



BIDDER QUALIFICATION FORM

BID NO. _____

BID TITLE _____

Direct all inquiries to Procurement Management Services:

BUYER NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (305) _____

FAX NUMBER _____

TDD PHONE (305) 995-2400

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 PM on _____ in room 351, School Board Administration building, 1450 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL., 33132, at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids may not be withdrawn for _____ days after opening. (Refer to Instructions to Bidders, para. IV.B.)

THE SUBMISSION OF THE BID BY THE VENDOR, ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD OF THE BID BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND SUBSEQUENT PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED AGAINST SAID AWARD SHALL CONSTITUTE A BINDING, ENFORCEABLE CONTRACT. UNLESS OTHERWISE STIPULATED IN THE BID DOCUMENTS, NO OTHER CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL BE ISSUED.

I. A. BIDDER CERTIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid; and I certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the bidder.

B. Vendor certifies that it satisfies all necessary legal requirements as an entity to do business with the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

II. INDEMNIFICATION

The Bidder shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend the indemnities (as hereinafter defined) against any claim, action, loss, damage, injury, liability, cost or expense of whatsoever kind or nature including, but not by way of limitation, attorney's fees and court costs arising out of bodily injury to persons, including death, or damage to tangible property arising out of or incidental to the performance of this Contract (including goods and services provided thereto) by or on behalf of the Bidder, whether or not due to or caused in part by the negligence or other culpability of the indemnity, excluding only the sole negligence or culpability of the indemnity. The following shall be deemed to be indemnities: The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida and its members, officers and employees.

III. PERFORMANCE SECURITY, is required on this bid. YES NO

Refer to **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**, para. VII., and VI.

IF PERFORMANCE SECURITY IS REQUIRED, PLEASE INDICATE THE TYPE TO BE FURNISHED:

Performance Bond Check (Cashier's, Certified, or equal)

An original, manual signature is required on the Bidder Qualification Form.
(Bidder is requested to use blue ink)
(Do not use pencil)

Legal Name of Vendor _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Telephone No. _____ **E-mail address** _____

By: Signature (Original)

Of Authorized Representative _____ **Date** _____

Name (Typed or Printed)

Of Authorized Representative _____ **Date** _____

FROM: _____

AFFIX
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HERE

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BUREAU OF PROCUREMENT AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT
ROOM NO. 352 BID BOX
1450 N.E. 2ND AVENUE
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33132

BID NO.: _____
BID TITLE: _____
BID OPENING DATE: _____

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management

NOTICE OF PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

NO BID

If not submitting a bid at this time, for informational purpose only, detach this sheet from the bid documents, complete the information requested, fold as indicated, staple, affix postage and return address, and mail. **NO ENVELOPE IS NECESSARY.**

NO BID SUBMITTED FOR REASON(S) CHECKED AND/OR INDICATED:

Our company does not handle this type of product/service.
We cannot meet the specifications nor provide an alternate equal product.
Our company is simply not interested in bidding at this time.
OTHER, (Please specify) _____

We do not want to be retained on your mailing list for future bids for this type or product and/or service.

Signature _____
Title _____
Company _____

NOTE: Failure to respond, either by submitting a bid or this completed form, may result in your company being removed from the School Board's bid list. To qualify as a respondent to the bid, vendor must submit a *NO BID*.

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 BID NO.088-EE03
 FRUIT JUICES

BID PROPOSAL FORM (FORMAT B)

Type or print in this box the complete name of the bidder:
083-EE03 - REVISED
Title: FRUIT JUICES
Buyer: LINDA LEASBURG-KRAMER, SUPERVISOR

