski County BOE from suits or actions of every nature and description brought against it for, or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any party or parties by, or for any of the acts of the bidders, his servants or agents. The awarded bidder will hold the Pulaski County BOE harmless for any and all damages resulting from consumption of products delivered under this contract when such damages are attributed to foreign materials or other defects in products delivered by the awarded bidder.

The successful bidder will maintain public liability insurance on all vehicles used in deliveries and will be responsible for all damage done while these vehicles are on school property.

21. **ACCOUNTING PRACTICES:** During the life of any contract awarded as a result of this bid, the successful bidder must clearly demonstrate the capacity to provide accurate, reliable, and timely reports in terms of invoices, statements, credits, and usage data. Further, they must demonstrate the ability and capability to provide any and all data necessary to accomplish an accurate and time efficient audit of cost on items being purchased under the cost process.
22. **ITEM SUBSTITUTION AND OUT-OF-STOCK BACK-ORDERS:** Substitutions require prior written authorization from the Pulaski County BOE. The bidder is required to notify the Pulaski County BOE if an item is out of stock, backordered, or if timely delivery is not feasible. Upon notification, the bidder must receive written directions from the Pulaski County BOE on how to proceed (i.e. cancel, process, etc.).
23. **PENALTY:** The bidder agrees to provide total requirements as listed herein, thereby minimizing occurrences when the Pulaski County BOE may have to seek other interim product sources. The bidder is to deliver 100% of stock items within 10 business days; repeated failure to do so will result in default.
24. **PRODUCT AND SAFETY INFORMATION:** The successful bidder shall provide upon request, the most recent MSDS information sheets for any products the bidder may deliver. It is the bidder's responsibility to comply with all local, state, and federal regulations.

25. **VELOCITY REPORTS:** Velocity reports in an electronic format (Microsoft Excel, Access, or SQL) specified by Pulaski County BOE shall be issued upon request. The awarded bidder shall compile velocity reports by school district or any combination. The reports shall indicate purchasing entity, awarded bidder's item number, manufacturer item number, item description, and quantity sold, and dollar value of each item sold.
26. **CONTRACT SUSPENSION:** The Pulaski County BOE may, at its sole discretion, suspend the awarded contract for a period of up to 90 days to investigate alleged instances of material breach of contract or material non-compliance. Breach of contract, default, or noncompliance renders the awarded contract null and void. The awarded bidder agrees that they have no legal recourse of any nature against the Pulaski County BOE, except for services that are due for prior purchases under the awarded contract. The decision of the Pulaski County BOE regarding suspension and/or termination is final.
27. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** The Pulaski County BOE reserves the right to terminate any contract at any time, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) day written notice to Contractor. Upon receipt by the Contractor of the "notice of termination", the Contractor shall discontinue all services with respect to the applicable contract. The Pulaski County BOE, after deducting any amount(s) previously paid, shall pay for all services rendered or goods supplied by the Contractor, as well as any reasonable costs incurred by Contractor up to the time of termination but not including Contractor's loss of profit. The cost of any agreed upon services provided by the Contractor will be calculated at the agreed upon rate prior to "notice of termination" and a fixed fee contract will be pro-rated (as appropriate).
28. **TERMINATION FOR NON-PERFORMANCE (DEFAULT):** The Pulaski County BOE may terminate the resulting contract for non-performance, as determined by the Pulaski County BOE, for such causes as:
- a. Failing to provide satisfactory quality of service, including, failure to maintain adequate personnel, whether arising from labor disputes, or otherwise any substantial change in ownership or proprietorship of the Contractor, which in the opinion of the Pulaski County BOE is not in its best interest, or failure to comply with the terms of this contract;
 - b. Failing to keep or perform, within the time period set forth herein, or violation of, any of the covenants, conditions, provisions or agreements herein contained;
 - c. Adjudicating as a voluntarily bankrupt, making a transfer in fraud of its creditors, filing a petition under any section from time to time, or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any state thereof, or if an order for relief shall be entered against the Contractor in any proceeding filed by or against contractor thereunder. In the event of any such involuntary bankruptcy proceeding being instituted against the Contractor, the fact of such an involuntary petition being filed shall not be considered an event of default until sixty (60) days after filing of said petition in order that Contractor might during that sixty (60) day period have the opportunity to seek dismissal of the involuntary petition or otherwise cure said potential default; or
 - d. Making a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or taking the benefit of any insolvency act, or if a permanent receiver or trustee in bankruptcy shall be appointed for the Contractor.

