

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Bid 038-GG03  
Healthy Snack Vending Program  
Questions and Comments – Posting 1**

**Question 1**

Are the individual schools still entitled to select the Vendor of their own choice to handle the Vending service (snack and soda) in the staff breakrooms/teacher's lounges for?

**Response 1**

As detailed in the bid, the faculty breakrooms/teacher lounges are part of this bid proposal. The awarded vendor will be awarded these areas as well for the snacks machines only. The soda/beverage machines are covered under a different bid. Please see the M-DCPS Procurement Management Services website and look under Bid 009-GG10 for more information.

**Question 2**

Sir, could you please send me a hard copy of the new bid proposal via U.S. Mail.

**Response 2**

Bids are available generally through two means: A paper copy and an electronic copy. A paper copy of the bid can be picked up at the M-DCPS School Board Administration Building, 1450 NE 2 Avenue, Room 351, Miami, Florida 33132 between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays.

To obtain an electronic copy of the bid mentioned above (which one can print on their own printer), please go to the M-DCPS Procurement Management Services website, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at the following internet address: <http://procurement.dadeschools.net/bidsol/asp/ENACT.asp>

**Question 3**

To be fair, all vendors need the same information. Having said this please understand that all vendors bidding for the schools are at a disadvantage against the vendors that are currently servicing the schools. Your bid requests that we offer a minimum dollar amount (guarantee) based on the population of a school and our experience shows us that the number of students is not an accurate measurement of future sales. The most accurate prediction can only be calculated by using previous sales. We ask you to please obtain this information from current vendors and distribute it to all companies interested.

**Response 3**

In regards to this bid all vendors have the same information and this bid is fair for all parties. The district does not have any method in place to obtain this information. Bidders are welcome to call the schools listed on this bid and ask them this information. All information is public and is the same for all interested parties.

**Question 4**

As I understand the machines will operate 24/7 for all areas High schools students and teacher's lounge, Middle schools students and teacher's lounge, Elementary schools teacher's lounge. Can you verify this?

**Response 4**

Details of the correct operating times can be found in Special Conditions # 12.

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**Question 5**

Are you aware that many elementary school snacks machine's sales do not gross more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month? Many of these schools will lose their providers on long run or prices will increase hurting the same teachers that have been asking for more benefits all these years.

**Response 5**

Thank you for your opinion at the sites you might have managed in the past. This bid solicitation is a competitive bid process and M-DCPS anticipates competition in all categories and all regions.

**Question 6**

As per this bid, page SC10 section 32, bidders are to submit an Electronic copy of the Format B attachment. The Format B available online is not editable. Hence, we cannot reply with the exact same form. Copying and pasting this form has shown unproductive. Can we get some guidance as to how to submit this "Format B"?

**Response 6**

The issue that you are having might be the settings within your own computer. Staff has checked the electronic spreadsheet and the information that M-DCPS is requesting is fillable. Please see the "Addendum 1" link on the M-DCPS Procurement Website and download the Adobe and Excel files.

An electronic copy (CD-ROM, Floppy Disk, or Jump Drive) is **ENCOURAGED** to be submitted with the bid, in order to help expedite the bid evaluation process. **REMEMBER THAT IF YOU SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC COPY, A PRINTED COPY OF THE ELECTRONIC SPREADSHEET IS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID SOLICITATION** because the printed copy of the bid shall be used as the document for the bid evaluation process. Please remember to follow Special Conditions #33 if changes are needed to be made to the printed copy of the bid solicitation.

In the Adobe file, there is also the same Format B if your computer is still not able to fill out the form electronically. Please remember to follow Special Conditions #33 if changes are needed to be made to the printed copy of the bid solicitation.

**Question 7**

Will it be possible for students to have access to one or two "Healthy" snack machines at the middle schools that currently have no student-accessible snack machines?

**Response 7**

Please see Special Conditions #9A. for further information. After Board award and before installation at all school sites, the amount of machines at a particular M-DCPS must be approved by the Site Administrator, the designee from the Department of Food and Nutrition, **AND** Procurement Management Services.

**Question 8**

Are the minimum dollar contribution Per Machine/Month and commission rates based on a nine, or twelve month period?

**Response 8**

The dollar contribution per machine per month the vendor is bidding and must provide for is on a year-round (12 month) basis during the term of the contract.