REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP: FNS4-24
Produce

Ventura Unified School District

255 West Stanley Avenue, Suite 100
Ventura, CA 93001

Proposal Submission Deadline: May 12, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Ventura Unified School District is requesting proposals for the following:

Produce

Vendors interested can obtain proposal documents from the District's Purchasing Department webpage at https://www.venturausd.org/services/business-services/purchasing

Proposals must be in **SEPARATE** sealed envelopes marked:

"RFP – FNS4-24 Produce"

Sealed proposals are to be delivered to the Ventura Unified School District, Purchasing Department, Attn: Natalie Gerardi, 255 West Stanley Avenue, Suite 100, Ventura, CA 93001 up to, but no later than, **2:00pm, May 12th, 2023** at which time proposals will be opened. All proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the District.

The Board of Education of the Ventura Unified School District, reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals or parts thereof, to be the sole judge as to the merits and qualifications of all proposals, to waive any informality in a proposal, and not necessarily accept the lowest cost proposal if it is in the best interest of the District. In addition to cost, proposal selection may include, but is not limited to, design, specifications, service, delivery, and quality.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

It is the intent of the Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) to award one or more contract(s) as a result of this Request for Proposals (RFP). Products and/or services considered for award shall equal or exceed a minimum quality level of industry standards as defined within this RFP, and shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local technical, environmental, and performance standards and specifications. A vendor may quote on both commercial or commodity processed products or both.

DEFINITIONS: In this RFP and in the Contract, the following terms are defined as follows:

A. "Best Value" means the method by which a contract, if any, is awarded, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Best Value includes multiple parameters, including but not limited to, experience, references, quality of Vendor's product(s) and/or services, and price.

B. "Contract" means an agreement entered into between the District and a Vendor as a result of this RFP. The Contract consists of the Request for Proposal, including all Addenda, Vendor's proposal that is satisfactory to the District, and the District's Contract form(s), which may include, but are not limited to, a written contract, an agreement letter, or a purchase order.

C. "Contractor" is synonymous with "Vendor" (see below).

D. "District" and/or "VUSD" refers to the Ventura Unified School District.

E. "Project" means the Scope of Work for furnishing goods and services as outlined in this RFP.

F. "Proposal" refers to the documents submitted by a Vendor that addresses the scope and requirements of this RFP.

G. "RFP" refers to this Request for Proposals.

H. "Responsible Vendor" means a vendor with adequate financial resources (or the ability to obtain such resources), who can comply with the delivery requirements, and who is a qualified and established firm regularly engaged in the type of business that provides the goods and/or services herein.

I. "Responsive Proposal" refers only to those proposals that comply with all material and administrative aspects of this RFP.

J. "Vendor" refers to the person/firm that submits the proposal to this RFP, as well as the person(s)/entity(ies) to whom a contract may be awarded pursuant to this RFP.

K. Singular terms shall include the plural and vice versa. A gender reference includes all genders.

The Ventura Unified School District is pleased to provide you with this Request for Proposal document enabling you to respond to this year's **Produce** proposal.

Our District represents twenty-five (25) schools: Seventeen (17) Elementary schools, and eights (8) Secondary schools, and serves an average of 5,000 breakfasts, 1000 snacks and 6,500 lunches daily.

A Document Check-Off Sheet has been provided to help make sure that all required documents are submitted as part of your proposal.

The District's Food and Nutrition Services Department is trying to make the process of requesting proposals and purchasing more efficient. For your convenience, we will provide electronic spreadsheets via e-mail or download from the District's Purchasing Department webpage for completion. However, a completed, signed printout of each spreadsheet is required and must be included in your sealed proposal package when submitted.

Please take notice of all the terms and conditions in this proposal document.

Thank you for taking the time to prepare your proposal. We hope many of you are successful and that we will enjoy a mutually profitable relationship with your company.

Sincerely,

Kara Muniz

Kara Muniz, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, Ventura Unified School District

Document Check-Off Sheet

Please COMPLETE, SIGN & RETURN the following items with your sealed proposal:

- ☐ **Vendor Questionnaire**
- ☐ **Vendor Criteria Form** (Provides minimum requirements of vendors and references)
- ☐ **Proposal Form** (INCLUDING acknowledgement of addenda)
- ☐ **"Piggyback" Clause Form**
- ☐ **Non Collusion Declaration** with Signature
- ☐ **Equal Opportunity Employment**
- ☐ **Certification Regarding Lobbying** (Required annually for any new contracts or extensions of contracts that could exceed $100,000. Required to receive one from every existing or potential vendor submitting a proposal for consideration)
- ☐ **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**
- ☐ **Suspension and Debarment** (Required annually for any new contracts or extensions of contracts that could exceed $100,000. Required to receive one from every existing or potential vendor submitting a proposal for consideration)
- ☐ **Iran Contracting Act Certification** (Required annually for any new contracts or extensions of contracts that could exceed $1,000,000. Required to receive one from every existing or potential vendor submitting a proposal for consideration)
- ☐ **Contractor's Certification** – Regarding Drug Free Workplace
- ☐ **Contractor's Certification** – Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Free Workplace
- ☐ **Contractor's Certification** – Worker's Compensation
- ☐ **Clean Air and Water Certification**
- ☐ **Certification for "Buy American" Provision** and **Buy American Waiver Exemption List** – to be completed for all line items
- ☐ **Electronic Media** Vendor to provide and submit, which includes Proposal Excel Spreadsheet(s)
- ☐ **Printed Proposal Worksheet(s)** with Signature
- ☐ **Food Safety and Modernization Act (FSMA) Certification**

Failure to return any of the above items completed and signed with the original sealed proposal may result in your proposal being deemed non-responsive.

Signature Date

INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION FOR VENDORS

1. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL FORM

Proposal Submission Deadline: 2:00pm, Friday, May 12th, 2023

VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, invites proposals on the forms enclosed to be submitted **no later than the Proposal Submission Deadline above**. All blank fields on the proposal form must be appropriately completed. Each proposal must be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "RFP FNS4-24 Produce to the following address:

Ventura Unified School District
Purchasing Department, Attn: Natalie Gerardi
255 West Stanley Avenue, Suite 100
Ventura, CA 93001

It is the sole responsibility of the vendor to ensure that the proposal is received by the Proposal Submission Deadline above. Any proposal received after the Proposal Submission Deadline will be returned to the vendor unopened.

2. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

All proposals shall be opened immediately following the Proposal Submission Deadline at:

VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT—PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
255 West Stanley Avenue, Suite 100, Ventura, CA 93001

3. COURIER DELIVERIES

It is each Vendor's sole responsibility to ensure their proposal is timely delivered and received at the location designated as specified above. **The Ventura Unified School District is not responsible for proposals sent via U.S. Mail, UPS, Federal Express, or by any other delivery service**.

4. SIGNATURES

An authorized representative of the vendor must sign this RFP document. An unsigned RFP shall be disqualified. Vendor must give the full business address and must be signed by the authorized representative with his or her usual signature. Proposals by partnerships must furnish the full names of all partners and must be signed by the partnership name by a general partner with authority to bind the partnership in such matters. Proposals by corporations must be signed with the legal name of the corporation, followed by the signature and designation of the president, secretary, or other person authorized to bind the corporation in this matter. The name of each person signing shall also be typed or printed below the signature. When requested by the District, satisfactory evidence of the authority of the officer signing on behalf of the corporation shall be furnished. A vendor's failure to properly sign required forms may result in rejection of the proposal.

5. MODIFICATIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Changes in or additions to the Excel Pricing Spreadsheet(s), alternate proposals, or any other modifications of the proposal form which is not specifically called for in the proposal documents may

result in rejection of proposal as not being responsive to the RFP. No oral or telephone proposals or modifications shall be considered. The proposal submitted must not contain any erasures, inter-lineation, or any other corrections unless each such correction is initialed in the margin immediately opposite the correction by the person or persons signing the proposal. Proposals should be verified before submission and cannot be withdrawn after the Proposal Submission Deadline.

In the event of a difference between written words and figures, the amount stated in written words shall govern.

Errors in price computation on the Product Quotation Sheets do not relieve a Vendor from holding price. Veracity of prices submitted in this proposal is the sole responsibility of the Vendor.

In the event of a difference between unit price and the extended price, the unit price shall govern.

6. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

Any vendor may withdraw their proposal personally or by written notice delivered by mail or e-mail provided such notice is received prior to the Proposal Submission Deadline.

7. INTERPRETATION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS and VENDOR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Request for Clarification/Information Deadline: 4:00PM Monday, May 8th, 2023

If any Vendor finds discrepancies in, or omissions from the proposal documents, they may submit to the School District's Director of Food and Nutrition Services a written request for clarification. Similarly, if any Vendor seeks additional information related to the RFP, they may submit to the School District's Director of Food and Nutrition Services a written request for additional information. Written requests should be e-mailed to kara.muniz@venturausd.org **no later than the Request for Clarification/Information Deadline above.** The District's responses to written questions, clarification requests, interpretations, and corrections shall be incorporated into an addendum. Addenda to the RFP will only be posted on the District's Purchasing Department website at https://www.venturausd.org/services/business-services/purchasing

Vendors are solely responsible for accessing the District's Purchasing Department website to obtain any addenda to the RFP. The District will not distribute addenda to vendors. All addenda issued shall be incorporated into the proposal.

Final addendum will be posted by 4:00 p.m. within two (2) business days following the **Request for Clarification/Information Deadline above.**

8. AGREEMENT PERIOD

It is anticipated that the Agreement to be awarded under this proposal shall be for one (1) fiscal school year, July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Prices must remain firm until December 31, 2023.

See "MULTI-YEAR EXTENSIONS".