29. **DEMAND FOR ASSURANCES:** In the event the Pulaski County BOE has reason to believe Contractor will be unable to perform under the Contract, it may make a demand for reasonable assurances that Contractor will be able to timely perform all obligations under the Contract. If Contractor is unable to provide such adequate assurances, then such failure shall be an event of default and grounds for termination of the Contract.
30. **NOTIFICATION:** The Pulaski County BOE will provide ten (10) calendar days written notice of default. Unless arrangements are made to correct the non-performance issues to satisfaction within ten (10) calendar days, the Pulaski County BOE may terminate the contract by giving forty-five (45) days notice, by registered or certified mail, of its intent to cancel this contract.
31. **ATTORNEY'S FEES:** In the event that either party deems it necessary to take legal action to enforce any provision of the contract, and in the event the Pulaski County BOE prevails, the Contractor agrees to pay all expenses of such action, including attorney's fees and costs at all stages of litigation.
32. **COMPENSABLE DAMAGES FOR BREACH:** The Contractor agrees that the following items shall be included as compensable damages for any breach of a contract with the Pulaski County BOE.
 - a. Replacement costs
 - b. Cost of repeating the competitive bidding procedure expenses
 - c. Expenses incurred as the result of delay in obtaining replacements.

The enumeration of compensable damage contained in this section is not intended to be exclusive and will not operate to bar recovery by the Pulaski County BOE for any other damages occasioned by the Contractor's breach of a contract. However, in cases where contract provides for liquidated damages, said liquidated damages shall be in lieu of all other damages, including those enumerated.

33. **OTHER CONDITIONS:**
 - a. The awarded bidder shall be in compliance and will comply with any and all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the awarded contract and the rendering of goods and/or services.
 - b. The awarded contract shall be governed in all respects as to validity, construction, capacity, performance, or otherwise by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
 - c. Any suit, action or other proceeding regarding the execution, validity, interpretation, construction, or performance of this agreement brought against the Pulaski County BOE shall be filed in the local jurisdiction.
 - d. The bidder assures the Pulaski County BOE they are conforming and will continue to conform to the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended.
 - e. Kentucky Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption Form will be issued upon request. Federal Excise or Kentucky Sales or Use taxes are not applicable to any purchase made by the Pulaski County BOE. Bids should not include any such taxes.
 - f. The awarded bidder shall provide access to the Pulaski County BOE, the Comptroller General of the United States, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Kentucky

Department of Education, the Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers, and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to that specific contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions (7 CFR § 3016.36). Such access shall be used to ensure compliance with all applicable Federal and state statutes, regulations and rules, including but not limited to cost principles set forth in 2 CFR § 225. All records should be retained for 3 years or if an audit is in progress, until it is closed.

- g. The awarded bidder shall comply with all applicable cost principles, including but not limited to those set forth in 2 CFR § 225.
- h. The awarded bidder shall retain all required records for three years after the Pulaski County BOE makes final payments and all other pending matters are closed (7 CFR § 3016.36).
- i. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at:

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992.

Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442;
or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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- j. The bidder is and shall remain in compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (18 U.S.C. 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3).
- k. The bidder is and shall remain in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5).
- l. The bidder is and shall remain in compliance with Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-330) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5).
- m. The awarded firm agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq. and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the USDA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

