



## **INTENT TO PROCURE**

**March 10, 2026**

### **To: Interested Providers**

The Oxnard Union High School District (OUHSD) (“District”) will be soliciting proposals on behalf of the Coast Valley Values-Aligned Purchasing Collective (VAPC) for the following:

### **Values-Aligned Bread Products**

The Coast Valley Values-Aligned Purchasing Collective is issuing this Intent to Procure for planning and informational purposes only. The Coast Valley Values-Aligned Purchasing Collective is made up of eleven school districts located in the Coast Valley Region of California. The Co-Op serves approximately 84,000 students located in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. The Coast Valley Values-Aligned Purchasing Collective school districts have an estimated 80 delivery sites between all members, final numbers have not been confirmed. Final delivery schedules, frequencies, and site-specific requirements will be detailed in the Request for Proposal (RFP). The VAPC anticipates releasing a Request for Proposal for Values-Aligned Bread Products in April of 2026 on behalf of member districts. Not every member is obligated to participate in the Request for Proposal.

The Coast Valley Values-Aligned Purchasing Collective membership includes:

- Oxnard Union High School District
- Carpinteria Unified School District
- Conejo Valley Unified School District
- Goleta Union School District
- Hueneme Elementary School District
- Las Virgenes Unified School District
- Oak Park Unified School District
- Ocean View School District
- Oxnard Elementary School District
- Rio Elementary School District
- Santa Paula Unified School District

### **VALUES ALIGNED PROCUREMENT:**

A Values-Aligned Purchasing Collective (VAPC) is a formal partnership of public agencies that pool purchasing power to procure food in alignment with shared values such as local sourcing,



sustainability, equity, and quality. This VAPC was established through a Joint Powers Agreement. The districts in this Collective participate in a variety of values-aligned procurement and scratch-cook programs such as Chef Ann Foundation's Healthy School Food Pathway and the Values-Aligned Purchasing Collective Project. As such, collective members expect procurements, to the extent practical and in compliance with federal and state procurement regulations, to advance a set of values that go beyond the lowest priced food item and provide students with foods that support environmental sustainability, promote worker well-being, advance climate resilience, reduce food waste, and/or support animal welfare. Examples of those items are locally grown, organic, regenerative certified, preservative-free, sustainable goods and/or animal welfare certified. The collective districts are willing to buy said foods via special order, in advance, or in bulk to secure quantities. The Districts encourage values-aligned businesses to submit proposals, including small and local businesses to Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

The VAPC is committed to fair and open competition and encourages participation from a diverse range of suppliers. The VAPC encourages bidders to consider a range of strategies for meeting the sourcing objectives outlined in this notice, including collaborative or coordinated approaches that may enhance product availability, value, and service to participating districts. All final specifications, requirements, and pricing structure will be outlined in the Request for Proposal, if issued.

This information is provided solely to assist suppliers in assessing potential capacity and logistics and does not represent a commitment to purchase. This notice does not obligate the Districts to proceed with a solicitation or award.

#### **PRE-BID CONFERENCE:**

A pre-bid conference for this Request for Proposal will be held the morning of April 29th. An invite will be shared with the posting of the Request for Proposal.

We encourage any interested vendor to attend the Pre-Bid conference to ask questions live on the RFP.

#### **BID INFORMATION:**

The bid packet will be posted on the OUHSD website on April 13, 2026:

<https://www.oxnardunion.org/departments/business-services/purchasing-warehousing/request-for-bids-proposals>