9. PRICES

Propose each item separately. All prices must be firm from, July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

The District may allow ONE price increase after December 31, 2023 with a thirty (30) calendar day written notice, however a price increase may only be allowed based on the percentage of price increase for products that are at or below the consumer price increases for **"All Urban Consumers"** Database Series for the statistical area of **"U.S. City Average"** from the category **"Food Away From Home"** as listed on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) website (http://www.bls.gov/data/). The Vendor may use the most currently available preceding six (6) months. Vendor may provide alternate documentation if BLS data is not available. Acceptability of alternate documentation is at the discretion of the Ventura Unified School District.

Absolutely **no fuel surcharges** may be levied during the term of this agreement.

The District shall be given the advantage of any decrease in price that may occur.

10. TAXES

The District will pay for state and local taxes. Do not include taxes on the proposal form.

11. QUANTITIES

Quantities shown are estimated usage of the District for the proposal period based upon historical data. The District reserves the right to purchase more or less of the units specified. VUSD will order in quantities best suited to their needs and storage facilities. Prices proposed shall be firm for the District and shall not increase or include shipping or any additional handling fees when ordering in small quantities.

12. DELIVERY

All prices shall be quoted FOB destination. **Destination shall be the individual school site placing the order**. No additional fees shall be charged for small orders. All shipments shall be accompanied by a delivery receipt. Purchase Order number shall appear on all delivery receipts and invoices. All costs for delivery, drayage, insurance, freight or the packing of the said articles is to be borne by the Vendor. Frequency of deliveries will be at minimum once per week, and a maximum of twice per week, depending on volume and space. Deliveries will be made by appointment only when requested.

All prices offered by vendors, must include on-site off-loading and inside delivery.

13. DELIVERY LOCATIONS & TIMES

There are seven locations for deliveries. Deliveries need to be received by 10:30 a.m., unless vendor makes alternate arrangements with the District's Food and Nutrition Services Director at 805-641-5000 ext. 1301.

Site	Address	Phone Number	Cafeteria Manager
Buena High School	5670 Telegraph Road, Ventura, CA 93003	(805) 289-1826 x1555	Angie Marin

Foothill Technology High School	100 Day Road, Ventura, CA 93003	(805) 289-0023 x1555	Lori Walker
Pacific High School	501 College Drive, Ventura, CA 93003	(805) 289-7950 x1555	Katherine Martin
Ventura High School	2 North Catalina Street, Ventura, CA 93001	(805) 641-5116 x1555	Louise Smith
Anacapa Middle School	100 South Mills Road, Ventura, CA 93003	(805) 289-7900 x1555	Shannon Pompa
Balboa Middle School	247 Hill Road, Ventura, CA 93003	(805) 289-1800 x1555	Heather Basch
Cabrillo Middle School	1426 East Santa Clara Street, Ventura, CA 93001	(805) 641-5155 x1555	Marni Noriega
DeAnza (Data) Middle School	2060 Cameron Street, Ventura, CA 93001	(805) 641-5165 x1555	Catherine Carriger
Lemon Grove	450 Valmore Avenue, Ventura, CA 93003	(805) 289-1817 x1555	Sarah Ortiz
Citrus Glen Elementary	9655 Darling Road, Ventura, CA 93004	(805) 672-0220 x1555	Rusal Contreras
Elmhurst Elementary	5080 Elmhurst Street, Ventura, CA 93003	(805) 289-1860 x1555	Sub -Yezenia Flores
EP Foster Elementary	20 Pleasant Place, Ventura, CA 93001	(805) 641-5420 x1555	Marixma Lugo
Juanamaria Elementary	100 South Crocker Street, Ventura, CA 93004	(805) 672-0291 x1555	Debbie Newman
Junipero Serra Elementary	8880 Halifax Street, Ventura, CA 93004	(805) 672-2717 x1555	Karen Kaiser
Lincoln Elementary	1107 East Santa Clara Street, Ventura, CA 93001	(805) 641-5438 x1555	Raylene Lopez
Loma Vista Elementary	300 Lynn Drive, Ventura, CA 93003	(805) 641-5443 x1555	Sub-Grace Centeno
Montalvo Elementary	2050 Grand Avenue, Ventura, CA 93003	(805) 289-1872 x1555	Anamaria Vasquez
Mound Elementary	455 South Hill Road, Ventura, CA 93003	(805) 289-1886 x1555	Tylisha Hernandez
Pierpont Elementary	1254 Martha's Vineyard, Ventura, CA 93001	(805) 641-5470 x1555	Cathy Burke
Poinsettia Elementary	350 North Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93003	(805) 289-7971 x1555	Leighanne Schuyler
Portola Elementary	6700 Eagle Street, Ventura, CA 93003	(805) 289-1734 x1555	Tressa Cormier

Atlas Elementary	760 Jazmin Avenue, Ventura, CA 93004	(805) 671-2701 x1555	Alicia Mendez
Sheridan Way Elementary	573 Sheridan Way, Ventura, CA 93001	(805) 641-5491 x1555	Jennie Barrios
Sunset Elementary	400 Sunset Avenue, Oak View, CA 93022	(805) 649-6600 x1555	Kim McCormick
Will Rogers Elementary	316 Howard Street, Ventura, CA 93003	(805) 641-5496 x1555	Diane Cargnino

14. BRANDS, SIMILAR PRODUCTS, "Or Equal"

Whenever the District refers to a product by describing a proprietary product, or by using the name of a manufacturer or brand name, the term "or equal," if not inserted, shall be implied. The specified product shall be understood as indicating type, function, minimum standard of design, efficiency and quality desired; and shall not be construed as to exclude other manufactured products or comparable quality, design and efficiency, as applicable.

15. SAMPLES

The District reserves the right to request samples of items proposed prior to any award. If the Vendor is proposing items/brands other than those specified, or where no brand is indicated in the proposal document, the following shall apply:

There are no samples requested prior to the proposal opening. Samples may be requested prior to the award of line items. Vendor will be contacted to request specific line items. All items are to be labeled with the RFP number, line item and Vendor name. If this information is not provided the sample may be disqualified from the award.

16. NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION

If Vendor is offering a brand other than those specified in the RFP, or offering additional products with their RFP (Balance of Line), they must also furnish product information sheets/Product Formulation Statement (PFS) for those other brands, or additional items.

All ingredients must be declared on the product label and conform to the Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act as required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Labels must list the presence of ingredients, which contain protein derived from milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, or soybeans.

17. MULTI-YEAR EXTENSIONS

Subject to the contract terms and conditions, pricing, and pursuant to Education Code Section 17596 and 81644, this proposal may be extended (by mutual consent expressed in writing) for two (2) additional fiscal school years.

The extension may be granted on a year-by-year basis provided the following conditions are being met:

A. The District's Food and Nutrition Services Department has deemed the products and services of the vendor satisfactory.

B. The Vendor shall submit a list of the price increases for the next fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) by the last business day in April.

C. The percentage of price increase for products are at or below the consumer price increase for **"All Urban Consumers"** Database Series for the statistical area of **"U.S. City Average"** from the category **"Food Away From Home**" as listed on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) web site (http://www.bls.gov/data/). The Vendor may use the most currently available preceding twelve (12) months, depending on the most recent months listed on the website two weeks prior to submittal of price increases. Vendor may provide alternate documentation if BLS data is not available. Acceptability of alternate documentation is at the discretion of the District's Food and Nutrition Services Department.

D. If prices were increased midyear (see Instructions & Information, "PRICES" section) the total increase in contract prices (July to June) shall not exceed item "C" listed above.

E. Documentation of Insurance Coverage, (see General Conditions, "INSURANCE" section) shall be resubmitted with each request for contract extension.

F. Vendor shall submit all required annual forms including, but not limited to, Suspension and Debarment, and Certification Regarding Lobbying.

18. VENDOR DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

All disclosure, certification and non-collusion forms or affidavits contained in this proposal must be completed and submitted prior to the final award.

19. EVIDENCE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Upon request of the District, a Vendor whose proposal is under consideration for award shall promptly submit satisfactory evidence showing their financial resources. The District requires the names of three (3) references for whom similar supplies or equipment were provided during the previous year. District further requires that Vendor has been in business for a minimum of five (5) years.

21 a. BUY AMERICAN PROVISION

Federal regulations require that to the maximum extent possible, domestic agricultural commodities and products be purchased consistent with the "Buy American" provisions of The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (Section 104(d) of Public Law 105-336). A "domestic agricultural commodity or product" is defined as an agricultural commodity that is produced in the U.S. and a food product that is processed in the U.S. substantially using agricultural commodities produced in the U.S., with "substantially" meaning over 51% from American products. Therefore, over 51% of the final processed product (by weight or volume) must consist of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically. This policy will allow for an exception only in the case when the product is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality; or

competitive proposals reveal the costs of a U.S. product are significantly higher than the non-domestic product. Upon request, Vendors shall provide certification of the origin of food products. Nutrition labels should include the country of origin for imported food products.

The District requires that Vendors certify the percentage of U.S. content in products supplied. Vendor is required to certify all domestic product to have at least 51% of its agricultural food components, by weight or volume, from the U.S.. This policy will allow for an exception when an acceptable product is not available domestically in reasonably sufficient quantity, in which case other countries of origin may be considered for purchase. Additionally, the District reserve the right to purchase non-domestic grown or manufactured food products if the cost of the U.S. produced item, that contains (51%) or more domestically grown commodities, is ten-percent (10%) or more in price than the non-domestic product.

Upon offer to award line item, Vendor will be required to provide certification of food products. Vendor will use the following language when certifying food products;

I certify that the following item(s) ___ are produced and processed in the U.S. and contains over 51% of its agricultural food components, by weight or volume, from the U.S.