- n. The bidder is and shall remain in compliance with all mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).
- o. By submitting this document, the bidder certifies that this response is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a response for the same materials, supplies, or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. The bidder acknowledges that collusive bidding is a violation of federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damage awards.
- p. The bidder is legally entitled to enter into contracts with agencies of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not in violation of any prohibited conflict of interest, including those prohibited by provisions of KRS 164.390, KRS 61.092-61.096, KRS 42.990, KRS 45A.335-490. Any employee or official of the Pulaski County BOE, or member institution, elective or appointive, who shall take, receive, or offer to take or receive, either directly or indirectly, any rebate, percentage of contract, money, or things of value as an inducement or intended inducement, or in the procurement of business, or the giving of business, for or to or from, any person, or in open market seeking to make sales to the membership shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction such person or persons shall be subject to punishment or fine in accord with state and/or federal laws.
- q. The Pulaski County BOE reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive informalities. A contract, based on this sealed bid, may or may not be awarded.
- r. Cost Reimbursable Contracts
 - i. Allowable costs will be paid from the nonprofit school food service account to the contractor net of all discounts, rebates and other applicable credits accruing to or received by the contractor or any assignee under the contract, to the extent those credits are allocable to the allowable portion of the costs billed to the school food authority;
 - ii. The contractor must separately identify for each cost submitted for payment to the school food authority the amount of that cost that is allowable (can be paid from the nonprofit school food service account) and the amount that is unallowable (cannot be paid from the nonprofit school food service account); Or the contractor must exclude all unallowable costs from its billing documents and certify that only allowable costs are submitted for payment and records have been established that maintain the visibility of unallowable costs, including directly associated costs in a manner suitable for contract cost determination and verification;
 - iii. The contractor's determination of its allowable costs must be made in compliance with the applicable Departmental and Program regulations and Office of Management and Budget cost circulars;
 - iv. The contractor must identify the amount of each discount, rebate and other applicable credit on bills and invoices presented to the school food authority for payment and individually identify the amount as a discount, rebate, or in the case of other applicable credits, the nature of the credit. If approved by the State agency, the school food authority may permit the contractor to report this information on a less frequent basis than monthly, but no less frequently than annually;
 - v. The contractor must identify the method by which it will report discounts, rebates and other applicable credits allocable to the contract that are not reported prior to conclusion of the contract; and

- vi. The contractor must maintain documentation of costs and discounts, rebates and other applicable credits, and must furnish such documentation upon request to the school food authority, the State agency, or the Department.
- vii. Prohibited expenditures. No expenditure may be made from the nonprofit school food service account for any cost resulting from a cost reimbursable contract that fails to include the requirements of this section, nor may any expenditure be made from the nonprofit school food service account that permits or results in the contractor receiving payments in excess of the contractor's actual, net allowable costs.

BID SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. SERVICE AREA: Bidders will service all 14 of Pulaski County Schools .
- 2. AWARD: **NO** escalating bids will be accepted, prices are fixed for the bid period. After a review of the bid responses, a contract may be awarded based on the criteria below. In the case of identical bids, Pulaski County BOE reserves the right to select and to award the contract on the basis of its reasonable determination of which bid is likely to be most beneficial . The bid responses will be evaluated based on the points awarded to each bidder utilizing the following scale:

	Points
a. Primary item cost calculation	50
b. Secondary item cost calculation	20
c. Delivery day	20
d. Price all items on bid	<u>10</u>
	100

Primary Items: Primary items are center of the plate, high volume (ex. entrees, frozen potatoes).

Secondary Items: Secondary items are those items outside the high volume threshold yet still purchased with enough frequency to solicit a line item price.

Delivery Day: Full points will be given for Monday deliveries.

Price All Items on Bid: List a bid price for all items on the attached list.

- 3. ACCEPTABLE OR EQUAL: All items and quantities listed are based on past usage. Bidders may propose an alternate but equal item that meets the bid criteria for any item on the list. For all such items the bidder would list the price as alternate and insert the alternate item on the last page of the bid.
- 4. PRIVATE LABEL: The bidder may propose a national brand or private label product that conforms to the item description and other bid requirements.
- 5. PRIME VENDOR COMMITMENT: The Pulaski County BOE agrees to purchase 80% of all primary items on the bid exclusively from the awarded bidder.
- 6. DIRECT TO MANUFACTURER: The Pulaski County BOE reserves the right to bid direct to manufacturer in order to secure additional incentives and competitive pricing based on the needs of the group. The awarded bidder agrees to offer assistance to the Pulaski County BOE in any such endeavor including but not limited to providing manufacturer contact information.

