Questions by vendors at the pre-bid conference held on 1/21/2025

1. **Are all meals IW (individually wrapped)?**
   Yes, all IW.

2. **What is time period of serving?**
   Variable times found on page 18 in the Proposal.

3. **Why frozen meals if all will be served within 2 days?**
   - Food safety for storage purposes.
   - 2 days worth of meals for supply chain continuity.
   - District seeks to maintain status quo with current operations

4. **Offer more details on allergen-free meals?**
   Hard to predict, needs are different every school year. Will be a conversation when closer to start of school year.

5. **Does every meal have to fit within 1 tray?**
   DIstrict is open to different possibilities.

6. **Specific questions re: Hot Meals. Which schools require which components.**
   Specifics by site, please check RFP for detailed explanation by site.

7. **Performance Bond?**
   Shared Plate Strategies (SPS) clarified there is no performance bond required or necessary.

8. **Are Adult School meal guidelines same as K12?**
   Yes

9. **How many samples required on Feb 7?**
   Outlined on page 29, 46, 47

10. **Do samples need to be dropped off withing the window or can they be delivered earlier?**
    Earlier is fine.

11. **Will District inspect Bidder facilities?**
    District reserves the right.

Other written questions received before 1/24/2025

12. **Would you like 5 frozen samples of a single lunch menu item, or 5 different frozen lunch menu items?**
    We require 5 different frozen lunches and 5 different hot lunches.

13. **Are you interested in receiving any breakfast items? If so, how many would you like, and how should they be delivered?**
    The inclusion of breakfast sample items is entirely at your discretion and not a requirement of this RFP.

14. **For the requested hot item, do you need just one hot lunch meal or 5 of the same hot lunch meal?**
    We require 10 lunches in total, with 1 lunch representing each of the following categories: 5 samples of different frozen lunch options and 5 sample of different hot lunch options.

15. **Is there a specific consumption time for the hot samples? Our concern is maintaining the appropriate temperature for a small quantity (1–5 meals) in a Cambro.**
    We plan to taste test the hot samples 2-3 hours after receiving.

16. **Will vendors have the option to attend the public RFP openings virtually via a Zoom link, or is in-person attendance the only option?**
    For the public RFP opening, in-person attendance is the only option.