



FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, located at 520 Fifth Ave. Fairbanks, Alaska
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July 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Solicitation No. 27-R0003 – Fresh Produce and FFVP Requirements for Nutrition Services

To Whom it may concern,

The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (FNSBSD) Administration intends to establish an Approved Vendor Pool for Solicitation No. 27-R0003, Request for Qualifications (RFQ) – Fresh Produce and Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Requirements for Nutrition Services.

Following review of the responses received, the District determined that the following vendors are responsive, responsible, and capable of meeting the requirements of the solicitation. Accordingly, the District intends to approve these vendors for inclusion in the District's Approved Vendor Pool.

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Historical SY26 Spend
105547	US FOODS INC	\$250,000
231845	DITOMASO	\$177,500
339311	CHARLIE'S PRODUCE	\$390,585.63

Method of Award for this Solicitation: Establishment of an Approved Vendor Pool

Approval to the vendor pool authorizes these vendors to participate in future monthly market pricing requests issued by the Nutrition Services Department. Inclusion in the vendor pool **does not constitute a guarantee of award, purchase volume, exclusivity, or participation in any specific pricing request.** Monthly purchase awards will be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of Solicitation No. 27-R0003.

Offerors wishing to challenge this determination must submit their appeal in writing to the Director of Procurement, Emily Proper at purchasing@k12northstar.org no later than noon (12:00 PM) on August 06, 2026. The appeal must include the following information:

1. The name, address, telephone number, and email of the appellant.
2. Identification of the solicitation or contract at issue.
3. A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the appeal, including copies of supporting documents.
4. The authorized wet signature of the appellant or the appellant's representative.
5. The specific form of relief requested.

If no appeals are received by the above date and time, the School District will proceed with establishing the Approved Vendor Pool. Upon Board approval, the District will issue Blanket Purchase Orders to each approved vendor. Approved vendors shall not commence performance until a Blanket Purchase Order has been issued by the School District.

Sincerely,

Kiran Gibbs
Sr. Purchasing Agent