

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Bid 093-JJ03
Frozen Ice Cream and Desert Vending Program
Questions and Comments – Posting 1**

Question 1

Can you provide sales data for previous contracts?

Response 1

The previous bid for this type of service (081-DD03) was based on a flat fee per month of each school site having milk vending and other vending machines. The district did not ask for sales data on that bid, therefore there is no sales data to provide interested vendors in this bid solicitation.

Question 2

Sir, we would like to know when does the Performance Bond has to be submitted and what is the amount of the bond required. On the Instructions to Bidders section VII it says it is "For Successful Bidders Only" but on the Bid Proposal Form section 30.- Bid submissions it is listed as one of the items that needs to be submitted (If applicable).

Response 2

Please see Addendum 4, which addresses your question above.

Question 3

The second part of clause 8.C. in the ice cream bid solicitation is not the same as in the milk bid solicitation (036-JJ03). Could the district also consider adding this clause to the Milk Bid.

Response 3

The last sentence in Special Conditions 8.C. is correct in milk bid solicitation and therefore no change is needed. If you want to view any responses to questions and comments for the milk vending bid, please see information on the M-DCPS Procurement Website for bid number 036-JJ03.

Question 4

Could the front and side panels of the machines contain the picture or logo of the product being sold by the machine?

Response 4

As stated in Special Conditions #17H., all signage and front or side panels of vending machines must be of a non-branded type, with final approval of signage by the designated administrator at the Department of Food and Nutrition.

Question 5A

Section 13 mentions that the vendor will have 3 days to correct the violation or it would be ground for fines. So is it to assume that every time a violation is notice by MDCPS the vendor will have 3 days to correct the violation before fines are assessed?...

Response 5A

It depends on the violation. This item is addressed in Addendum 2.

Question 5B

...And that if this was repeated in the future the vendor will have another three days to fix the issue again? This same section quotes section 22 but I believe you meant 21.

Response 5B

You are correct. The last sentence of Special Conditions (SC) #13 is suppose to refer to SC #21. This item was corrected with the issuance of Addendum 1.

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Question 6

Could the third violations be ground for default paragraph of section 21 in the milk bid be removed as in the ice cream bid?

Response 6

The last sentence in Special Conditions 21.C. is correct in milk bid solicitation and was left out in error on this Frozen Ice Cream and Desert Vending bid solicitation. This item is addressed in Addendum 2. This addendum is listed on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

Question 7

This “Ice Cream Bid” makes mention to Deserts. Many of the Dessert items could be sold thru the Snack Bid (038-GG03) issued two years ago. Would those desserts be frozen desserts that require freezer temperatures or would any dessert that fits the nutritional guidelines be allowed?

Response 7

Your statement of the desert items on this bid being able to be sold through the snack bid is not accurate. The items in this bid are for the vending machines that sell frozen ice cream and frozen deserts. Frozen deserts are not part of the snack items are covered under the Healthy Snack Bid 038-GG03.

Question 8

This bid makes no mention of Trans Fats or hydrogenated oils. Will items sold thru this bid be allowed to contain Trans fats or hydrogenated oils?

Response 8

All items must meet the district’s wellness policy and other nutritional guidelines in effect at the time of service. The Department of Food and Nutrition has this information posted on their website at <http://nutrition.dadeschools.net>

Question 9

Are In regards to today’s meeting and the nutritional facts information, I would like to ask if the following two ice cream items could be accepted and included in our bid:

Low Fat Ice Cream Sandwich (4 fl.oz.) and
Patriot Rocket (4.5 fl.oz.)

As you can see in the enclosed nutritional facts sheet, the Low Fat Ice Cream Sandwich has 1/2 oz. more of weight but the nutritional facts are within your requirements, and a while back I had sent Mr. Tom Holmberg the nutritional facts of the Low Fat Ice Cream Sandwich and it was accepted at that time; and the Patriot Rocket though it has 1 oz. more of weight it practically contains nothing in the nutritional facts. Please let me know if these items can be accepted for the bid.

I thank you for your attention in this matter as I await your reply.

Response 9

This is a bid for vending services, not for products. Awarded vendors will need to have their items approved by the Department of Food and Nutrition before starting service. See the bid’s special conditions for more information.

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Question 10

Good morning. I would like to ask you, once again because I'm still confused, if the amount of two (2) machines per school is only to configure the bid, since there are schools that have few students.

Response 10

The “Special Conditions” part of the bid package states how the program will be implemented upon award and the vendor will be involved the local site administrator in determining the actual number of machines each awarded site will have.

The Format B (items on bid) Excel Spreadsheet states that the quantities listed in the bid are “estimated quantities” and the actual number may vary upon award and implementation of the bid. The bid is requesting highest amount of revenue contribution PER MACHINE, PER MONTH. Therefore, please take this information into consideration when preparing your bid submission.