

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Bid 092-JJ03
Beverage Vending of District Athletic Areas
Questions and Comments – Posting 1

QUESTION 1

Can you provide historical data on these athletic beverage machines?

RESPONSE 1

In the past, the Greater Miami Athletic Conference (GMAC) vending services was part of a larger Request for Proposal (RFP) solicitation issued back in 2004 as RFP 078-DD10. HOWEVER, that RFP was for corporate sponsorship of the athletic program, of which one of the elements of the solicitation was for the vending machines. Therefore, no historical data is available for these machines.

QUESTION 2

Can you extend the bid opening to July 3, 2009, as we have to obtain corporate approvals?

RESPONSE 2

No, the bid will open as scheduled on 06/25/2009.

QUESTION 3

Are there restrictions on the front panels of the vending machines?

RESPONSE 3

The panels must comply with district guidelines, therefore non-branded panels may need to be considered to be placed on the machines to satisfy this requirement.

QUESTION 4

Is the district set up for electronic payment of the revenue?

RESPONSE 4

The district is in process of implementing an enterprise resource system which could provide the opportunity to examine the alternatives for electronic payment. However, it is not a requirement at this time that the vendor use electronic payment at this time. This item can be discussed with the awarded vendor upon award of the bid. Currently, the checks are written to the GMAC.

QUESTION 5

What is the package size of the sport drinks?

RESPONSE 5

Package size must comply with the current district's wellness policy.

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QUESTION 6

Can water be included in the vending machines?

RESPONSE 6

Yes, as long it meets the wellness policy guidelines and the requirements listed in the bid documents.

QUESTION 7

Can juice be included in the vending machines?

RESPONSE 7

Yes, as long it meets the wellness policy guidelines and the requirements listed in the bid documents.

QUESTION 8

Are beverages with artificial sweeteners and coloring allowed?

RESPONSE 8

Beverages must comply with the district wellness policy listed at the Department of Food and Nutrition's website at <http://nutrition.dadeschools.net>

QUESTION 9

Who will approve the products to be placed in the vending machines? GMAC or Food and Nutrition or both?

RESPONSE 9

The bid specifications state how the products will be submitted. Although GMAC will receive the products, the Department of Food and Nutrition will need to ensure the product complies with the district wellness policy.

QUESTION 10

Are the machines to be located only inside gymnasium and locker rooms? If there is no space inside these facilities, can there placed outside of the facilities?

RESPONSE 10

The machines need to be located at the gymnasium and locker room areas. The machines can be outside if needed, however must be placed within the physical exterior space (i.e. outside wall) of the gymnasium and locker room.

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QUESTION 11A

I have a few questions on the beverage bid # 092-JJ03. This is my first time entering a Miami-Dade Public Schools bid and I want to make sure I understand the rules. I can only make one offer per machine per month for the beverage vending machines and the milk vending program for the forty schools?

RESPONSE 11A

Each bid has its own individual requirements. Please see the 036-JJ03 Milk Vending Bid for more information on the milk vending opportunities. With respect to THIS bid for the vending machines in the athletic areas, the vendor is to make an offer, PER MACHINE, PER MONTH, regardless of location at any of the approximately forty (40) high schools that are listed in this bid solicitation.

QUESTION 11B

Or can I make different offers per machine per month depending on the schools?

RESPONSE 11B

The bidder CAN NOT make an offer on THIS bid solicitation by school site. Therefore, the vendor will need to evaluate the opportunities collectively and determine what they can offer based on an average revenue for a typical athletic vending machine at the district's high schools.

QUESTION 12

Also I have read several times the nutritional guidelines for the beverage vending machines however I was wondering if I could get a list of the beverages that are permitted to sale in the vending machines for the schools.

RESPONSE 12

Please see the specifications for this bid for more information.

QUESTION 13

I would also be interested in obtaining a list of approved snacks if Miami-Dade schools have a list of approved of snacks that can be sold in the snack vending?

RESPONSE 13

This bid is not for snacks in athletic areas. At this time, the district is not considering any offers of solicitation for selling snack items in the gymnasiums and locker rooms.