21 b. COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 490, THE BUY AMERCAN FOOD ACT

Effective with any new or renewed contract on or after January 1, 2024 through January 1, 2029.

In compliance with California Senate Bill 490, The Buy American Food Act, the District will only purchase agricultural food products grown, packed, or processed domestically unless any of the following applies:

1. The bid or price of the nondomestic agricultural food product is more than 25 percent lower than the bid or price of the domestic agricultural food product.
2. The quality of the domestic agricultural food product is inferior to the quality of the agricultural food product grown, packed, or produced nondomestically.
3. The agricultural food product is not produced or manufactured domestically in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality to meet the needs of the public institution.

An “Agricultural food product” means a fresh or processed product, including fruits, nuts, vegetables, herbs, mushrooms, dairy, shell eggs, honey, grains, livestock meats, poultry meats, and fish, including shellfish.

22. CERTIFICATIONS

A. The VENDOR shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; USDA regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and any additions or amendments to any of these regulations.

   The Equal Opportunity Employment Certification must accompany this proposal.

B. The VENDOR shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued, including:
   - The Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. sections 7401-7671 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1251-1387) as amended (Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200[G]).

The Clean Air and Water Certification must accompany this proposal.

C. **Debarment Certification**: The Certification Regarding Debarment must accompany this proposal and each subsequent additional one-year renewal. Contract renewals that do not include this certification will not be accepted for consideration. The parties shall not enter into contracts with parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM) (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, and Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200[H]).

D. **Lobbying**: The Certification Regarding Lobbying and a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (2 CFR, Section 418) must accompany this proposal and each additional one-year renewal. Contract renewals that do not include this certification will not be accepted for consideration (Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200[I], and Byrd Anti-Lobbying [31 U.S.C. 1352]).

E. Omitted

F. Omitted

G. **Certification Regarding the Iran Contracting Act**

H. **The Contractors Certification** – Regarding Drug Free Workplace must accompany this Proposal

I. **The Contractors Certification** – Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Free Workplace must accompany this proposal

J. **The Contractors Certification** – Worker Compensation must accompany this proposal

K. **Clean Air and Water Certification**

L. **Certification "Buy American" provision**

23. INSPECTION OF FACILITIES – EVALUATION

The District reserves the right to inspect the facilities of the Vendor prior to award of the contract. The District may request to review the Vendor's current Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) food safety system for their facility in order to insure optimum storage and distribution practices. If the District determines that after such inspection that the Vendor is not capable of performance within the District's standards, their proposal will not be considered. The findings and decisions of the District shall be final.

24. FOOD DEFENSE

Vendor's distribution facility must be registered with the Food and Drug Administration and meet the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) For further information visit the FDA's official site at http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/default.htm. Failure to register prior to the close of the proposal may result in disqualification for contract award.

25. PROPOSAL PROTESTS PROCEDURES

Responsive proposals submitted by responsible Vendors will be scored based upon multiple factors to arrive at a "best value" for the District, from which a recommendation for award of contract will be made to the District's Board of Education. Participating Vendors will be notified of the recommended award via e-mail of the District's Notice of Intent to Award. The District's Notice of Intent to Award will also be posted on the District's Purchasing Department webpage at https://www.venturausd.org/services/business-services/purchasing. Any Vendor may file a protest. The protest shall be filed in writing with the District's Director of Food and Nutrition Services not more than five (5) business days after posting of the District's Notice of Intent to Award. Protesting Vendor shall provide an e-mail address, and by filing the protest, protesting Vendor consents to receipt of e-mail notices for purposes of the protest and protest related questions and protest appeal, if applicable. The protest shall specify the reasons and facts upon which the protest is based.

A. Resolution of Controversy: Once the protest is received, the recommended Vendor will be notified of the protest and the evidence presented. If appropriate, the recommended Vendor will be given an opportunity to rebut the evidence and present evidence that they should be allowed to perform. If deemed appropriate by the District, an informal hearing will be held. The District will issue a written decision within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the protest, unless factors beyond the District's reasonable control prevent such resolution. The decision on the protest will be copied to all parties involved in the protest.

B. Appeal: If the protesting Vendor or the recommended Vendor is not satisfied with the decision, the matter may be appealed to the District's Chief Business Officer (CBO) or his/her designee, within three (3) business days after receipt of the District's written decision on the protest. The appeal must be in writing and sent via overnight registered mail to:

Ventura Unified School District
Attn: Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
255 West Stanley Avenue, Suite 100
Ventura,CA 93001

Please include all accompanying information relied upon for the appeal and an e-mail address to respond to any questions.

D. Appeal Review: The District's CBO or his/her designee shall review the decision on the protest from the District's Director of Food and Nutrition Services and issue a written response to the appeal, or if appropriate, appoint a Hearing Officer to conduct a hearing and issue a written decision. The written decision of the CBO or the Hearing Officer shall be rendered within fifteen (15) calendar days and shall state the basis for the decision. The decision concerning the appeal will be final and not subject to any further appeals.

26. PROPOSALS AS PUBLIC INFORMATION

All proposals submitted in response to this Request for Bids become the property of Ventura Unified School District and may become public information after selection and award of the contract.

27. "PIGGYBACK" CLAUSE

For the term of the Contract and any mutually agreed extensions pursuant to this proposal, at the option of the Vendor, other school districts and community college districts, any public corporation or agency, including any county, city, town or district within the State of California may purchase the identical item(s) at the same price and upon the same terms and conditions pursuant to sections 20118 (K-12) and 20652 (community colleges) of the Public Contract Code.

The VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT waives its right to require such other districts and offices to draw their warrants in favor of the District as provided in said Code Sections.

Any entity or agency within the State of California, and the awarded Vendor(s) engaged in the execution of orders under this Proposal, acting in accordance with Public Contracts Code, section 20118, shall not be construed as an officer, agent or employee of the Ventura Unified School District and shall indemnify and hold harmless its officers, agents and employees from any and all liabilities resulting from the use of this Proposal.

Acceptance or rejection of this clause **will not** affect the outcome of this proposal.

SEE "PIGGYBACK" CLAUSE FORM

28. PROPOSAL DOCUMENT

The complete proposal includes the following documents: Document Check-off for Vendors, Instructions & Information for Vendors, General Conditions, Evaluation & Award, Vendor Questionnaire, Vendor Criteria Form, Proposal Form, "Piggyback" Clause Form, Non-Collusion Declaration, Equal Opportunity Employment Form, Certification Regarding Lobbying Form, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Form, Suspension and Debarment Certification Form, Iran Contracting Act Certification, Contractor's Certification Regarding Drug Free Workplace, Contractor's Certification Regarding Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco-Free Workplace, Contractor's Certification Regarding Worker Compensation, Clean Air & Water Certification, Certification for "Buy American" Provision, Buy American Waiver Exemption List, hard copy of Pricing Spreadsheet(s), and Electronic Media (USB drive) of Price Pricing Spreadsheet(s). Any of these shall be interpreted to include all the provisions of the other documents as though fully set out therein. The Vendor should fully acquaint themselves with the conditions and terms affecting the performance of the Agreement if awarded. The vendor's submission of a proposal shall be taken as prima facie evidence of compliance with this section. Proposals should be verified before submission, as they cannot be withdrawn after the Proposal Submission Deadline.

End of Instructions and Information for Vendor

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. EVALUATION AND AWARD OF AGREEMENT: The District intends to award a contract to the Vendor(s) whose proposal, in the District's sole judgment, represents the best value considering the District's needs. The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any proposals or the proposal process, and to make its selection of items awarded based upon its specifications, or which are most economical and/or best suited for the purpose of acceptance for sixty (60) calendar days after the Proposal Submission Deadline. The District reserves the right to award to one or more vendors.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, and to be the sole judge of the merits and qualifications of all proposals and the products submitted as "equal" to the District's specifications.

It is the intention of the District to select the items to be purchased on an item-by-item basis wherever practical. However, the District reserves the right to combine items of like design and/or type to maintain uniformity.

The District further reserves the right to not necessarily purchase all items and/or quantities listed in the proposal documents. The quantities listed are estimates of the needs of the District and may be adjusted to meet the actual needs, when determined.

2. PLACEMENT OF ORDERS & LEAD TIME: Orders shall be issued directly to the Vendor by VUSD, commencing from proposal award, for the agreement period. Ordering and lead time procedures will be mutually agreed upon between Vendor and District, but not to exceed fourteen (14) calendar days. Failure to complete all deliveries within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of District's purchase order shall be considered sufficient cause for default action under the DEFAULT provision of this proposal.

3. COMMENCEMENT OF ORDER DELIVERIES: After receiving written notification of award, each successful vendor shall be required to commence with the delivery of all items which have been awarded, immediately after receipt of District's purchase order.

4. SUBSTITUTIONS: Substitutions for awarded items must be pre-approved by the District and delivered at or below awarded price.

The list(s) of proposal items included in this RFP have been vetted through the District's Food and Nutrition Services Department's menu item review process and have been determined acceptable in regards to nutrient content including saturated fat, sodium, and trans fat. Any substituted proposal items must include nutrient content documentation (Product Formulation Statement) which also contains specific information that includes saturated fat, sodium, and trans fat.

5. DISCOUNTS: The vendor must identify the amount of each discount, rebate and other applicable credit on bills and invoices presented for payment, and individually identify the amount as a discount, rebate, or in the case of other applicable credits, the nature of the credit.

6. INVOICES: Invoices shall be submitted in duplicate and shall contain the following information: purchase order number, item number, item description, quantity, unit price, extended totals, and

applicable discounts for items delivered. Failure to enter the above information on the invoice may cause delay in payment. Payment shall be made on partial deliveries accepted by the District.