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	EST. QTY.	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	
	<p>VENDOR TO USE BLACK BALL POINT PEN OR TYPEWRITER USING BLACK RIBBON WHEN FILLING OUT THIS BID.</p> <p>IF USDA COMMODITY ORANGE JUICE IS AVAILABLE.M-DCPS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INCORPORATE USDA COMMODITY ORANGE JUICE INTO THE AWARDED ORANGE JUICE PRODUCTS. M-DCPS WILL UTILIZE NET OFF INVOICING OR MODIFIED FEE FOR SERVICE FOR THE AWARDED BID PRICING FOR ITEMS #1 AND #10A. ALL VENDORS SUBMITTING A BID ON THESE ITEMS MUST INCLUDE AN APPROVED EPDS OR SEPDS CONTRACT FOR USDA PROCESSING WITH THEIR BID.</p> <p>ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5 TO BE AWARDED ON TOTAL LOW BID BASIS. VENDOR MUST BID ALL ITEMS. PRICE TO INCLUDE PRODUCT DELIVERY TO EACH SCHOOL SITE.</p>	14 mos			<p>NOTE: ALL QUANTITIES LISTED ON THIS BID, FOR 4 OZ. JUICES, ARE BASED ON 96 COUNT PER CASE.</p> <p>QUANTITIES LISTED ON THIS BID ARE BASED UPON CURRENT 2004-2005 JUICE USAGE.</p>
1	<p>ORANGE JUICE: 4 OZ., PACKED AS PER ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS. (SEE SPECIFICATIONS FOR 4 OZ. FRUIT JUICE).</p> <p>APPROVED BRANDS: ARDMORE FARMS, SUNFLO, MR. J. #2079 & #2162, SUNSHINE GROVE, . ALL OTHER BRANDS, SUBMIT A ONE (1) CASE SAMPLE, 4 OZ. SIZE ONLY.</p>	19,096,000	CONTAINER	\$ _____ PER EACH 4 OZ. CONTAINER	<p>BRAND_____</p> <p>_____ MFG. BY</p> <p>PRODUCT # _____</p> <p>_____ CASE</p> <p>COUNT _____</p> <p>CASE PRICE(\$)</p> <p>_____ PRICE</p> <p>PER OZ.(\$)</p> <p>UNIT WEIGHT _____</p> <p>GROSS WEIGHT _____</p> <p>_____ NET</p> <p>WEIGHT _____</p>

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2	<p><u>APPLE JUICE</u>: 4 OZ., PACKED AS PER ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS. EACH 4 OZ. CONTAINER TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF 60 MG VITAMIN C. (SEE SPECIFICATIONS FOR 4 OZ. FRUIT JUICE).</p> <p>APPROVED BRANDS: ITEM 2 - <u>SUBMIT A ONE (1) CASE SAMPLE, 4 OZ. SIZE ONLY.</u></p>	7,166,852	CONTAINER	\$ _____ PER EACH 4 OZ. CONTAINER	BRAND _____ MFG. BY _____ PRODUCT # _____ CASE _____ COUNT _____ CASE PRICE(\$) _____ PRICE _____ PER OZ.(\$) _____ UNIT WEIGHT _____ GROSS WEIGHT _____ NET _____ WEIGHT _____ VITAMIN C MG _____
3	<p><u>GRAPE JUICE</u>: 4 OZ., PACKED AS PER ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS. EACH 4 OZ. CONTAINER TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF 60 MG VITAMIN C. (SEE SPECIFICATIONS FOR 4 OZ. FRUIT JUICE).</p> <p>APPROVED BRANDS: <u>SUBMIT A ONE (1) CASE SAMPLE, 4 OZ. SIZE ONLY.</u></p>	11,865,700	CONTAINER	\$ _____ PER EACH 4 OZ. CONTAINER	BRAND _____ MFG. BY _____ PRODUCT # _____ CASE _____ COUNT _____ CASE PRICE(\$) _____ PRICE _____ PER OZ.(\$) _____ UNIT WEIGHT _____ GROSS WEIGHT _____ NET _____ WEIGHT _____ VITAMIN C MG _____
4	<p><u>FRUIT BLEND JUICES</u>: 4 OZ., PACKED AS PER ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS. (SEE SPECIFICATIONS FOR 4 OZ. FRUIT JUICE).</p> <p>APPROVED BRANDS: <u>SUBMIT A ONE (1) CASE SAMPLE, 4 OZ. SIZE ONLY.</u></p>	8,319,200	CONTAINER	\$ _____ PER EACH 4 OZ. CONTAINER	BRAND _____ MFG. BY _____ PRODUCT # _____ CASE _____ COUNT _____ CASE PRICE(\$) _____ PRICE _____ PER OZ.(\$) _____ UNIT WEIGHT _____ GROSS WEIGHT _____ NET _____ WEIGHT _____

