

**Questions and Comments: Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)
Bid 043-GG03 STORAGE AND DELIVERY OF COMMODITY FOOD ITEMS**

1. Looking at the Format B (Items on Bid) and considering the storage numbers provided for the number of cases, the amount of trucks that would be required to service this bid is more than the number of trucks that are shown. I have been informed that the awardee of the bid prior to this utilized 9 trucks without including the commodity-type food items. How was the number of trucks determined?

Based on previous bids and projected usage. Remember, this bid is for the storage and delivery of commodity food items only and the quantities listed are estimated quantities. The district has no obligation to purchase the estimated quantities listed on this bid.

2. What size truck was used for the forecasting?

25 Foot Truck with a minimum capacity of 1000 cubic feet

3. What is considered a full load?

25 Foot Truck loaded at 100% volume capacity

4. How is the percentage figured on less than a full load?

**This measurement is not relevant to this bid.
This item will be addressed in Addendum 2 for this bid.**

5. Minimum storage space of 80 pallets is required, what is the maximum needed as the monthly figures add up to considerably more than 80 pallet positions, and how much space is currently being used?

To service this bid, minimum guidelines were established. Product comes in on an on-going basis, therefore because of the consistent movement of product only the minimum is established. Currently it is estimated that 75 pallets of space are being used at the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) designated warehouse.

6. Under Special Condition 5. what items could be included?

This intent of this clause is to protect M-DCPS in the case of a catastrophic event.

7. Under Special Condition 15, can you give an example of the type of item or items for what type of facility or program?

This is a standard clause included in M-DCPS contracts that allows District departments other than the Department of Food and Nutrition to use this bid.

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8. Why would additional deliveries be required?

Additional deliveries can occur due to, but not limited to changes in the menu cycle, other district needs, or in emergency situations.

9 Can a company bid only one part of the bid, i.e. just the storage or just the delivery?

Yes, provided that the vendor bids all three (3) items within each category (storage or delivery) on the Format B Excel Spreadsheet (Items on Bid.) Refer to the instructions on the Format B for EACH CATEGORY of items listed.

10. I understand that you are requiring the secondary bidder to guarantee their price for the duration of the contract. This means that the bidder must keep their warehouse space, trucks and drivers available past the award period for the duration of the contract just in case. Is this the intent?

Special Condition #3 will be addressed in Addendum 2 for this bid.

11. Will it be necessary to change routes in order to send out full trucks each day if some schools don't order?

The routes will be determined upon award between the awarded vendor(s), the Department of Food and Nutrition and Procurement Management Services in order to best service this bid.

12. Can dry products be shipped with frozen?

This can be determined after the award between the awarded vendor(s), the Department of Food and Nutrition and Procurement Management Services in order to best service this bid.

13. How were the numbers 36 and 180 on Format B arrived at and what do they represent?

These are the number of delivery days estimated during a school year.

14. How much advance notice is given by USDA prior to delivery of products? Is it 48 hours?

Usually 2 - 3 weeks notice is given and appointments are set-up with the storage facility and USDA delivery service.

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15. How many trucks can be sent in by USDA at one time?

Past experience indicates that USDA sends 1-4 trucks to M-DCPS at one time. However, USDA may send more trucks. USDA will advise the receiving storage facility of the number of trucks. Trucks do not arrive without prior notice and appointments.

16. How can a vendor deliver other items on the commodity trucks, such as juice and pizza?

This bid is for the storage and delivery of commodity food items. This bid does not deal with other items on other bids issued by M-DCPS.

17. Can a vendor be awarded the commodity items and not the commodity-type items or vice versa, as they are separate on the bid?

This item will be addressed in Addendum 2 for this bid. The Format B (Items on Bid) have been revised to state only one category of items for this bid. Please follow instructions on the Format B Excel Spreadsheet to bid on the commodity items.

18. Does the awarded vendor take possession of the products or does the awarded vendor buy those commodity items from vendors/manufacturers on behalf of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) or does the vendors/manufacturers bill directly M-DCPS?

The awarded vendor(s) is responsible for the product from the time of arrival at their site to the time of delivery.

19. Is this bid only for storage and distribution?

Yes, this bid is for the storage and delivery of commodity food items.

20. What is the average drop size per location per day?

This amount varies depending on the menu cycle and size of school site. The average full truck delivers to 6-10 school sites per day.

21. How many delivery days are there in a week (Monday through Friday? Saturday and/or Sunday also?)

Currently regular delivery days are Monday-Thursday. Friday deliveries are used as necessary.

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22. How many different items make up the commodity and commodity-type food items in each category?

Based on the menu cycle, a truck can have multiple commodity items. It is not uncommon for a full truck to have 8 or more items loaded into each load.

23. (Comment Inserted by Buyer) The new measurement on the Format B (Items on Bid) stated in Addendum 2 for the pick-up and delivery items is Cwt. Vendors may ask: What is that and where can I find information on this unit?

Cwt is an industry term for hundredweight. Bidders who need further information on this evaluation unit can view the following website listed below:

<http://www.answers.com/topic/hundredweight-1>

24. Does the winning bidder for storage items pay for the product that is being stored? Does the winning bidder for storage pay the vendor directly?

A revision in the Format B (Items on Bid) will be addressed in Addendum 2. The winning bidder's responsibility is for the storage of items only. M-DCPS pays the manufacturer (vendor) of the commodity items directly and therefore the winning bidder does not pay vendor for the product.