

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)
Procurement Management Services

Questions and Comments for Bid 039-GG03
Posting 1 on 07-03-2007

Question 1

The Department of Food and Nutrition have diverted 21 trucks of a commodity item to my company. I want to know if this bid will be a separate contract or above and beyond the trucks already diverted? Also is this going to be a direct bid - can you tell us? Thanks for your help in this matter!

Response 1

Any requests submitted or trucks diverted by the Department of Food of Nutrition for processing and delivery to M-DCPS before the bid award date will be honored at the price, terms, and conditions quoted in the purchase order document.

This bid is for manufacturers to directly bid on the USDA donated commodity processing items for delivery to M-DCPS.

Question 2

Can the product codes for current approved manufacturers' products be revealed for bid items #18 and #19?

Response 2

The district is currently using Big Daddy's #78531 for bid item 18 and Big Daddy's 78533 for bid item 19.

Question 3

Can the sodium levels for bid item #18 be increased to 920mg per serving?

Response 3

Sodium recommendations for lunch should meet the 1/3 of the RDA's, which is 766 mg or less. This is based upon the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA requirement to be met for lunch.

Question 4

Can the total fat content for bid item #19 be increased to 18 grams per serving?

Response 4

Fat is not measured in milligrams (mg). The fat content is specified to meet the District and Federal requirement of 30% to 35%. The lower fat content the more beneficial for the health of our students, but should not compromise the integrity or taste of the product.

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Question 5

Can the sodium levels for bid item #19 be increased to 1200mg per serving?

Response 5

Please see the response to Question 3.

Question 6

Can the dietary fiber content for bid items #18 and #19 be decreased to 2 grams per serving?

Response 6

The 2005 Dietary Guidelines recommend an increase in dietary fiber. As a result this district seeks products that are high in dietary fiber while providing good taste and is appealing to the students.

Question 7

The product specifications for bid items #18 and #19 do not specify the requirement for products to contain whole grains. Are products containing whole grains requested?

Response 7

Whole grain products are preferred, as a result of meeting the 2005 Dietary Guidelines recommendations for increasing whole grains and fiber in the diet.

Question 8

I have a question for item #6, Cuban Pork, on this bid. I noticed on the specification page, it states that it comes in 4/5 lb. bags. This item is in 4/8 lb. bags. Do I need to clarify that in the "Other Information" section?

Response 8

Please see Addendum #1 with the revised Format B Excel Spreadsheet. Review the changes in the pack size and/or evaluation unit and fill in accordingly.

Question 9

Do we need to submit a sample of item if we bid it? In one place in the bid it states that we are required to submit a sample and in another only if buyer requests. Please clarify.

Response 9

If the product that you are bidding on was previously tested and approved, and listed as an "approved brand" no sample is required. If the product has not been sampled, tested and evaluated through the current food testing and evaluation procedures, samples are required.

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Question 10

I wish to submit a bid on product with a different pack size from the currently approved product. How do I address this difference on the spreadsheet that will be submitted?

Response 10

Please see Addendum #1 with the revised Format B Excel Spreadsheet for selected item(s). Review the changes in the pack size and/or evaluation unit and fill in accordingly. For other items on the spreadsheet, bidders need to follow the pack size stated for each individual item.