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5	<p>ORANGE/PINEAPPLE JUICE: 4 OZ., PACKED AS PER ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS. (SEE SPECIFICATIONS FOR 4 OZ. FRUIT JUICE).</p> <p>APPROVED BRANDS: SUBMIT A ONE (1) CASE SAMPLE, 4 OZ. SIZE ONLY.</p>	9,332,400	CONTAINER	\$ _____ PER EACH 4 OZ. CONTAINER	BRAND _____ MFG. BY _____ PRODUCT # _____ CASE COUNT _____ CASE PRICE(\$) _____ PRICE PER OZ.(\$) _____ UNIT WEIGHT _____ GROSS WEIGHT _____ NET WEIGHT _____
THE PRICE FOR ITEMS 6 THROUGH 9, MUST INCLUDE PRODUCT DELIVERY TO EACH SCHOOL SITE.					
6	<p>DRINKS, 16 OZ. INDIVIDUAL LEAKPROOF PLASTIC, BOTTLE SHAPED CONTAINER. FRUIT ADE PRODUCTS TO CONTAIN A MINIMUM OF 20% REAL JUICE. ICED TEA TO CONTAIN LEMON AND SUGAR FLAVORING. PACKED APPROXIMATELY 32 CONTAINERS PER CASE.</p> <p>MUST BE PROVIDED IN A MINIMUM OF THREE OF THE FOLLOWING FLAVORS: ORANGE, LEMONADE, FRUIT PUNCH, GRAPE, ICED TEA.</p> <p>APPROVED BRANDS: VELDA "SOL TROPICAL" -ITEM #28261, #28262, #28263.</p> <p>SAMPLES: SUBMIT ONE (1) CASE OF EACH FLAVOR FURNISHING.</p>	3,520,000	CARTON	\$ _____ PER EACH 16 OZ. CARTONS	BRAND _____ MFG. BY _____ CONTAINER SIZE _____ CASE COUNT _____ PRODUCT # _____ CASE PRICE _____ INDICATE FLAVORS FURNISHING: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

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7	<p>JUICES, 100% JUICE, PLASTIC BOTTLE PACKAGE: 16 OZ. INDIVIDUAL LEAKPROOF PLASTIC BOTTLE, SHAPED CONTAINER. PACKED APPROXIMATELY 32 CONTAINERS PER CASE. MINIMUM FOUR FLAVORS FURNISHING. FLAVORS TO INCLUDE APPLE, ORANGE, CRANBERRY, CRANBERRY-RASPBERRY BLEND.</p> <p>APPROVED BRANDS: APPLE & EVE #58001 #58002, #58003, #58013</p> <p>SAMPLES: ALL OTHER BRANDS, SUBMIT A ONE (1) CASE SAMPLE, 16 OZ. SIZE ONLY, OF EACH FLAVOR FURNISHING.</p>	125,000	CONTAINER	\$ _____ PER EACH 16 OZ. CONTAINER	BRAND _____ _____ MFG. BY _____ PRODUCT # _____ _____ CASE COUNT _____ CASE PRICE(\$) _____ PRICE PER OZ.(\$) _____ _____ TYPE OF CONTAINER FURNISHING _____ STATE % OF JUICE CONTENT _____
8	<p>JUICES, 100% JUICE, PLASTIC BOTTLE PACKAGE: 8 OZ. INDIVIDUAL LEAKPROOF PLASTIC BOTTLE, SHAPED CONTAINER. PACKED APPROXIMATELY 70 CONTAINERS PER CASE. U.S. GRADE A, PACKED UNDER CONTINUOUS INSPECTION OF THE U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE . NOT FROM CONCENTRATE. FLAVORS FURNISHING, MINIMUM OF TWO: APPLE JUICE , ORANGE JUICE</p> <p>APPROVED BRANDS:</p> <p>SAMPLES: ALL BRANDS, SUBMIT A ONE (1) CASE SAMPLE, 8 OZ. SIZE LEAKPROOF PLASTIC BOTTLE SHAPED CONTAINER ONLY OF EACH FLAVOR FURNISHING.</p>	157,500	CONTAINER	\$ _____ PER EACH 8 OZ. CONTAINER	BRAND _____ _____ MFG. BY _____ PRODUCT # _____ _____ CASE COUNT _____ CASE PRICE(\$) _____ PRICE PER OZ.(\$) _____ CONT _____ TYPE OF CONTAINER FURNISHING _____ STATE % OF JUICE CONTENT _____ _____ 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

