



Hendry County School District

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December 16, 2025

RFP 25-00033

Food Service Management Operations

**ALL BIDS FOR THE ABOVE-REFERENCED SOLICITATION
ARE HEREBY REJECTED**

On April 4, 2025, the Hendry County School District ("District") posted a Notice of Intention to Award the above-referenced solicitation, with the contract award approved by the Hendry County School Board ("Board") on April 15, 2025. However, the award process was subsequently stopped due to the filing of a bid protest of the solicitation, citing section 120.57(3)(c), Florida Statutes.

Thereafter, while the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services ("FDACS"), which is responsible for administering the National School Lunch Program and other school nutrition programs in Florida, previously approved the above solicitation, FDACS subsequently determined that a different solicitation for Food Service Management Operations should be issued, to ensure the District's ability to receive reimbursement for certain school food services under current federal law and its implementing programs.

It is in the best interest of the District to receive such federal reimbursement. Because FDACS has advised that the above-referenced solicitation may limit that ability, the Board hereby rejects all bids for the above-referenced solicitation pursuant to the District's Policy Manual §6320, *Competitive Solicitation Requirements for Commodities and Contractual Services Other Than Construction Contracting* at ¶ C. and §6325(B)(1)e. (Dec. 12, 2023), with the intent to issue a new Food Service Management Operations solicitation in consultation with FDACS to best posture the District to receive federal reimbursement to the fullest extent possible for the resulting Food Service Management Operations contract.

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond, or failure to follow any other requirements in the bid protest procedures established by the District shall constitute a waiver of all protest rights and proceedings under chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

John Basquin, Board Chair
Hendry County School District