7. CREDIT MEMOS: The vendor's delivery driver shall provide each location with a credit at the time of delivery for all merchandise short on delivery, or for any damaged or spoiled product necessitating a return or reorder. A copy of this credit, priced and extended, shall be mailed with the corresponding invoice to the District's Food and Nutrition Services Department.

8. DISTRICT'S RIGHT TO WITHHOLD CERTAIN AMOUNTS AND MAKE APPLICATION THEREOF: The District may withhold a sufficient amount or amounts of any payment otherwise due to the Vendor, as in its judgment may be necessary to cover defective items not remedied, and the District may apply such withheld amount or amounts to the payment of such claims, in its discretion.

9. SAFETY AND SANITATION: Child Nutrition staff will only receive product that meets all food safety and sanitation requirements; therefore, District's Child Nutrition staff may at any time:

- Inspect delivery trucks for any signs of contamination.
- Check all expiration and "best if used by" dates.
- Use thermometers to check temperatures.
- Accept product only at acceptable temperatures.
- Reject unacceptable items.

10. PRODUCT RECALLS: If a product recall is instituted on an item that has been furnished and delivered to the District, the Vendor must immediately notify the District's Food and Nutrition Services Department of all pertinent information regarding the recall.

11. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE: In the event of litigation, the RFP documents, specifications and related matters shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be with the appropriate state or federal court located in Ventura County.

12. ATTORNEYS' FEES: If suit is brought by either party to this Contract to enforce any of its terms (including all component parts of the contract documents), and the District prevails in such suit, the Vendor shall pay all litigation expenses incurred by the District, including attorneys' fees, court costs, expert witness fees and investigation expenses.

13. INDEMNIFICATION: To the fullest extent permitted by law, Provider agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless District, its governing board, officers, agents, employees, successors, assigns, independent contractors and/or volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, monetary or other losses, loss of use, damages and expenses,, including but not limited to, legal fees and costs, or other obligations or claims arising out of any liability or damage to person or property resulting from bodily injury, illness, communicable disease, virus, pandemic, or any other loss, sustained or claimed to have been sustained arising out of activities of the Provider or those of any of its officers, agents, employees, participants, vendors, customers or subcontractors of Provider, whether such act or omission is authorized by this Agreement or not. Provider also agrees to pay for any and all damage to the real and personal property of the District, or loss or theft of such property, or damage to the Property done or caused by such persons. District assumes no responsibility whatsoever for any property placed on District premises by Provider, Provider's agents, employees, participants, vendors, customers or subcontractors. Provider further hereby waives any and all rights of subrogation that it may have against the District. The provisions of

this Indemnification do not apply to any damage or losses caused solely by the negligence of the District or any of its governing board, officers, agents, employees and/or volunteers.

14. INSURANCE: Provider, at its own cost and expense, shall procure and maintain during the term of this Agreement, policies of insurance for the following types of coverage:

a. Commercial General Liability Insurance. Provider shall procure and maintain, during the term of this Agreement, the following General Liability Insurance coverage:

	Each Occurrence	Aggregate
Individual, Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Corporation, or Other	$ 2,000,000.00	$ 4,000,000.00

Commercial General Liability insurance shall include products/completed operations, property damage, and personal and advertising injury coverage.

Any and all subcontractors hired by Provider in connection with the Services described in this Agreement shall maintain such insurance unless the Provider's insurance covers the subcontractor and its employees.

b. Automobile Liability. Provider shall procure and maintain, during the full term of this Agreement, Automobile Liability Insurance, including non-owned and hired automobiles, as applicable with the following coverage limits:

Commercial vehicles: $2,000,000.00 combined single limit

c. Workers' Compensation Insurance. Provider shall procure and maintain, during the term of this Agreement, Workers' Compensation Insurance, as required by California law, on all of its employees engaged in work related to the performance of this Agreement. Provider shall procure and maintain Employers' Liability insurance coverage of $1,000,000.

In the case of any such work which is subcontracted, Provider shall require all subcontractors to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employers' Liability insurance for all of the subcontractor's employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Provider's Workers' Compensation Insurance.

Absent proof of Workers' Compensation Insurance, Provider will submit a statement requesting a waiver from this requirement and indicating the reason Workers' Compensation Insurance is not required.

d. Omitted

e. Omitted

f. Omitted

g. If the Provider or Provider's subcontractor(s) maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the District requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or higher limits maintained by the Provider. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the District.

h. Provider's and any and all subcontractors' insurance is primary and will not seek contribution from any other insurance available to the district.

i. Certificates of Insurance. Provider and any and all subcontractors working for Provider shall provide certificates of insurance to the District as evidence of the insurance coverage required herein, not less than Fifteen (15) days prior to commencing work for the District, and at any other time upon the request of the District. Certificates of insurance will be deemed invalid if proper endorsements are not attached. Certificates of such insurance shall be filed with the District on or before commencement of the services under this Agreement.

j. Endorsements. Provider's and any and all Provider subcontractor's Commercial General Liability insurance; Commercial Automobile Insurance; Liability Excess, Umbrella and/or Reinsurance; and Abuse and Molestation coverage shall name the District, its governing board, officers, agents, employees, and/or volunteers as additional insureds. All endorsements specifying additional insureds for any of the Insurance Policies shall be as indicated below or an equivalent endorsement reasonably acceptable to the District.

   1) General Liability

      Construction: CG 20 10 10 01;

   2) Primary, Non-Contributory

      CG 20 01 01 13

   3) Waiver of Subrogation

      CG 24 04 05 09

   4) Commercial Automobile Liability

      CA 20 48 10 13

k. Provider's and any and all Provider subcontractor's Commercial General Liability insurance shall provide a list of endorsements and exclusions.

l. Deductibles. Any deductible(s) or self-insured retention(s) applicable to the insurance and/or coverage required by the foregoing provisions of this agreement must be declared to and approved by the District. Provider shall be responsible to pay that deductible or self-insured retention and the District shall not be responsible to pay these costs. In the event that Provider's deductibles or self-insured retentions collectively total more than $50,000.00, District reserves the right to request proof of Provider's financial solvency in relation to remittance thereof or require Provider to post a bond guaranteeing payment of the deductible, or both.

m. Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the District.

n. Insurance written on a "claims made" basis is to be renewed by the Provider and all Provider subcontractors for a period of five (5) years following termination of this Agreement. Such insurance must have the same coverage and limits as the policy that was in effect during the term of this agreement, and will cover the provider for all claims made.

o. Failure to Procure Insurance**.** Failure on the part of Provider, or any of its subcontractors, to procure or maintain required insurance shall constitute a material breach of contract under which the District may immediately terminate this Agreement.

15. **DEFAULT:** The District may, by written notice of default to the Vendor, terminate the whole or any part of their order under this Agreement if:

A. The Vendor fails to make delivery within the time specified herein.

OR

B. The products received are of inferior quality and not the same as specified or shown at the sampling. These items shall be returned at the Vendor's cost. Vendor shall arrange for pick up after written notification by the District. Vendor shall be responsible for cost of replacement if District deems it necessary to procure suitable substitute items from supplier other than original Vendor. District may hold inferior items until delivery of suitable items and cost of replacement are suitably concluded.

OR

C. If the successful Vendor fails or neglects to furnish or deliver any equipment, products, materials or services at the prices quoted, or at the times and places stated, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of this proposal document in its entirety, the District reserves the right to purchase the items herein specified from another vendor, after providing the Vendor with a three (3) calendar day – (72 hours), or mutually agreed upon cure period. All additional costs or expenses incurred by reason of the failure of the successful Vendor, as above stated, shall be paid by such Vendor and his sureties, if any. The price paid by the District shall be considered the prevailing market price at the time such purchase is made. In the event that the District terminates its orders in whole or in part, District may procure supplies or services similar to those so terminated from other sources, and the Vendor shall be liable to the District for any additional costs for such similar supplies or services.

The vendor shall not be liable for any excess cost if the failure to perform under this Agreement arises out of causes beyond their control. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to: acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the Government, acts of any of the District or anyone employed by them, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, or unusually severe weather. Normal price increases are excluded from this section.

The Vendor shall be required to deliver all supplies or services under this Agreement, which are not terminated.

16. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT FOR CONVENIENCE; TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE: District may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving the Vendor thirty (30) days written notice of such termination. Termination shall have no effect upon the rights and obligations of the parties arising out of any transaction occurring prior to the effective date of such termination. Other than payments for goods or services satisfactorily rendered prior to the effective date of said termination, Vendor shall be entitled to no further compensation or payment of any type from the District.

17. DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY OF EMPLOYEE FINGERPRINT REQUIREMENTS OF CONTRACTORS AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACT CONSULTANTS: Pursuant to Education Code Section 45125.1, it is necessary for Ventura School District to determine whether a contractor of independent contract consultant must have its employees fingerprinted and screened for criminal records.

There are two bases for exemption:

1. Emergency Contacts – Exempt Subsection (b) states that Section 45125.1 shall not apply to, among other specific entities, an entity providing schoolsite food-related services in an emergency or exceptional situation, such as when pupil health or safety is endangered or when repairs are needed to make school facilities safe and habitable.

2. No Unsupervised Pupil Interaction –Subsection (a) states that Section 45125.1 shall not apply to, among other specific entities, an entity providing schoolsite food-related services when the District determines that the employees of the entity will no unsupervised interaction with pupils.

In determining whether a contract employee interacts with pupils, the school district shall consider the totality of the circumstances, including factors such as the length of time the contractors will be on school grounds, whether pupils will be in proximity with the site where the contractors will be working, and whether the contractors will be working by themselves or with others.

In all cases, the District SHALL take appropriate steps to protect the safety of any pupils that may come in contact with these individuals.

The District has made an initial determination that the delivery times and infrequent delivery requirements of short duration to meet the terms of this contract are such that Vendor access to pupils will be avoided and/or never unsupervised. Accordingly, employee fingerprinting and background check for criminal records will be at the discretion of the Vendor. In the event that an incident occurs involving Vendor's employee(s), Vendor's employee(s) making deliveries to District sites shall immediately submit to the fingerprinting requirements of Education Code Section 45125.1(a).

By accepting the award of this RFP, the successful Vendor agrees to the terms outlined herein and will take such action as is necessary to insure the Vendor's employee(s) have no direct contact with students at the delivery sites. Failure to comply with this requirement will be satisfactory cause for cancellation of the contract.

18. EXCUSE FOR NONPERFORMANCE – FORCE MAJEURE CLAUSE: The Vendor shall be excused from performance hereunder during the time and to the extent that it is prevented from obtaining, delivering or performing in the customary manner by act of God, fire, strike, partial or total interruption of, loss or shortage of transportation facilities, lockout, commandeering of raw materials, products, plants, or facilities by the government, when satisfactory evidence thereof is presented to the District providing it is satisfactorily established that the nonperformance is not due to the fault or negligence of vendor.

19. PERFORMANCE BOND: On May 5, 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued Policy Memorandum SP 35-2016: This memo clarifies that the bonding requirements in 2 CFR, Section 200.325 apply only to subcontracts of construction or facility improvement contracts exceeding the Simplified

Acquisition Threshold. School Districts may have stricter bonding requirement than required by the USDA, if so a Performance Bond may be required.

No Performance Bond is required at this time.

20. PREVAILING LAW: In the event of any conflict or ambiguity between a) the Instructions to Vendors, General Conditions, Specifications, Agreement, or any other document forming a part of this RFP, and b) state or federal law or regulations, the latter shall prevail. Additionally, all equipment to be supplied or services to be performed under the RFP shall conform to all applicable requirements of local, state and federal law.

21. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT: Vendor will comply with the requirements of 42 USC § 6201 which contain policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with this act.

22. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS: While providing the items included herein, the Vendor is an independent contractor and not an officer, employee, or agent of the District.

23. NON-DISCRIMINATION ENDORSEMENT: Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable Federal and California state anti-discrimination laws and regulations and agrees not to unlawfully discriminate against any prospective or active employee engaged in the work on basis of race, color, age, ancestry, national origin, sex, religious creed, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or any other category protected by the law, including but not limited to, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. In addition, the Vendor agrees to require like compliance by all subcontractors employed, or any other category protected by the law. Vendor is required to sign the Equal Opportunity Employment Form included with this agreement.

24. ASSIGNMENT OF THE AGREEMENT: No agreement awarded under this proposal shall be assigned without the prior written approval of the District.

End of General Conditions

PROPOSAL FORM PRICING SHEET(S)

Product specifications are based on products and pack sized currently in use. Alternate pack sizes may be accepted when pack size specified is not available. Some specific brands and specifications shown have been established by the District based upon the District's research and expertise, popularity of the food item, and/or brand name recognition; therefore, alternates may not be considered in circumstances where the menu, recipe, or sales may be affected. The District's shall be the sole judge as to whether such alternate products are, in fact, substantially equal to the specifications set forth herein and whether such deviations are acceptable to the District.

DIRECTIONS:

A. Vendor is to use the Pricing template(s) provided on pages 52-54 of this document.

B. Vendor is to enter brand/trade name and manufacturer's SKU (stock keeping unit) number in appropriate columns of electronic Proposal Form when one or more items are co-specified by District. Stating "as specified" will not satisfy this requirement (in executing a purchase order, the District will require the exact brand name and SKU number for ordering).

C. Vendor is to enter base pricing in the appropriate column of the spreadsheet.

D. Discounted pricing based on volume purchasing or quantity discounts is to be entered into separate appropriate columns on the spreadsheet.

E. If Vendor's SKU is different or unique as compared to manufacturer's SKU, Vendor's SKU must be entered in appropriate column.

F. **A PRINTED and SIGNED copy of the spreadsheet must accompany the completed electronic spreadsheet as part of the formal proposal**. In the case of discrepancies, the paper copy of the proposal will be deemed the true proposal document and the basis of the award.

G. Omitted.

H. Vendor is to submit all pricing spreadsheet pages, even those without responses.

I. Whenever the specification notes "only," this requirement is made in order for the District to match existing supplies and equipment or because no other equal is known to exist. Vendor may submit "equal" products in accordance with the sample provision (see Instructions & Information for Vendors, "SAMPLES" section).

J. The District reserves the right to purchase additional units, at various quantities, under the terms and conditions provided in this proposal. Vendor must submit the unit price for each item proposal, reflecting any quantity breaks in a separate column of the spreadsheet. Vendors must enter this information in the column provided. A single unit price submitted on the Proposal Response Form shall be interpreted to be the price for any quantity amount ordered.

K. The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, and to be the sole judge of the merits and qualifications of all proposals and the products submitted as "equal" to the District's specifications, and not necessarily accept the lowest price offered.

L. The District reserves the right to reject proposals with multiple items per line item. Vendors submitting proposals with more than one item per line item may be rejected on grounds of non-responsiveness or non-responsibility.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

In the event of contradicting information between these Special Provisions and any other section of the RFP document, these Special Provisions shall prevail.

1. Nutrition Guidelines are based on current Federal and State guidelines and are subject to change during the term of the Agreement.
2. A complete nutritional facts label for one (1) individual serving including all ingredients and major food allergens used on the preparation of the product will be required. Information regarding school meal pattern requirements met by each product must be provided with the proposal at opening. Products must specify zero grams of trans-fat per serving (Public law no. 111-296, Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010).
3. Deliveries are to be made once or twice weekly at all school sites, between the hours of 6:00am-11:30am. Any changes to the frequency and hours of deliveries need to be discussed and approved by the Director of Food and Nutrition Services.
4. The set-up of orders and delivery times may vary per school. Successful bidder(s) must work with the Food and Nutrition Services Department and/or school sites.
5. Delivery slips are required with every delivery, and a copy shall be left at the individual schools. An invoice signed by the manager or designee is required in order for the invoice to be processed for payment. A legible delivery discrepancy receipt shall be left at the site in the case of a return or shortage. Credits shall be issued within 10 operating days.
6. All products must be produced, processed, handled and distributed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the local county Health Department. The District reserves the right to inspect the plant and facilities of the Bidder prior to or after award of contract. The Bidder must display a valid local county Health Department permit. A recent health department report will be required to be submitted at the time of the proposal opening.
7. The storage, preparation, handling, and delivery of the food products shall comply with all applicable health and safety laws and regulations. The successful Bidder shall immediately notify the District in writing of any potential disease, illness, or recalls associated with the food product which stem from improper procedures or defective food product.
8. Products and packaging stated herein shall be produced under sanitary conditions; the plant shall meet sanitary requirements of Federal, State and City agencies.
9. Food delivered individually-portioned, packaged and labeled for sale must have an ingredient label which lists allergens, if any, and MSG. Packaging must include a tamper-proof seal.
10. Out of Date products are to be promptly removed and replaced as requested at no cost to the District.

Contact Name	**Kara Muniz**
Billing Address	**255 West Stanley Avenue, Suite 100**
Phone Number	**805-641-5000 x1301**
2019-2020 Average Daily Participation Breakfast	**5,000**
2019-2020 Average Daily Participation Lunch	**6,500**
Number of Sites	**25**
Preferred Days of Delivery	**Monday, Wednesday**
Preferred Time of Delivery	**6:00am-11:30am**

EVALUATION AND AWARD

TECHNICAL and PRICE EVALUATION for RESPONSIVE VENDORS

To be deemed responsive and qualify for evaluation, proposal must be timely submitted and materially satisfy all mandatory requirements identified in this RFP. Nonresponsive proposals will not be evaluated. Responsive proposals will be evaluated and scored as described below.

CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS
Completeness of Response	10
Vendor's Reputation and References	15
Vendor's Ability to Provide Requested Products	35
PRELIMINARY POINT TOTAL	**60**
Pricing	40
FINAL POINT TOTAL	**100**

Using the Criteria and Maximum Points shown above, proposals will be evaluated to arrive at a Preliminary Point Total to be applied to each item proposed by Vendor.

On a per item basis, the lowest proposal price will receive the maximum Pricing points, with remaining proposals receiving the maximum Pricing points reduced by the same percentage that their proposal price exceeds the lowest proposal price.

On a per item basis, the Final Point Total will be calculated by summing the Preliminary Point Total and the Pricing Points.

1. **GEOGRAPHIC PREFERENCES**: VUSD may not apply geographic preferences in procurements and/or contracts involving federal funds unless the procurement and/or contract involves unprocessed locally grown or locally raised agricultural products for use by the District in a Child Nutrition Program. See 2 C.F.R. § 200.319.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a Contract if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. See 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c)(1). VUSD officers, employees, and agents may not solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. VUSD maintains written standards covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts.

3. NON-EXCLUSIVITY AND MULTIPLE AWARDS: Any award(s) resulting from this RFP is nonexclusive. VUSD reserves the right to make no awards, or award one or more line items, in part or in whole, to a single Vendor or to multiple Vendors.

4. DISQUALIFICATION: Vendor may be disqualified before or after VUSD opens proposals upon evidence of collusion with the intent to defraud, upon evidence of intent to perform other illegal activities for the purpose of obtaining an unfair competitive advantage, upon evidence of debarment and suspension, or upon indebtedness to the District. Non-responsive proposals and deviations/exceptions stipulated in Vendor's response may also result in disqualification.

5. SMALL BUSINESS AND MINORITY, WOMAN, AND DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MWDVBE): VUSD encourages minority, women, and disabled veteran owned business enterprises to submit proposals based upon their capacity to perform and be successful. Minority and woman business enterprises must submit documentation of qualification as outlined in Public Contract Code (PCC) Section 2000. Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises must be California State certified.

