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

FROM: Lori Atwood Ramos, Purchasing Director

SUBJECT: **Child Nutrition Program - South Texas Cooperative Frozen Dessert Products RFP 24-0157**

DATE: June 18, 2024

This competitively solicited request for proposal (RFP) allows Child Nutrition Program – South Texas Cooperative members the opportunity to procure frozen dessert products such as, but not limited to frozen ice cream and/or yogurt sandwiches, cones, bars, and cups, and frozen fruit and/or juice bars, cups, and tubes, on an as needed basis, suitable for both service and sale in School Nutrition Programs. Item descriptions, specifications and/or technical requirements and estimated quantities were competitively procured and awarded. CNP-South Texas Cooperative members are required to conduct a cost or price analysis for the procurement of goods and/or services not listed in the BidTable, and within the scope of services offered with this bid solicitation. Cooperative members are responsible for the selection of goods and/or services available to meet their individual menu needs, nutrition goals, storage capabilities, and student preferences.

On May 22, 2024, the Region One ESC Purchasing Department received three (3) responses to Frozen Dessert Products RFP 23-0147. Proposals were evaluated to select the best-qualified vendors based on the established criteria. Three (3) vendors are being recommended for award. Vendors recommended for award had complete request for proposal submissions with a score of 70 or higher. The term of this proposal is effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 with four (4) one-year extension options if all parties are in agreement.

On June 18, 2024, the Region One ESC Board of Directors met to review and approve the recommendations of the Child Nutrition Program - South Texas Cooperative (CNP-STC), acting on behalf of its members, for award of CNP-STC Frozen Dessert Products RFP 24-0157. The following three (3) vendors were awarded for the term of this proposal effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 with four (4) one-year extension options if all parties are in agreement:

- JP Ice Cream Distributors – Pharr, TX.
- Labatt Institutional Supply Company dba Labatt Food Service, LLC – San Antonio, TX.
- Valley Ice Cream LLC – Mission, TX.

For your convenience, the order guide has been revised on posted on the Purchasing webpage under Bids & Proposals.

For additional information or questions, please contact the Region One Purchasing Department at eBuyOne@esc1.net:

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