

Financial Services
Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: AWARD INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-25-026-VF – FRESH
PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION SERVICES**

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
PLAN: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES**

Procurement Management Services, at the request of the Department of Food and Nutrition, released the above-referenced solicitation on March 6, 2026, with the bid opening subsequently held on April 7, 2026. The purpose of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) is to establish a firm, fixed pricing contract with qualified vendors for the purchase and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables (produce) for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This is a term bid which states that the Board may purchase quantities, as may be needed, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. This ITB was advertised on the Procurement Management Services website and Euna OpenBids (formerly DemandStar). This contract impacts all District students, which breaks down to an annual amount of approximately \$24.13 per student based on the annual contract amount of \$8,000,000. The solicitation was shared with the District's Office of Community Partnerships, Education and Business Access (OCPEBA) for additional community outreach.

The initial term of the bid shall be for a period of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods.

Three (3) vendors responded to this advertised bid. Based on the criteria listed in the solicitation, the contract will be awarded to two (2) vendors.

In Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the District spent \$8,875,530 on fresh produce.

This item and all related solicitation components fully comply with applicable federal, state and local laws.

Fund Source
Federal

E-150

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. **AWARD INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-25-026-VF – FRESH PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION SERVICES**, to establish a firm, fixed pricing contract with qualified vendors for the purchase and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables (produce) for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, during the term of the bid, with an effective date of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods thereto, as follows:

PRIMARY

- A. **MAC EDWARDS PRODUCE & COMPANY, INC.**
7974 NW 14TH STREET
DORAL, FL 33126
OFFICER: MILDRED M. EDWARDS

Total Low Meeting Specifications

- Item 1: Apple Slices, Commodity Processed @ \$22.51 per case
- Item 2: Apple Slices, Commercial @ \$25.34 per case
- Item 3: Apples @ \$36.90 per case
- Item 4: Banana #3 @ \$28.00 per case
- Item 5: Broccoli Florets @ \$8.75 per bag
- Item 6: Cabbage Red Shredded @ \$4.00 per bag
- Item 7: Cabbage Green US #1 @ \$0.90 per bag
- Item 8: Cabbage Napa @ \$0.65 per case
- Item 9: Carrot Baby Whole 1/5 lb. bag @ \$5.50 per bag
- Item 10: Carrot Baby Whole 4/5 lb. bag @ \$22.00 per case
- Item 11: Carrot Baby Whole individually packaged @ \$34.00 per case
- Item 12: Carrot Shredded @ \$7.75 per bag
- Item 13: Carrot Stick @ \$5.50 per bag
- Item 14: Cauliflower Florets @ \$5.25 per bag
- Item 15: Celery Stick @ \$9.75 per bag
- Item 16: Cilantro @ \$0.90 per bunch
- Item 17: Cole Slaw Mix 1/5 lb. bag @ \$5.00 per bag
- Item 18: Cole Slaw Mix 4/5 lb. bag @ \$20.00 per case
- Item 19: Cucumber @ \$13.00 per case
- Item 20: Kiwi @ \$14.90 per case
- Item 21: Salad Mix @ \$7.00 per bag
- Item 22: Salad Mix @ \$19.00 per case
- Item 23: Shredded Iceberg Lettuce @ \$3.27 per bag
- Item 24: Shredded Iceberg Lettuce @ \$16.38 per case
- Item 25: Onion, Dry Red Jumbo @ \$4.00 per bag
- Item 26: Onion, Dry Yellow @ \$3.50 per bag
- Item 27: Onion, Dry Yellow Jumbo @ \$18.00 per case
- Item 28: Onion, Green @ \$0.75 per bunch

Item 29: Onion, Yellow Diced @ \$8.75 per bag
Item 30: Parsley, Curly Leaf @ \$0.50 per bunch
Item 31: Parsley, Italian (flat) @ \$0.50 per bunch
Item 32: Pepper, Red Bell @ \$5.00 per bag
Item 33: Pepper, Sweet Green Bell @ \$4.00 per bag
Item 34: Potato, Baking US#1 @ \$18.00 per case
Item 35: Potato, Baking Russet @ \$23.90 per case
Item 36: Radish @ \$0.50 per bag
Item 37: Rosemary Fresh @ \$0.90 per bunch
Item 38: Spinach @ \$1.80 per bag
Item 39: Spinach @ \$18.80 per case
Item 40: Squash, Yellow, Medium @ \$3.00 per bag
Item 41: Squash, Zucchini Medium @ \$3.00 per bag
Item 42: Tomato 6X6 count @ \$24.00 per case
Item 43: Tomato, Grape @ \$27.00 per case
Item 44: Handling & delivery fee @ \$4.90 per case

ALTERNATE

B. FREEDOM FRESH, LLC
11001 NW 124TH STREET
MEDLEY, FL 33178
OFFICER: WALTER VAZQUEZ

Second Total Low Meeting Specifications

Item 1: Apple Slices, Commodity Processed @ \$28.99 per case
Item 2: Apple Slices, Commercial @ \$28.99 per case
Item 3: Apples @ \$27.22 per case
Item 4: Banana #3 @ \$15.47 per case
Item 5: Broccoli Florets @ \$7.38 per bag
Item 6: Cabbage Red Shredded @ \$7.05 per bag
Item 7: Cabbage Green US #1 @ \$3.84 per bag
Item 8: Cabbage Napa @ \$12.75 per case
Item 9: Carrot Baby Whole 1/5 lb. bag @ \$6.23 per bag
Item 10: Carrot Baby Whole 4/5 lb. bag @ \$27.02 per case
Item 11: Carrot Baby Whole individually packaged @ \$22.70 per case
Item 12: Carrot Shredded @ \$13.47 per bag
Item 13: Carrot Stick @ \$9.77 per bag
Item 14: Cauliflower Florets @ \$8.87 per bag
Item 15: Celery Stick @ \$10.01 per bag
Item 16: Cilantro @ \$3.14 per bunch
Item 17: Cole Slaw Mix 1/5 lb. bag @ \$5.01 per bag
Item 18: Cole Slaw Mix 4/5 lb. bag @ \$23.28 per case
Item 19: Cucumber @ \$17.08 per case
Item 20: Kiwi @ \$20.45 per case
Item 21: Salad Mix @ \$8.16 per bag
Item 22: Salad Mix @ \$17.85 per case
Item 23: Shredded Iceberg Lettuce @ \$6.96 per bag

Item 24: Shredded Iceberg Lettuce @ \$24.84 per case
Item 25: Onion, Dry Red Jumbo @ \$3.25 per bag
Item 26: Onion, Dry Yellow @ \$3.06 per bag
Item 27: Onion, Dry Yellow Jumbo @ \$16.37 per case
Item 28: Onion, Green @ \$7.37 per bunch
Item 29: Onion, Yellow Diced @ \$7.91 per bag
Item 30: Parsley, Curly Leaf @ \$3.12 per bunch
Item 31: Parsley, Italian (flat) @ \$8.69 per bunch
Item 32: Pepper, Red Bell @ \$10.20 per bag
Item 33: Pepper, Sweet Green Bell @ \$11.45 per bag
Item 34: Potato, Baking US#1 @ \$18.94 per case
Item 35: Potato, Baking Russet @ \$22.19 per case
Item 36: Radish @ \$1.69 per bag
Item 37: Rosemary Fresh @ \$2.80 per bunch
Item 38: Spinach @ \$6.12 per bag
Item 39: Spinach @ \$21.48 per case
Item 40: Squash, Yellow, Medium @ \$7.96 per bag
Item 41: Squash, Zucchini Medium @ \$7.72 per bag
Item 42: Tomato 6X6 count @ \$19.66 per case
Item 43: Tomato, Grape @ \$16.03 per case

2. **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$24,000,000 for the initial contract term and an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 for each subsequent one (1) year extension period. Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.