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9	<p>JUICES, 100% JUICE, PLASTIC BOTTLE PACKAGE: 10 OZ. INDIVIDUAL LEAKPROOF PLASTIC BOTTLE, SHAPED CONTAINER. PACKED APPROXIMATELY 35 CONTAINERS PER CASE. NOT FROM CONCENTRATE. U.S. GRADE A, PACKED UNDER CONTINUOUS INSPECTION OF THE U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE. NOT FROM CONCENTRATE.</p> <p>FLAVORS FURNISHING, MINIMUM OF TWO: APPLE JUICE , ORANGE JUICE</p> <p><u>APPROVED BRANDS:</u> APPLE & EVE #59005, #59004</p> <p><u>SAMPLES:</u> ALL OTHER BRANDS, SUBMIT A ONE (1) CASE SAMPLE, 10 OZ. SIZE LEAKPROOF PLASTIC BOTTLE SHAPED CONTAINER ONLY OF EACH FLAVOR</p>	125,022	CONTAINER	\$ _____ PER EACH 10 OZ. CONTAINER	BRAND _____ _____ MFG. BY _____ PRODUCT # _____ _____ CASE COUNT _____ CASE PRICE(\$) _____ PRICE PER OZ.(\$) _____ TYPE OF CONTAINER FURNISHING _____ STATE % OF JUICE CONTENT _____ 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

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	ITEM 10A THROUGH 10C TO BE AWARDED ON A TOTAL LOW BID BASIS. VENDOR MUST BID ALL ITEMS. PRICE TO INCLUDE PRODUCT DELIVERY TO EACH SCHOOL SITE.				NOTE: ALL QUANTITIES LISTED ON THIS BID, FOR 6 OZ. JUICES, ARE BASED ON GABLE-TOP, 70 UNITS COUNT PER CASE.
	6 OZ. INDIVIDUAL LEAKPROOF, PLASTIC MINI-SIP POUCH OR GABLE TOP CARTON. MUST PROVIDE ALL THREE FLAVORS, AS LISTED BELOW: PACKAGING: All 6 oz. juice items shall be packed in leak proof disposable containers (recyclable containers preferred) with an opening for insertion of a straw or for pouring and so constructed that the opening will be free of foreign matter. MDCPS will not consider bids submitted for product packaged in KPAK containers. Individual 6 oz. containers shall bear the shield - U.S. GRADE A, PACKED UNDER CONTINUOUS INSPECTION OF THE U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE.				
10A	ORANGE - From 100% pure concentrate as defined in the standard of identity 21, code of federal regulations (C.F.R.) 146.145. U.S. GRADE A, PACKED UNDER CONTINUOUS INSPECTION OF THE U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE. CALCIUM FORTIFIED.	980,550	PLASTIC MINI SIP POUCHES OR GABLE TOP CARTONS	\$ _____ PER EACH 6 OZ. POUCH \$ _____ PER EACH 6 OZ. CARTON	BRAND _____ MFG. BY _____ PRODUCT # _____ CASE COUNT _____ CASE PRICE(\$) PRICE PER OZ.(\$) _____
10B	ORANGE-PINEAPPLE - Juice to be made from 100% U.S. grade A fancy orange juice and/or orange concentrate and 100% U.S. grade A Fancy Pineapple juice and/or pineapple concentrate in the approximate ration of 2.5 parts orange to 1 part pineapple. U.S. GRADE A, PACKED UNDER CONTINUOUS INSPECTION OF THE U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE.	750,600	PLASTIC MINI SIP POUCHES OR GABLE TOP CARTONS	\$ _____ PER EACH 6 OZ. POUCH \$ _____ PER EACH 6 OZ. CARTON	BRAND _____ MFG. BY _____ PRODUCT # _____ CASE COUNT _____ CASE PRICE(\$) PRICE PER OZ.(\$) _____

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10C	<p>APPLE - From 100% pure concentrate, chilled, unsweetened, and clear. Product must be color-good, defect-practically free, flavor good. EACH 6 OZ. POUCH TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF 60 MG VITAMIN C. U.S. GRADE A, PACKED UNDER CONTINUOUS INSPECTION OF THE U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE. The successful vendor for the 6 oz. apple juice product should provide on each container, information to the consumer regarding its vitamin C content.</p> <p>SAMPLES: FOR ITEM 10A THROUGH 10C, SUBMIT A ONE (1) CASE SAMPLE, 6 OZ. SIZE ONLY.</p>	675,300	PLASTIC MINI SIP POUCHES OR GABLE TOP CARTONS	\$ _____ PER EACH 6 OZ. POUCH \$ _____ PER EACH 6 OZ. CARTON	BRAND _____ MFG. BY _____ PRODUCT # _____ CASE _____ COUNT _____ CASE PRICE(\$) PRICE PER OZ.(\$) VITAMIN C MG _____



U.S. GRADE A, PACKED UNDER CONTINUOUS INSPECTION OF THE U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, SHIELD.



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- Can the opening date be extended?

The bid opening date has been extended to 4/12/2005.

- The last time that bids for this requirement were opened (January 16, 2003), the award was for one base year plus three option years. Why is the requirement being solicited again so soon?

In order to meet the District's changing needs, a decision was made to re-bid.

- At what approximate specific date will M-DCPS require the successful bidder to begin to perform under the contract to be awarded?

Shipments will begin as of date of award by the Board.

- We note that in the Bid Proposal Form (Format B), certain brands are approved, and bidders submitting other brands are instructed to submit a one (1) case sample, 4-oz size only. We believe that products submitted under Barrios Foods' brand should be included on the "approved" list, and the fact that they are not is only an oversight. The last time that bids for this requirement were opened, Barrios submitted samples for evaluation, exactly as specified. Because the samples that Barrios submitted were exactly as specified, we believe that they must have been determined to be acceptable, and that we therefore should not be required to submit samples again now. Are we correct?

The brands listed are approved for use in the District. Please provide samples as requested if your brand/item is not listed. Please see the attached revision to accepted Brands on the new Bidders Proposal Form.

- We recently have adopted technology that enables us to offer aseptically-processed juices to M-DCPS. This advance will enable M-DCPS, **cost-effectively**, to serve **juices that require no cold storage and that have a warranted shelf life of 180 days from date of manufacture**. The juices that M-DCPS has served to this point require refrigeration throughout the entire chain of distribution, and have a warranted shelf life of no more than 35 days from date of manufacture. The energy savings that M-DCPS would enjoy for this product category are tremendous. Additionally, in each school, M-DCPS would be able to free valuable cold storage space for items for which there is no alternative. **Can the specifications be amended to require all prospective bidders to aseptically process all 4-oz and 6-oz juices?** Alternatively, **can the specifications be amended to allow aseptically processed 4-oz and 6-oz juices to be considered?** In that scenario, how would M-DCPS factor the energy savings that

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would be attributable directly to aseptically processed products into its bid evaluations?

The specifications will not be changed. You can submit this as an alternate per Special Condition 3: SAMPLES or, new item per Special Condition 13: NEW FOOD ITEMS, to be considered as an addition to future bids

- The volumes in this solicitation would be the engine that would drive us to place packaging equipment into our aseptic processing facility in order to pack our juices into the pouches which have been so successful for M-DCPS . If M-DCPS amends its specifications to require aseptic processing, and wants to evaluate samples, then we absolutely can submit product consistent with the quality that has been specified and that we would provide, but not in the pouches on which we would base our bid response. Would this approach be acceptable to M-DCPS?

Specifications are not being amended to require aseptically-processed juices. Be reminded that when samples are submitted for products to be considered, they are to be submitted as a case, labeled and packaged, as they will be delivered to the District, if awarded.

- Orange Juice: The calcium content of 133mg for 4oz and 200mg for 6oz. The product you are currently getting under the approved product number provides 151.9mg Calcium for 4oz and 226mg Calcium for 6oz.

*The requirements are the **minimum** that will be accepted by the District.*

- Apple Juice: The vitamin C minimum content has changed from 60mg (Bid 006-CC03) to 20mg. Also you are requesting the same Calcium content has the Orange Juice. The current Apple Juice product that Dade County has been using under the approved product ID number for this bid is not Calcium fortified.

*There are currently **no** approved brands for this item since the District has revised specifications. All vendors must submit samples for review. See the attached new Bid Proposal Form.*

- Fruit Blend: The vitamin C content you are requesting is 20mg. Last bid (Bid 006-CC03) did not require Vitamin C fortification for this product. Also you are requesting the same Calcium content has the Orange Juice. The current Fruit Blend Juice product that Dade County has been using under the approved product ID number for this bid is not Calcium fortified.

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- Grape Juice: The vitamin C minimum content has changed from 60mg (Bid 006-CC03) to 20mg. Also you are requesting the same Calcium content has the Orange Juice. The current Grape Juice product that Dade County has been using under the approved product ID number for this bid is not Calcium fortified.

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- Orange/Pineapple: You are requesting the same Calcium content has the Orange Juice. The current Orange/Pineapple Juice product that Dade County has been using under the approved product ID number for this bid is not Calcium fortified.

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- Packing: Last bid (006-CC03) stated “Orange Juice Packaging to contain the Florida Citrus Grower’s Symbol. The new bid does not state this. Florida Orange Juice has been a Dade County preference for many years and have supported the Florida Growers in the past.

The Florida Growers Symbol is not a requirement of this bid.