7. **PROCESSING OF USDA DONATED FOODS TO END PRODUCTS:** The awarded bidder agrees to comply with USDA National Policy Memorandum FD-119 dated February 13, 2012. Including but not limited to:
 - a. The bidder must be approved by the appropriate state agency to participate in the USDA's Net Off Invoice/Value Pass Thru Program.
 - b. Only end products with approved end product data schedules, and that meet substitution and grading requirements in 7 CFR 250.30 may be provided.
 - c. The district must receive credit for the value of the donated foods contained in the end products through a discount from the gross case price.
 - d. The bidder must collaborate with the processor to ensure the Pulaski County BOE is an eligible participant of end products and to ascertain the quantity of end products, or the value of donated food, for which the Pulaski County BOE is eligible.
 - e. The bidder must provide notification to the processor of end product sales so that the appropriate inventory draw-down may occur. Further the successful bidder will support the diversion of multiple donated foods to a single end product (e.g. the diversion of cheese, flour, and tomatoes to pizza).
8. **CONTRACT PERIOD:** The initial contract period of any contract awarded as a result of this bid is from July 1, 2019 of contract award to June 30, 2020. The contract may be extended on an annual basis by the Pulaski County BOE, not to exceed five years in total including the first contract period. If the Pulaski County BOE notifies awarded bidder of intent to extend the contract by one year, awarded bidder shall respond in writing by March 15th that it either does or does not intend to extend the contract. If the awarded bidder extends the contract, all prices remain firm with the exception of Modified Fee for Service items processed with USDA commodities. The price of Modified Fee for Service items may be adjusted according to manufacturer fees. The determination to renew the contract beyond the initial year shall be determined in part by the performance of the awarded bidder during the contract period.
9. Any contract extension is contingent upon written agreement of the Pulaski County BOE and the awarded bidder. The bid will not be extended beyond any current year unless expressly approved by the Pulaski County BOE. The Pulaski County BOE reserves the right on any contract extension to revise, update, or supplement the contract. The Pulaski County BOE reserves the right to extend the term for up to 180 days to continue a source of supply until new or replacement contracts are completed.
10. **PRICING:** All bid prices must include transportation and delivery charges to the location specified during ordering. Fuel surcharges and other similar charges are not permitted. The awarded bidder shall provide each item on this bid to the Pulaski County schools at the same price. The awarded bidder **MAY NOT** submit multiple discount levels for the same product. Bid prices must be stated in units of quantity as specified on the bid form.
11. **PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:** All bid pricing shall remain effective for the duration of the awarded contract. Successful bidder shall have the option of presenting to the Pulaski County BOE, necessary price changes (not to increase more than 5% of the original bid price for any item) with documentation by December 5th, of each year. The Price changes can only reflect the actual case

price change to the distributor from the manufacturer. It will be the decision of the Pulaski County BOE, after due consideration as to whether or not to accept the price changes. If accepted the price changes will be effective January 1st of the following year. These price changes will remain firm until the end of the bid period.

12. **NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION:** Upon award, the bidder shall provide the most recent nutritional data, meal contributions, and ingredient label information in electronic format for import into USDA approved nutritional analysis software. This information must be provided within 30 days of award notification.
13. **PRODUCT SAFETY AND HACCP INFORMATION:** The successful bidder shall provide upon request, the most recent MSDS information sheets for any products the bidder may deliver. It is the bidder's responsibility to comply with all local, state, and federal regulations. Awarded bidder HACCP procedures are to be provided upon request.
14. **MENUS:** Upon request, the School Nutrition Director can be asked on a voluntary basis to supply a copy of the monthly planned menus to the awarded bidder's sales representative. It is understood that the menus are only to be used for guidance purposes by the successful bidder and are in no way guaranteed.
15. **PRODUCT PROTECTION GUARANTEES:** The Pulaski County BOE will have automatic product protection recourse against suppliers for products that are misrepresented. According to federal regulations, the supplier whose name and address appear on the package is the responsible party. Bidders are expected to take immediate action to correct any situation in which product integrity is violated.
16. **BUY AMERICAN ACT:** The bidder will abide by the Buy American Act (42USC 1760(n)) and all associated USDA policy memorandums (e.g., SP 24-2016, dated February 3, 2016, attached). In support of the Buy American provision the bidder certifies that the products provided to the Pulaski County BOE are domestically grown, processed, and manufactured in the United States to the maximum extent practicable. Domestic commodity or product means an agricultural commodity that is produced in the US and a food product that is processed in the US substantially (at least 51 percent) using agricultural commodities that are produced in the US.

