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**TO:** Child Nutrition Program – South Texas Cooperative (CNP-STC) Members and Vendors

**FROM:** Lori Atwood Ramos, Purchasing Director

**SUBJECT:** **Child Nutrition Program – South Texas Cooperative Food Service Apparel, Shoes and Accessories RFP 23-0128**

**DATE:** November 16, 2023

This request for proposal (RFP) allows Region One Education Service Center and its Child Nutrition Program - South Texas Cooperative (CNP-STC) members the opportunity to contract with qualified vendors to provide food service uniform and marketing items and services that includes, but not limited to: aprons, chef coats, shirts, pants, jackets, footwear, headwear, pins, plaques, cups, mugs, pens, bags, embroidery, silk-screening, customized packaging and promotional items for use in food service operations. Item descriptions, specifications and/or technical requirements and estimated quantities and pricing, and/or price lists and/or catalogs have been provided by each vendor enclosed. CNP-STC members are required to conduct a cost or price analysis for the procurement of goods and/or services not listed in the items tab, and within the scope of services offered with this bid solicitation. CNP-STC members are responsible for the selection of goods and/or services available to meet their needs.

On January 18, 2023 the Region One ESC Purchasing Department received six (6) responses to Cooperative Food Service Apparel, Shoes and Accessories RFP 23-0128. Proposals were evaluated to select the best qualified vendors based on the established criteria. Six (6) vendors were recommended for award.

On February 21, 2023 the Region One ESC Board of Directors met to review and approve the recommendations of the CNP-STC, acting on behalf of its members, for award of Food Service Apparel, Shoes and Accessories RFP 23-0128. The term of this proposal is effective upon board approval through December 31, 2023 with four (4) one-year extension options if all parties are in agreement. Vendors recommended for awarded had complete request for proposal submissions with an evaluation score of 70 or greater:

November 16, 2023 On behalf of the CNP-STC membership, the current awarded vendors were offered the opportunity to utilize the first of four (4) one-year extension options for CNP-STC Food Service Apparel, Shoes, and Accessories RFP 23-0128, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 with three (3) one-year extension options remaining if all parties are in agreement. The following six (6) vendors agreed to the extension option and were awarded:

- Ace Promotions – San Benito, TX
- Elite Promotions – Brownsville, TX
- High End Advertising – McAllen, TX
- Jonah's Enterprises Inc. – Brooklyn, NY
- Specialty Advertisers – Brownsville, TX
- The Happy Chef, Inc. – Butler, NJ

For your convenience, the order guide has been posted on the CNP-South Texas Cooperative Webpage under Bids & Proposals.

For additional information or questions, please contact the South Texas Cooperative at [eBuyOne@esc1.net](mailto:eBuyOne@esc1.net):

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