Eligible MWDVBE Vendors will be entitled to a 5% proposal pricing preference

- Further information on minority and woman business enterprises can be found at the PCC website: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=PCC&division=2.&title=&part=1.&chapter=2.&article=
- Certification for Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services is located at the following California website, https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Services/Page-Content/Procurement-Division-Services-List-Folder/Certify-or-Re-apply-as-Small-Business-Disabled-Veteran-Business-Enterprise?search=certification%20disabled%20veteran

6. AWARD OF CONTRACT: In accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations for public procurement, any award(s) will be made to the Responsible Vendor(s) whose Proposal(s) is/are determined to be the Best Value to VUSD. Additionally, the District reserves the right to negotiate all final terms and conditions of any preliminary agreement entered into with the awarded firm. The District makes no representations that any contract will be awarded to any vendor.

7. FORMATION OF CONTRACT: A signed and submitted Proposal constitutes an offer to Contract with VUSD to provide the goods and/or perform the services specified in this RFP, thus eliminating the need for the formal signing of a separate contract. No contract exists unless and until it is accepted, in writing, by VUSD. **No Vendor(s) shall obtain any interests or rights in any award until the District issues a Purchase Orders in the name of the Vendor(s).**

VUSD does not sign Vendor contract forms. In the event that VUSD awards to a Vendor and Vendor request changes to the District's standard Contract form, the District reserves the right to cancel the award and re-award to an alternate Vendor.

VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete this qualifying criteria questionnaire and submit with your proposal (may attach additional sheets if necessary). Responses should be as detailed as necessary in order to **thoroughly** answer the questions.

1. How do you plan to work with the District to set up a delivery schedule?

2. How many deliveries per week will you provide?

3. Do you have minimums for deliveries? **If YES, please state your minimum delivery amounts (dollar amount, case quantity, etc).**

4. What is you procedure for notifying customers of shortages and /or substitutions?

5. How many days lead-time do you require for an order?

6. What is your procedure for notifying customers of a product recall?

7. What procedures do have in place to fill emergency orders?

8. How many years has your company been in the food service distribution business?

9. Has your firm backed out of a distribution contract with any school district(s) within the last 18 months? If so, please explain.

10. Has your firm been replaced at the will of any school district(s) during the last 18 months? If so, please explain.

11. Please list any additional charges and/or discounts or any other pertinent information related to this proposal.

12. What is your procedure for addressing product returns?

End of Vendor Questionnaire

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP: FNS4-24
Produce

Ventura Unified School District

255 West Stanley Avenue, Suite 100
Ventura, CA 93001

FORMS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL

VENDOR CRITERIA FORM

The VUSD requires that the successful Vendor meet the following minimum requirements:

- Has been in business for minimum of 5 years
- Have three current school district references

Please provide three current school district references:

1. School District: _____

   Address: _____

   Contact Person: _____

   Telephone Number: _____

   Number of Deliveries per year: _____

2. School District: _____

   Address: _____

   Contact Person: _____

   Telephone Number: _____

   Number of Deliveries per year: _____

3. School District: _____

   Address: _____

   Contact Person: _____

   Telephone Number: _____

   Number of Deliveries per year: _____

_____ _____

Name of Preparer Title

_____ _____

Signature of Preparer Date

*By signing this form, you are verifying that your company meets the requirements stated above.

PROPOSAL FORM

Pursuant to and in compliance with the Notice Inviting Proposals, Information for Vendors, General Conditions, Evaluation & Award, Proposal Form, Addenda, if any, and other documents relating thereto, the undersigned Vendor, having familiarized him/herself with the terms of the proposal and the conditions affecting the performance of the proposal, hereby proposes and agrees to perform, within the time stipulated everything required in this proposal for the amount herein set forth.

1. **This proposal shall continue to remain in effect after the initial period indicated for as long as all parties remain in agreement for additional purchases.**

2. **Proposal INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ADDENDA (by addendum number): ____, ____, ____,**

Vendor Name_____

Vendor Address (street)_____

Vendor Address (city, state, zip)_____

I, _____, _____
(Print Name) (Title)

of the Vendor named above, acting as authorized agent, hereby certify under penalty of perjury in accordance with the laws of the State of California, that all the information submitted by the Vendor, in connection with this Request for Proposals, and all the representations herein made, are true and correct.

Dated_____

_____ _____
Signature Telephone

E-mail address_____

END OF PROPOSAL FORM

"PIGGYBACK" CLAUSE FORM

For the term of the Contract and any mutually agreed extensions pursuant to this proposal, at the option of the Vendor, other school districts and community college districts, any public corporation or agency, including any county, city, town or district within the State of California may purchase the identical item(s) at the same price and upon the same terms and conditions pursuant to sections 20118 (K-12) and 20652 (community colleges) of the Public Contract Code.

The VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT waives its right to require such other districts and offices to draw their warrants in favor of the District as provided in said Code Sections.

Any entity or agency within the State of California, and the awarded Vendor(s) engaged in the execution of orders under this Proposal, acting in accordance with Public Contracts Code, section 20118, shall not be construed as an officer, agent or employee of the Ventura Unified School District and shall indemnify and hold harmless its officers, agents and employees from any and all liabilities resulting from the use of this Proposal.

Acceptance or rejection of this clause **will not** affect the outcome of this proposal.

Please sign by your preference below.

Piggyback option granted: _____
(signature)

OR

Piggyback option not granted: _____
(signature)

NONCOLLUSION DECLARATION TO BE EXECUTED BY VENDOR AND SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL

(Public Contract Code section 7106)

(Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 432, Sec. 37. Effective January 1, 2012.)

The undersigned declares:

I am the _____ of _____, the party making the foregoing proposal.

The proposal is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation. The proposal is genuine and not collusive or sham. The Vendor has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Vendor to put in a false or sham proposal. The Vendor has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any Vendor or anyone else to put in a sham proposal, or to refrain from proposing. The Vendor has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the proposal price of the Vendor or any other Vendor, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the proposal price, or of that of any other Vendor. All statements contained in the proposal are true. The Vendor has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her proposal price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, to any corporation, partnership, company, association, organization, proposal depository, or to any member or agent thereof, to effectuate a collusive or sham proposal, and has not paid, and will not pay, any person or entity for such purpose.

Any person executing this declaration on behalf of a Vendor that is a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or any other entity, hereby represents that he or she has full power to execute, and does execute, this declaration on behalf of the Vendor.

_____

(Signature of Officer)

_____

(Typed Name of Officer)

_____

(Title/Office)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed on:

_____[date], at _____[city], _____[state].

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT

For the promotion and insuring of equal opportunity for all persons, Federal regulations mandate that Federal contractors include an Equal Opportunity (EO) clause in all contracts, subcontracts and purchase orders. The intent is to make the nondiscrimination and affirmative action provisions of Executive Order 11246, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act, and the Jobs for Veterans act flow down to all tiers of contractors

This contractor and subcontractor shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR §§ 60-1.4(a), 60-300.5(a) and 60-741.5(a). These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities, and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin. Moreover, these regulations require that covered prime contractors and subcontractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or veteran status.

41 CFR 60-1.4 Equal opportunity clause.

(a) Government contracts. Except as otherwise provided, each contracting agency shall include the following equal opportunity clause contained in section 202 of the order in each of its Government contracts (and modifications thereof if not included in the original contract):

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

(3) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

(4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(7) In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(8) The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

41 CFR 60-300.5 Equal opportunity clause.

(a) Government contracts. Each contracting agency and each contractor shall include the following equal opportunity clause in each of its covered Government contracts or subcontracts (and modifications, renewals, or extensions thereof if not included in the original contract):

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VEVRAA PROTECTED VETERANS[3]

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because he or she is a disabled veteran, recently separated veteran, active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran, or Armed Forces service medal veteran (hereinafter collectively referred to as “protected veteran(s)”) in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified individuals without discrimination based on their status as a protected veteran in all employment practices, including the following:

i. Recruitment, advertising, and job application procedures.

ii. Hiring, upgrading, promotion, award of tenure, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, right of return from layoff and rehiring.

iii. Rates of pay or any other form of compensation and changes in compensation.

iv. Job assignments, job classifications, organizational structures, position descriptions, lines of progression, and seniority lists.

v. Leaves of absence, sick leave, or any other leave.

vi. Fringe benefits available by virtue of employment, whether or not administered by the contractor.

vii. Selection and financial support for training, including apprenticeship, and on-the-job training under 38 U.S.C. 3687, professional meetings, conferences, and other related activities, and selection for leaves of absence to pursue training.

viii. Activities sponsored by the contractor including social or recreational programs.

ix. Any other term, condition, or privilege of employment.

2. The contractor agrees to immediately list all employment openings which exist at the time of the execution of this contract and those which occur during the performance of this contract, including those not generated by this contract and including those occurring at an establishment of the contractor other than the one where the contract is being performed, but excluding those of independently operated corporate affiliates, with the appropriate employment service delivery system where the opening occurs. Listing employment openings with the state workforce agency job bank or with the local employment service delivery system where the opening occurs will satisfy the requirement to list jobs with the appropriate employment service delivery system. In order to satisfy the listing requirement described herein, contractors must provide information about the job vacancy in any manner and format permitted by the appropriate employment service delivery system which will allow that system to provide priority referral of veterans protected by VEVRAA for that job vacancy. Providing information on employment openings to a privately run job service or exchange will satisfy the contractor's listing obligation if the privately run job service or exchange provides the information to the appropriate employment service delivery system in any manner and format that the employment service delivery system permits which will allow that system to provide priority referral of protected veterans.

3. Listing of employment openings with the appropriate employment service delivery system pursuant to this clause shall be made at least concurrently with the use of any other recruitment source or effort and shall involve the normal obligations which attach to the placing of a bona fide job order, including the acceptance of referrals of veterans and nonveterans. The listing of employment openings does not require the hiring of any particular job applicants or from any particular group of job applicants, and nothing herein is intended to relieve the contractor from any requirements in Executive orders or regulations regarding nondiscrimination in employment.

4. Whenever a contractor, other than a state or local governmental contractor, becomes contractually bound to the listing provisions in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this clause, it shall advise the employment service delivery system in each state where it has establishments that: (a) It is a Federal contractor, so that the employment service delivery systems are able to identify them as such; and (b) it desires priority referrals from the state of protected veterans for job openings at all locations within the state. The contractor shall also provide to the employment service delivery system the name and location of each hiring location within the state and the contact information for the contractor official responsible for hiring at each location. The “contractor official” may be a chief hiring official, a Human Resources contact, a senior management contact, or any other manager for the contractor that can verify the information set forth in the job listing and receive priority referrals from employment service delivery systems. In the event that the contractor uses any external job search organizations to assist in its hiring, the contractor shall also provide to the employment service delivery system the contact information for the job search organization(s). The disclosures required by this paragraph shall be made simultaneously with the contractor's first job listing at each employment service delivery system location after the effective date of this final rule. Should any of the information in the disclosures change since it was last reported to the employment service delivery system location, the contractor shall provide updated information simultaneously with its next job listing. As long as the contractor is contractually bound to these provisions and has so advised the employment service delivery system, there is no need to advise the employment service delivery system of subsequent contracts. The contractor may advise the employment service delivery system when it is no longer bound by this contract clause.

5. The provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this clause do not apply to the listing of employment openings which occur and are filled outside of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Wake Island, and the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands.

6. As used in this clause: i. All employment openings includes all positions except executive and senior management, those positions that will be filled from within the contractor's organization, and positions lasting three days or less. This term includes full-time employment, temporary employment of more than three days' duration, and part-time employment.

ii. Executive and senior management means: (1) Any employee (a) compensated on a salary basis at a rate of not less than $455 per week (or $380 per week, if employed in American Samoa by employers other than the Federal Government), exclusive of board, lodging or other facilities; (b) whose primary duty is management of the enterprise in which the employee is employed or of a customarily recognized department or subdivision thereof; (c) who customarily and regularly directs the work of two or more other employees; and (d) who has the authority to hire or fire other employees or whose suggestions and recommendations as to the hiring, firing, advancement, promotion or any other change of status of other employees are given particular weight; or (2) any employee who owns at least a bona fide 20-percent equity interest in the enterprise in which the employee is employed, regardless of whether the business is a corporate or other type of organization, and who is actively engaged in its management.

iii. Positions that will be filled from within the contractor's organization means employment openings for which no consideration will be given to persons outside the contractor's organization (including any affiliates, subsidiaries, and parent companies) and includes any openings which the contractor proposes to fill from regularly established “recall” lists. The exception does not apply to a particular opening once an employer decides to consider applicants outside of his or her own organization.

7. The contractor agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.

8. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.

9. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the rights of applicants and employees as well as the contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified employees and applicants who are protected veterans. The contractor must ensure that applicants or employees who are disabled veterans are provided the notice in a form that is accessible and understandable to the disabled veteran (e.g., providing Braille or large print versions of the notice, posting the notice for visual accessibility to persons in wheelchairs, providing the notice electronically or on computer disc, or other versions). With respect to employees who do not work at a physical location of the contractor, a contractor will satisfy its posting obligations by posting such notices in an electronic format, provided that the contractor provides computers that can access the electronic posting to such employees, or the contractor has actual knowledge that such employees otherwise are able to access the electronically posted notices. Electronic notices for employees must be posted in a conspicuous location and format on the company's intranet or sent by electronic mail to employees. An electronic posting must be used by the contractor to notify job applicants of their rights if the contractor utilizes an electronic application process. Such electronic applicant notice must be conspicuously stored with, or as part of, the electronic application.

10. The contractor will notify each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding that the contractor is bound by the terms of VEVRAA, and is

committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment, and shall not discriminate against, protected veterans.

11. The contractor will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order of $100,000 or more, unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to VEVRAA so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.

12. The contractor must, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to their protected veteran status.

[3] The definitions set forth in 41 CFR 60–300.2 apply to the terms used throughout this Clause, and they are incorporated herein by reference.

41 CFR 60-741.5 Equal opportunity clause.

(a) Government contracts. Each contracting agency and each contractor shall include the following equal opportunity clause in each of its covered Government contracts or subcontracts (and modifications, renewals, or extensions thereof if not included in the original contract):

Equal Opportunity for Workers With Disabilities

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental disability in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals with disabilities, and to treat qualified individuals without discrimination on the basis of their physical or mental disability in all employment practices, including the following:

i. Recruitment, advertising, and job application procedures;

ii. Hiring, upgrading, promotion, award of tenure, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, right of return from layoff and rehiring;

iii. Rates of pay or any other form of compensation and changes in compensation;

iv. Job assignments, job classifications, organizational structures, position descriptions, lines of progression, and seniority lists;

v. Leaves of absence, sick leave, or any other leave;

vi. Fringe benefits available by virtue of employment, whether or not administered by the contractor;

vii. Selection and financial support for training, including apprenticeship, professional meetings, conferences, and other related activities, and selection for leaves of absence to pursue training;

viii. Activities sponsored by the contractor including social or recreational programs; and

ix. Any other term, condition, or privilege of employment.

2. The contractor agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the act.

3. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the act.

4. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the rights of applicants and employees as well as the contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified employees and applicants with disabilities. The contractor must ensure that applicants or employees with disabilities are provided the notice in a form that is accessible and understandable to the individual applicant or employee (e.g., providing Braille or large print versions of the notice, or posting a copy of the notice at a lower height for easy viewing by a person using a wheelchair). With respect to employees who do not work at a physical location of the contractor, a contractor will satisfy its posting obligations by posting such notices in an electronic format, provided that the contractor provides computers, or access to computers, that can access the electronic posting to such employees, or the contractor has actual knowledge that such employees otherwise are able to access the electronically posted notices. Electronic notices for employees must be posted in a conspicuous location and format on the company's intranet or sent by electronic mail to employees. An electronic posting must be used by the contractor to notify job applicants of their rights if the contractor utilizes an electronic application process. Such electronic applicant notice must be conspicuously stored with, or as part of, the electronic application.

5. The contractor will notify each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the contractor is bound by the terms of section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment, and shall not discriminate against, individuals with physical or mental disabilities.

6. The contractor will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order in excess of $10,000, unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to section 503 of the act, as amended, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.

7. The contractor must, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against on the basis of disability.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that _____ (Company)

is an equal opportunity employer as defined above.

_____ _____
Signature of Authorized Representative Date

_____ _____
Printed Name of Above Title of Authorized Representative

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

INSTRUCTIONS: To be completed and submitted ANNUALLY by 1) any child nutrition entity receiving Federal reimbursement in excess of $100,000 per year and 2) potential or existing contractors/vendors as part of an original proposal, contract renewal or extension when the contract exceeds $100,000.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) 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.

(2) 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 of Lobbying Activities,'' in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned 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. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,00 0 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

Vendor/Company Name:	
Address:	
Printed Name of Submitting Official:	Printed Title of Submitting Official:
Signature:	Date:

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

1. Type of Federal Action: [ ] a. Contract [ ] b. Grant [ ] c. Cooperative Agreement [ ] d. Loan [ ] e. Loan Guarantee [ ] f. Loan Insurance	**2. Status of Federal Action:** [ ] a. Proposal/offer/application [ ] b. Initial award [ ] c. Post-award	**3. Report Type:** [ ] a. Initial filing [ ] b. Material change FOR MATERIAL CHANGE ONLY: Year: _____ Quarter: _____ Date of Last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: [ ] Prime [ ] Subawardee Tier _____, if known Congressional District, if known:		**5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:** Congressional District, if known:
6. Federal Department/Agency:		**7. Federal Program Name/Description:** CFDA Number, if applicable:
8. Federal Action Number, if known:		**9. Award Amount, if known:** **$**
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Entity (if individual, last name, first name, MI):		**10. b. Individuals Performing Services** (including address if different from No. 10 a) (last name, first name, MI):
(attach Continuation Sheet(s) if necessary)		

11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when the transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Title _____

Telephone: Date:

Federal Use Only	

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity 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 a covered Federal action. Complete all sections that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, state, and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants, and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in No. 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, state, and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (No. 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in No. 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Proposal (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in No. 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, state, and zip code of the lobbying entity engaged by the reporting entity identified in No. 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
    (b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from No. 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension.

A. Vendor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

2. Have not within a 3-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

3. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (A.2.) of this certification; and

4. Have not within a 3-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

B. Where the vendor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

_____
Vendor/Company Name

_____ _____
Signature of Authorized Representative Date

_____
Printed Name of Above

_____
Title of Authorized Representative

IRAN CONTRACTING ACT
CERTIFICATION OF ELIGILITY TO PROPOSAL FOR CONTRACTS OF $ 1 MILLION OR MORE
(Public Contract Code sections 2202-2208)

Pursuant to Public Contract Code 2204. (a) A public entity shall require a person that submits a proposal or proposal to, or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract with, a public entity with respect to a contract for goods or services of one million dollars ($1,000,000) or more to certify, at the time the proposal is submitted or the contract is renewed, that the person is not identified on a list created pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 2203 as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran described in subdivision (a) of Section 2202.5, or as a person described in subdivision (b) of Section 2202.5, as applicable. A state agency shall submit the certification information to the Department of General Services.

To comply with this requirement, please insert your vendor or financial institution name and Federal ID Number (if available) and complete **one** of the options below. Please note: California law establishes penalties for providing false certifications, including civil penalties equal to the greater of $250,000 or twice the amount of the contract for which the false certification was made; contract termination; and three-year ineligibility to proposal on contracts. (Public Contract Code section 2205.)

OPTION #1 - CERTIFICATION
I, the official named below, certify I am duly authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the vendor/financial institution identified below, and the vendor/financial institution identified below is **not** on the current list of persons engaged in investment activities in Iran created by DGS and is not a financial institution extending twenty million dollars ($20,000,000) or more in credit to another person/vendor, for 45 days or more, if that other person/vendor will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran and is identified on the current list of persons engaged in investment activities in Iran created by DGS.

Vendor Name/Financial Institution (Printed)	*Federal ID Number (or n/a)*
By (Authorized Signature)	
Printed Name and Title of Person Signing	
Date Executed	*Executed in*

OPTION #2 – EXEMPTION
Pursuant to Public Contract Code sections 2203(c) and (d), a public entity may permit a vendor/financial institution engaged in investment activities in Iran, on a case-by-case basis, to be eligible for, or to proposal on, submit a proposal for, or enters into or renews, a contract for goods and services.

If you have obtained an exemption from the certification requirement under the Iran Contracting Act, please fill out the information below, and attach documentation demonstrating the exemption approval.

Vendor Name/Financial Institution (Printed)	*Federal ID Number (or n/a)*
By (Authorized Signature)	
Printed Name and Title of Person Signing	*Date Executed*

CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATE
REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

This Drug-Free Workplace Certification form is required from all successful Vendors pursuant to the requirements mandated by Government Code sections 8350 et. seq., the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990. The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 requires that every person or organization awarded a contract or grant for the procurement of any property or service from any State agency must certify that it will provide a drug-free workplace by performing certain specified acts. In addition, the Act provides that each contract or grant awarded by a State agency may be subject to suspension of payments or termination of the contract or grant, and the CONTRACTOR or grantee may be subject to debarment from future contracting, if the contracting agency determines that specified acts have occurred.

Pursuant to Government Code section 8355, every person or organization awarded a contract or grant from a State agency shall certify that it will provide a drug-free workplace by doing all of the following:

1) Publishing a statement, notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the person's or organization's workplace, and specifying actions which will be taken against employees for violations of the prohibition;

2) Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about all of the following:

   a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

   b) The person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

   c) The availability of drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee-assistance programs; and

   d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations;

3) Requiring that each employee engaged in the performance of the contract or grant be given a copy of the statement required by subdivision (a) and that, as a condition of employment on the contract or grant, the employee agrees to abide by the terms of the statement.

I, the undersigned, agree to fulfill the terms and requirements of Government Code section 8355 listed above and will (a) publish a statement notifying employees concerning the prohibition of controlled substance at the workplace, (b) establish a drug-free awareness program, and (c) require each employee engaged in the performance of the contact be given a copy of the statement required by section 8355(a) and require such employee agree to abide by the terms of that statement.

I also understand that if the DISTRICT determines that I have either (a) made a false certification herein, or (b) violated this certification by failing to carry out the requirements of section 8355, that the contract awarded herein is subject to termination, suspension of payments, or both. I further understand that, should I violate the terms of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990, I may be subject to debarment in accordance with the requirements of sections 8350 et. seq.

I acknowledge that I am aware of the provisions of Government Code sections 8350 et. seq. and hereby certify that I will adhere to the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990.

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DATE: _____ _____

CONTRACTOR

By: _____

Signature

CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATE REGARDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS POLICY

The CONTRACTOR agrees that it will abide by and implement the DISTRICT's Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco-Free Campus Policy, which prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products, at any time, on DISTRICT-owned or leased buildings, on DISTRICT property and in DISTRICT vehicles. The CONTRACTOR shall procure signs stating "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO USE IS PROHIBITED" and shall ensure that these signs are prominently displayed in all entrances to school property at all time

DATE: _____ _____
CONTRACTOR

By: _____
Signature

Contractor's Certificate Regarding Worker's Compensation

(To be Executed by Vendor and Submitted with Proposal)

Labor Code section 3700 in relevant part provides:

> Every employer except the State shall secure the payment of compensation in one or more or the following ways:
>
> (a) By being insured against liability to pay compensation in one or more insurers duly authorized to write compensation insurance in this State.
>
> (b) By securing from the Director of Industrial Relations a certificate of consent to self-insure, which may be given upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the Director of Industrial Relations of ability to self-insure and to pay any compensation that may become due to his employees.

I am aware of the provisions of section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for worker's compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of work of this contract.

_____
Signature of Authorized Representative

_____
Type Name of Above

_____
Title of Authorized Representative

(In accordance with article 5 (commencing at section 1860), chapter 1, part 7, division 2 of the Labor Code, the above certificate must be signed and filed with the awarding body prior to performing any work under this contract.)

Clean Air and Water Certification

Vendor shall comply with The Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. sections 7401-7671 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1251-1387) as amended (Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200[G]).

_____
Vendor/Company Name

_____ _____
Signature of Authorized Representative Date

_____
Printed Name of Above

_____
Title of Authorized Representative

Certification for "Buy American" Provision

This Certification is required for all items domestically grown and processed in the United States which exceeds 50% domestic end product. Vendor is to provide certification for all products derived from domestic products to include Fruit, Vegetables, Grains, Legumes and Oil based products. Failure to certify such items may disqualify award of such line item.

I certify that the following item(s) are produced and processed in the U.S. and contains over 51% of its agricultural food components, by weight or volume, from the U.S.

Note: A manufacture certification on company letterhead may be substituted for this form as long as the exact same language listed above is used.

Line Item Number:	Description:

Every effort shall be made to follow the Buy American Provision required by the National School Lunch Act to include domestically grown products in school food programs. By signing this certification, the Vendor is acknowledging the Buy American requirements per Instructions and Information Item #21 of RFP FNS4-24 and will provide the requested documentation when offer of awarded item has been made to vendor.

Print

Signature: _____ Company Name: _____

(Copy, complete and sign for additional line items)

Buy American Waiver Exception List

This documentation is required for all food items that ***are not*** produced and process in the U.S. with least 51% of its agricultural food components, by weigh or volume, from the U.S. The Buy America regulations state:

b) *Exceptions.* The purchase requirements described in paragraph (a) of this section shall not apply in instances when the recipient agency determines:

(1) Recipients have unusual or ethnic food preferences which can only be met through purchases of products not produced in the U.S.;
(2) the product is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality;
(3) the cost of U.S. produced food products is significantly higher than foreign products

[7 CFR 210.21(d), USDA Policy Memo SP 38-2017]

Line Item Number:	Description:	Domestic Price	Non-Domestic Price (Foreign product)	Reason For Waiver
Sample	*Sample: Ground Cinnamon*	*NA*		*Is not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonable quantities*
Sample	*Sample: Canned Pineapple*	*$29.95*	*$59.95*	*U.S. Canned Pineapple is Significantly higher in cost (more than 10%)*

Every effort shall be made to follow the Buy American Provision required by the National School Lunch Act to include domestically grown products in school food programs. By signing this certification, the Vendor is acknowledging the Buy American requirements per Instructions and Information Item #21 of RFP FNS4-24 and will provide the requested documentation when offer of awarded item has been made to vendor.

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Signature: _____ Company Name: _____

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PRODUCT QUOTATION SHEET

Whole Produce Items

Item No	Item Description	Estimated Quantity Needed	Unit	Bidder's Unit Purchase Price	Markup per Unit (fixed dollar amount)	Bidder's Total Unit Price to District	Extended Total
1	Bananas, Petite 40 lb	1430	Case				
2	Strawberries, 12 Dry Pint Baskets	1245	Case				
3	Apples, Gala,125 ct 40 lb	870	Case				
4	Oranges 113 ct 40 lb (Navel or Valencia)	865	Case				
5	Apples, Red Delicious 163 ct 40	765	Case				
6	Grapes, Red, Seedless 18 lb	685	Case				
7	Bananas, Premium, 40 lb	635	Case				
8	Oranges, 138 ct 40 lb (Navel or Valencia)	555	Case				
9	Grapes, Green, Seedless, 181b	550	Case				
10	Nectarines, 72 ct 221b	460	Case				
11	Plums, Black, Loose, 221b	430	Case				
12	Apples, Fuji, 125 ct 40 lb	420	Case				
13	Tangerines, Pixie, Seedless, 25 lb	420	Case				
14	Watermelon, Seedless	10750	Pound				
15	Lettuce, Whole Leaf Green	10000	Each				
16	Cucumber, Hot House	800	Each				
17	Tomatoes, Cherry	200	Baskets				

18	Jicama	200	Whole				
19	Celery stalk	100	Whole				
20	Spinach	50	5lb				

PRODUCT QUOTATION SHEET

Processed Produce Items

Item No.	Item Description	Estimated Quantity Needed	Unit	Bidder's Unit Purchase Price	Markup per Unit (fixed dollar amount)	Bidder's Total Unit Price to District	Extended Total
1	Celery Stick 4" x 3/8", SO X 2.08 OZ	1140	Case				
2	Baby carrots, 100 X 2 OZ	8SS	Case				
3	Carrots, Sticks, SO X 2.08 OZ	710	Case				
4	Broccoli Buds, 50 X 1.11OZ	620	Case				
5	Jicama Sticks, 4 X Sib	445	Case				

Bidders must provide corresponding copies of original purchase invoices for the highlighted items on the Product Quotation Sheet in your bid response. The invoice copies should reflect your actual purchases of these items in the following the time periods: on or about September 1; January 1 and April 1.