The bidder will provide documentation to the Pulaski County BOE prior to award and prior to shipment for each product. Documentation must include item number, item description, country of origin, and exception rationale. Allowable exceptions to the Buy American Provision are limited to 1) the product is not produced or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonable available quantities of a satisfactory quality; and 2) competitive bids reveal the costs of a United States product are significantly higher than the foreign product. Any substitution of a non-domestic product for a domestic product (which was originally a part of the solicitation), must be approved, in writing, by the Food Service Director, prior to the delivery of the product to the School.

If the respondent feels the cost of the domestic product is significantly higher, they must list the price of the domestic product as well as the non-domestic product price on the bid worksheet. The decision to purchase domestic or non-domestic product will rest with the Child Nutrition Director of the Pulaski County Schools..

The Pulaski County BOE reserve the right to return at the bidder's expense all items found to be in violation of the Buy American Provision if the product does not qualify for one of the exceptions listed above.

17. **TRANS-FAT:** Food products and ingredients used to prepare school meals must contain zero grams of trans-fat (less than 0.5 grams) per serving. Documentation for food products and food ingredients must indicate zero grams of trans-fat per serving. Acceptable documentation of the trans-fat specification includes nutrition labels or manufacturer specifications and must be provided to the Food Service Director by the distributor on request. Meats that contain a minimal amount of naturally-occurring trans-fats are allowed in the school meal programs (7 CFR 210.10 (f) (4)).
18. **ALLERGY STATEMENTS:** No item should be bid that contains peanuts/nuts. Any item bid that contains the statement "may be processed in a facility that contains nuts" or like statement shall be clearly identified on the bid document. The Pulaski County BOE reserves the right to reject any item with this statement. If these items are delivered, they shall be returned by the bidder at no cost to the Pulaski County BOE.
19. **ITEM SUBSTITUTION AND OUT-OF-STOCK BACK-ORDERS:** No substitutions are allowed without prior written authorization from the Pulaski County Food Service Director. The Director must be notified if item is out of stock, backordered or if timely delivery cannot be made. It is an expectation that all individual items bid are to be stocked items slotted at all distribution facilities servicing the Pulaski County Schools. If an awarded bidder is temporarily out of stock of a particular item, an equal or superior product at an equal or lower price to the original item portion price shall be provided. Awarded bidder shall maintain a 97% average weekly fill rate for all bid items.

If the awarded bidder fails to deliver within the time specified, or within a reasonable time as interpreted by each School Nutrition Director, or fails to make replacements of rejected articles when so requested, or demonstrates a continuous inability to secure the bid item, the Pulaski County BOE, at its sole discretion, may purchase a product of equal or greater quality from another source. On all such purchases, the awarded bidder shall be responsible and liable for the difference in cost between the amount paid for the substituted product and the amount which would have been paid the awarded bidder. The awarded bidder's argument that an item could have been purchased at a lower price shall not have merit.

THE Pulaski County BOE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASSESS THE AWARDED BIDDER IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,000 PER INSTANCE FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN THE AVERAGE FILL RATE OR FOR FAILURE TO STOCK/SLOT ITEMS ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS WHICH RESULTS IN SPECIAL ORDERS OR SUBSTITUTIONS.

20. **DELIVERY TIME:** Acceptable delivery times will generally be between 7:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Deliveries are to be made to individual schools on a weekly basis. No minimum dollar or case amounts shall be required for the weekly delivery. Additionally, the Pulaski County BOE may occasionally request additional deliveries or special arrangements from time to time and awarded bidder shall respond with no extra charge.

Specific delivery dates and times shall be negotiated with the School Nutrition Director.

21. **DELIVERY PROCEDURES:** Drivers and helpers shall deliver merchandise into designated storage areas. Drivers or helpers shall not be required to store merchandise on shelves. Drivers may request

the authorized school receiver to verify the accuracy of quantities delivered. Shortages, damages and substitutions shall be noted by the driver to the receiver and noted on the delivery ticket. This signature will only indicate that the order has been received and will not indicate that the invoice has been reconciled to the actual items delivered. All products shall be maintained at their proper temperature throughout their staging, loading, transport and delivery. All of the vendor's facilities and delivery vehicles must conform to local, state and federal rules and regulations regarding sanitation and are subject to inspection by the cafeteria manager. Each driver is to sign in at each school cafeteria upon entering the building. Invoices will be left at each school.

