



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Bids/Proposals Board of Education Meeting: 03/06/2024

Item Title:	<u>RFP #24-114 BISD Food and Nutrition</u>	<u>X</u>	Action
	<u>Service Large Cold Storage Freezer</u>	<u> </u>	Information
	<u>Project</u>	<u> </u>	Discussion

BACKGROUND:

The Brownsville Independent School District (BISD) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Department is dedicated to students' health, well-being, and their ability to learn by providing nutritionally balanced meals and promoting healthy habits for lifelong nutrition and fitness practices. BISD FNS accomplishes this activity by procuring food for student consumption, specifically frozen food products.

Currently, FNS stores frozen merchandise in the FNS Warehouse and overflow merchandise at the Lineage Cold Storage Warehouse in McAllen, Texas, transported from the FNS Warehouse to Lineage Cold Storage Warehouse using contracted transport services from All Valley Trucking. In an effort to eliminate contracted services fees for the storage and transport of frozen merchandise, the FNS Department requests approval to purchase a large freezer (8,800 sq. ft.) to be used for cold storage. The freezer would assembled within the metal building currently being constructed adjacent to the FNS Warehouse. (continuation)

3 CSP's were received.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Fund 101: \$2,275,00.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend awarding RFP #24-114 BISD Food and Nutrition Service Large Cold Storage Freezer Project to Arnold Refrigeration Inc. of San Antonio, Texas.

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 Jackie Cruz / Rosario Pena
 Submitted by: FNS Director/Purchasing Director

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Alejandro Cespedes
 Recommended by: Asst. Supt./CFO

Jesus H. Chavez
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 Interim Superintendent

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The metal building is being constructed by BISD using \$1.5 million granted to the District by the Elon Musk Foundation. It is important to note that BISD is undertaking the construction of the building using the Elon Musk Foundation grant money since federal funds allocated for Food and Nutrition Services cannot be utilized for construction purposes. The freezer incurs a separate cost of \$2,275,000.00, distinct from construction expenses, and will be covered by FNS funds.

This facility would enable the storage of frozen goods, thereby reducing the ongoing costs associated with leasing frozen storage in McAllen, Texas, totaling \$121,461.04 over the past five years. Additionally, it addresses the expenses related to contracted services for transporting frozen merchandise between the storage facility in McAllen and our warehouse freezer totaling \$64,810.00 in the past three years.

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