

RFP 18-01 Question Q and A

Question Presented:

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105	800	1299	V	CORN, CREAMED	Yellow Creamed Sttyle Canned Corn. US Grade A Fancy.	6	# 10	
106	250	1444	V	CORN, WHOLE KERNAL, FRZ	CORN, WHOLE KERNAL-FRZ- State Pack	20 #		Harvest Value

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We prefer this brand since it has preferred acceptability from our students.

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Chic chips-an approved equal: submit nutritional information that is comparable to this product.

Creamed corn: USGrade A Fancy submit nutritional for comparable item.

Frz corn - comparable nutritional info

Is this bid a no minimum bid? We will not guarantee a minimum order.

What is the longest lead time your school district will allow to deliver product? 7-10 days

I noticed the excel worksheet, related to Bid #18-1, had some items listed twice (**Commodity Processed Cheese For Rebate**) appearing in the second item box. Is this the space for our commodity case price? Or is this the section to show the value of donated food per case? Thanks for your help!

- **Answer From Bibb:** This second line with the number with a P would be the Processed price using NOI based on the Cheese we diverted. The processing price should be from one of the approved GA USDA processors and must be able to handle the NOI pricing structure. (Cheese and pizza)

Additional Information from BIBB

1. A. **Equivalent/alternate products may be bid on items where brand name is specified, provided the quality, grade and/or performance of the proposed meets or exceeds the specifications as indicated within the bid specifications for each item.** Samples of alternate products shall be provided upon request as indicated below.

The following should be provided with the bid documents for **all alternate/equivalent items bid:**

1. Product identification, including manufacturer and/or distributor's name and number, brand name, product code, product label, quantity per case, case weight and item number.
2. Manufacturer's product literature/specifications, including but not limited to product description, ingredients, nutritional analysis, packaging wrap and/or product label.
3. Product has been personally investigated and determined that it is equal or superior in all respects to that specified.
5. Supplier will provide the same guarantee for the equivalent/alternate item as they would for specified product indicated in the bid documents.

6. Is this bid a no minimum bid?

What are you asking? We order each week, we do not maintain a par stock, we order only what we need and have the capacity to store in our warehouse. State your minimum order and delivery lead time.

7. What is the longest lead time your school district will allow to deliver product?

Depends on the item.