It is understood that deliveries are not to be made when school is not in session with exception of the opening of school. Calendars will be provided to the successful bidders to designate off-school days. When school is cancelled because of inclement weather or any other emergency and the delivery truck is already in route, upon arrival the company driver must contact the School Nutrition Director by telephone for instructions. The school system reserves the right to accept the delivery, authorize another acceptance signature, or to return the delivery. If the truck has not left the distributor's warehouse, the delivery will be made on the next day that schools are re-opened unless notified otherwise.

An emergency delivery communication plan is to be completed and provided for each school upon award.

22. **DELIVERY FAILURE:** If the vendor fails to deliver an order, the vendor shall take corrective action by either making a special delivery to the school or by arranging for delivery by another vendor. The vendor shall incur any extra cost difference between the price of the originally ordered items and the price of the alternate vendor. This delivery will be made within 48 hours of the original delivery day. The vendor will provide any overtime pay incurred by any of the school district employees if a late delivery occurs.

NOTE: The awarded bidder is responsible for ensuring all the delivery personnel have the correct item numbers and prices loaded into their inventory system upon making delivery to the facility. Items delivered that were not ordered, loaded incorrectly or labeled incorrectly shall be returned without cost to the Pulaski County BOE..

23. **PAYMENTS:** The Pulaski County BOE shall be responsible for making payment to the awarded bidder. The Pulaski County School District pay bills only after approval from the Board of Education which meets monthly.

24. **AUDITS:**

- a. The Pulaski County BOE reserves the right to make audits of awarded bidder's costs records as follows:
 - i. Prior to award of contract
 - ii. Prior to approval of request for price change and following any allowed price change.
 - iii. At time of one year contract extension if awarded.
 - iv. An unscheduled audit one time during each one year bid period upon appropriate notice given to awarded bidder.
- b. The awarded bidder shall be given notice of the intent of the Pulaski County BOE to conduct an audit a minimum of four weeks in advance.

- c. The audit may be conducted electronically via the internet or at a site mutually agreeable to the Pulaski County BOE and the awarded bidder.
- d. The awarded bidder shall provide acceptable documentation as follows:
 - i. Manufacturer's invoices
 - ii. Freight bills
 - iii. Perpetual inventory records
 - iv. Market bulletins (used for distributor manufactured items and inner company billing items when price change occurs).

25. **KENTUCKY BROKER SERVICE:** Awarded bidder is encouraged to utilize Kentucky brokers whenever possible.
26. **RETURNS:** The awarded bidder must provide a Return Material Authorization within one (1) working day of the request by the Food Service Director for items not subject to HACCP guidelines. Returned materials shall be restocked at no charge to the Pulaski County BOE.
27. **PRODUCT EVALUATION:** Samples requested must be furnished free of expense to the Pulaski County BOE for evaluation. If not destroyed or consumed in testing or evaluating, or required in connection with the award, furnished samples will, upon request, be returned at the bidder's expense. Right is reserved to mutilate or destroy any samples if considered necessary for testing purposes.
28. It is the policy of the Pulaski County BOE that employees do not purchase any items for themselves at school, therefore, we expect your company to comply with this policy.
29. In the event that the vendor should, by mistake, deliver and invoice items at the wrong price, the school district shall notify said vendor within ten (10) working days of the invoice. The vendor will then have fifteen (15) days to repair the invoice. If the repair of the invoice is not done within said days, the school district may elect to cancel the contract.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE EXECUTED BY THE BIDDER

In compliance with the Invitation to Bid; in consideration to the detailed description attached hereto; and subject to all conditions thereof, the undersigned agrees, if this bid be accepted within the time stipulated above, to furnish service to all schools in accordance with the specifications stated herein.

(Please print or type the following information.)

Firm Name

By

Title

Address

Telephone

Fax

Date

Signature

Bid Period

ORDER/DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Please indicate the day/days on which order(s) are to be placed:

Pulaski County Schools:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Please indicate the day/days on which order(s) will be delivered:

Pulaski County Schools:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday