

Anderson County Government

INVITATION TO BID (Formal)

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Bid No.: 4604

Date Issued: 02-10-15

**Bids will be received until
11:30 a.m. Eastern Time on February 26, 2015**

Sealed bids subject to the **General Terms and Conditions** of this Formal Invitation to Bid, and any other data attached or incorporated by reference. Bids will be received in the Office of the Anderson County Purchasing Agent until the date and time specified above, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud.

THE ANDERSON COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES IN OR TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO ACCEPT THE BID DEEMED FAVORABLE TO THE BEST INTEREST OF ANDERSON COUNTY.



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Services or Supplies

<u>Commodity Processing -Turkey-</u> Anderson County Schools Nutrition Program, Clinton, TN
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See attached specifications and pricing page.

All vendors must submit 1 original and 1 complete copy, including brochures, of their bid.

Contact Purchasing in writing with any questions. Refer to General Terms and Conditions Section 1.2.

Bid #4604 Process Turkey A534 15,700#

VENDOR NAME _____

All delivered frozen/precooked
ANDERSON COUNTY, TN COMMODITY BID

VENDOR=COMPLETE THESE FOUR COLUMNS

Item	Full Description of item	Minimum Pack Size Acceptable	Estimated Cases	Proposed Pack Size	Vendor Product Number and SPECS	Vendor Price per case after subtracting Commodity Diversion	Extended Price/Case=Estimated Cases * Vendor Price/case
1	Savory Turkey Meat Balls 4 meatballs=2.0 oz M/MA White/Dark Meat Fully Cooked	6/5#	50				\$0.00
2	Extra Lean Oven Roasted White Turkey Breast, 0.5 oz Sliced, fully cooked 3.0 ounces would yield at least a 2M/MA White, no dark meat	20# Minimum Case 2 to 4 packs per case	150				\$0.00
3	Turkey Breast and Thigh Roast in ovenable bag, cooked 2.5 ounces will yield 2M/MA 3.29 oz preheat weight per 2M/MA White:Dark Meat Ratio approximately 26:15	40# plus (usually 4-10# roasts in bags)	135				\$0.00
4	All Natural Diced Turkey, 1/2 inch cube, fully cooked No allergens or glutens, white and dark meat 2.91 oz=2 M/MA	5/7# bags	50				\$0.00
5	Precooked Ground Turkey All dark meat 2.84 ounces will yield 2 M/MA Heat and serve	28# or more per case	150				\$0.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED BID PRICE

\$0.00

VENDOR NAME _____ DATE _____

BID #4604 COMMODITY PROCESSING- TURKEY
SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

Attached are instructions and conditions for submitting a Commodity Processing Bid for ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS IN CLINTON, TN 37716.

The objective of this bid is to select suppliers in such a manner as to provide for open and free competition and comparability.

All food must be processed and packaged in accordance with local, State of Tennessee, and FDA regulations contained in the Sanitary Food Transportation Act of 1990.

BID PERIOD

The bid period begins *07/01/2015 AND ENDS 06/30/2016 WITH AN OPTIONAL RENEWAL FOR TWO MORE YEARS (THIS YEAR PLUS 2 SUBSEQUENT YEARS).*

VENDOR QUALIFICATION

Potential bidders must meet the following criteria:

- Be able to provide a quality product as specified
- Offer reasonable pricing
- Provide dependable delivery of items ordered
- Meet specifications and bid conditions. The product that is bid must meet all the product specifications such as sodium, calories, portion size, weight, meat and grain equivalents for the USDA and case weight.
- Demonstrate successful past performance
- Minimum 3 (three) years experience supplying similar product/commodities and services to school districts similar in size to Anderson County

BID TABULATION

Regardless of the procurement method used, price is the final determining factor for awarding the contract. If the price of the product plus delivery does not give significant savings over buying the product on the open market, Anderson County SNP may not award the bid or may re-bid or may shift quantities to a different product. Ultimately the price used to determine the bid award will be based on the price per serving that will meet the minimum USDA requirements for a meal component or item and the comparisons from vendor to vendor will be based on the approved equal **servicing cost. All prices should be net after all rebates, adjustments, and other item price adjustments are made for donated commodity value. Anderson County School Nutrition Program wishes to pay a net invoice upon delivery without having to track any rebates or other price adjustments. The School Nutrition Program may ask for samples of food prior to award.**

Anderson County Purchasing Agent reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The SNP director will tabulate the bid, recommend the winning bidder to the county purchasing agent, and the county purchasing agent will notify the bidders. The Anderson County School Board will approve the recommendation and the county attorney will sign the contract after receiving county commission approval. The purchase of products or services should commence after all this has been accomplished.

BID RENEWAL

Anderson County SNP reserves the right to renew all aspects of the bid one year at a time for an additional two (2) years based on a firm fixed price. Anderson County SNP reserve(s) the right to add/delete products during the contract period. Pricing for added products will be based on a comparison of pricing offered by vendor to the pricing of the same item offered on the open market prior to adding an item to the contract listing. Anderson County Purchasing Agent will notify the contractor of their intention to renew this contract no later than 30 days before the end of contract period. A written response will be due from the contractor no later than 15 (fifteen) days before the end of the contract period. Other school systems, with vendor approval, may use this bid for purchase in their district.

BID PREPARATION

Bidders must submit one price for each item on the bid product sheet. Each bidder should bid on all items listed in the bid document for the commodity group. Anderson County SNP will recalculate usage and line extensions to make necessary conversions for differences in pack size. The bid award will be made on price per serving in relation to servings desired. The bottom line total will be adjusted if mathematical conversions and extensions indicate the need for correction.

All bids shall be in accordance with the instructions to bidders and specifications as attached. Specifications are intended to be open and non-restrictive. A copy of the Nutrition Facts label and ingredient statement must be included with the bid.

Estimated usages are given for each item. The estimated usages do not indicate the actual quantity which will be ordered, since such volume will depend upon requirements which develop during the contract period. Estimated usages are based on last year's purchases and are estimated for the bid period. For new/never used item's estimated usage, the amount is a projected amount based on anticipated acceptance by students. Inclusion of items on bid does not guarantee purchase.

All columns of the bid document must be completed in ink or typewritten. The bottom line total (sum of extended prices) must also be printed in ink or typewritten on the proposal form. No erasures shall be permitted. Errors may be crossed out and corrections printed in ink or typewritten and must be initialed in ink by the person signing the bid.

Mathematical calculations involving decimals must be carried to two (2) places.

Product specification sheets with nutritional information must accompany the bid submittal.

Should a bidder find discrepancies or omissions from the bidding document or be in doubt as to their meaning, he/she shall at once send questions by email to purchasing@andersontn.org.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to make certain that all bids in proper form are submitted by the date due. Item cost must include delivery to commodity warehouse distributor (FOB distributor).

DELIVERY

- Delivery of products should be in one to three shipments to the food distribution company that is currently under contract to deliver commodities to Anderson County Schools. The first delivery being on or before August 01 and subsequent deliveries at half year.
- All foods are to be delivered with no evidence of damage. The successful bidder agrees to be responsible for damaged packaging and to pick up and replace any products that are damaged, stale, or out of date, at no charge.
- If foreign objects are found in foods purchased from vendor and such objects result in injury or sickness to customers, vendor will be responsible for all claims resulting from this injury or sickness and the Board of Education and their employees will not be held responsible.
- Each School Nutrition Program shall retain the right to reject any or all of a delivery that does not meet product specifications. Rejected items are to be picked up at the supplier's expense and credit memo issued.
- The successful bidder shall provide the name and telephone contact number of a company contact person, along with a delivery schedule that includes the delivery person's name and contact number.
- Food and nonfood bids will provide products that have expiration dates and/or facility preparation coding that can readily identify the product for sanitation, safety, recall, and freshness measures. Ingredient labels, preferably Child Nutrition labels (CN), net weight, supplier information, and other nutritional information must be available on each food container. The item bid must meet or exceed the requirements for the School Lunch Program as far as meat/meat alternate, fruit/vegetable, grain and will be asked for on the solicitation for bid.
- A remit to address must be provided with the bid submission.

Reasons for product rejection may be any one of the following:

- Quality and student acceptability
- Price
- Serviceability of item (damage)
- Product does not meet bid specifications

CONTRACT TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

In the event the contract is terminated for due cause by the System(s), the System(s) shall have the option of awarding the contract to the next lowest bidder or bidding again.

Contract will not be awarded or can be modified if commodity food availability changes or if the SNP has insufficient funds to continue the processing contract.

CONTRACT TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The Purchasing Agent may, by written notice to the Vendor, terminate this Contract without cause for any reason. Said termination shall not be deemed a Breach of Contract by the School System(s). The School System(s) must give notice of termination to the Vendor at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive compensation for satisfactory, authorized service completed as of the termination date, but in no event shall the School District be liable to the Contractor for compensation for any service which has not been rendered. Upon such termination, the Contractor shall have no right to any actual general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages whatsoever of any description or amount.

INVOICES AND STATEMENTS

All statements are to be issued to include and end with the cut-off date which will be the LAST DAY OF THE MONTH. Three (3) invoices must be furnished at the time of delivery. At the end of each month, a separate statement showing invoice numbers and dates of delivery for each school must be mailed to the following addresses:

**Anderson County School Nutrition Program
101 S Main Street, Suite 470
Clinton, TN 37716-3610**

All schools serviced under this contract are tax exempt.

REGULATION COMPLIANCE

- All contracts awarded in excess of \$10,000.00 by grantees and their contractors or sub-grantees shall comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375, and supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations (41CFR, Part 60).
- All contracts over \$100,000.00 will require compliance with the Clean Air Act issued under Section 306, Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, Executive Order 11738 and Environmental Protection Agency regulations.
- Bidders must comply with mandatory standards and policies related to energy efficiency which are contained in the State Energy Plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (PL 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).
- A Certificate of Lobbying must be signed for all contracts over \$100,000.
- A Certificate of Debarment/Suspension must be signed for all contracts over \$25,000.
- Bidders must comply with the "Buy American" provision as outlined in Policy Memorandum 210. 21-14.
- All property or services furnished must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws, codes and regulations.

RECORDS

All contractors are required to retain all books, records and other documents relative to this agreement for three (3) years after final payment and all other pending matters are closed. Contractors must agree that the School Food Authority, the State Agency, the United States Department of Agriculture, or Comptroller General may have full access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to all negotiated contracts. If an investigation or audit is in progress, records shall be maintained until stated matter is closed.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The following conduct will be expected of all persons who are engaged in the awarding and administration of contracts supported by School Food and Nutrition Program Funds.

- 1) No employee, officer or agent of named School Food Authorities shall participate in the selection or in the award or administration of a contract supported by program funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.

Conflicts of interest arise when one of the following has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for the award:

- a. The employee, officer or agent
 - b. Any member of the immediate family
 - c. His or her partner
 - d. An organization which employs or is about to employ one of the above.
- 2) The School Nutrition Program employees, officers, or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to sub-agreements.
 - 3) Penalties for violation of the code of conduct of named School Nutrition Program should be:
 - a.Reprimand by Board of Education
 - b.Any legal action necessary.

Pricing and Escalation or Market Price Information about Specific Bids

FOOD and NON FOOD BIDS

Vendor's yearly allowed rate of increase may not exceed the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers. This figure is derived from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (CPI-U;US City Average, All Items). Request must be in writing and directed to the Anderson County School Nutrition Program, Attention Margaret Burrell, 101 S Main Street, Suite 470, Clinton, TN 37716-3610. Failure to make written requests will result in the rejection for the price increase. Prices for the next school year must be firm by May 01 of the current school year. Also, the SNP cannot honor contract if commodity not available for processing or portion price exceeds price of like product that can be provided from wholesale distributor.

SANITATION

All products specified herein must be delivered in vehicles which are maintained in a sanitary condition and properly refrigerated (33-40 degrees F), frozen (10-32 degrees F), or dry stock (no more than 75 degrees F). Anderson County reserves the right to reject the use of any equipment by the vendor if it is not in a clean, sanitary condition suitable for the transport of food items. Participating schools follow the principals of HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) in accepting all deliveries. Therefore, upon delivery temperatures of products may be taken and recorded and overall product condition will be inspected in accordance with the schools' Safety Plan. Vendors must be aware of the sanitation standards employed by their food suppliers. Vendor will be responsible for placing milk into coolers at the time of delivery.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or if all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (in Spanish).

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

CERTIFICATION REGARDING “BUY AMERICAN” REQUIREMENTS

Section 104 (d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 requires SFAs to purchase domestically grown and processed foods, to the maximum extent practicable. There is a two-part test to define the country of origin for a manufactured end product: (1) the article must be manufactured in the United States; and (2) the cost of domestic components must exceed 50 percent of the cost of all the components.

We require that suppliers certify the percentage of U.S. content in products supplied to us according to the two-part test above. If you are unable or unwilling to make such certification, we will not purchase from you.

Two situations may warrant a waiver to permit purchases of foreign food products.

- 1) The product is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonable available quantities of a satisfactory quality.
- 2) Competitive bids reveal the cost of a U.S. product is significantly higher than the foreign product.

Requested Waiver Items

Product Description	Vendor Item #	Reason for Waiver Request	Approved

**use additional pages if needed*

Note: Approved column is for the SNP purchaser to indicate if they will accept the non-American product or if they reject that item. The SNP will contact the vendor if item is rejected.

“We certify that our food products were manufactured in the United States and have at least 51% U.S. contents.”

Date _____

Vendor Name _____

Completed By _____

**Certification Regarding Debarment,
Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary
Exclusion
Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its Principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or Voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.**

- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this Certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.**

Organization Name

Bid Number

Name(s) and Title(s) of Authorized Representative(s)

Signature(s)

Date

**ATTACHMENT
CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

Applicable to Grants, Subgrants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts Exceeding \$100,000 in Federal Funds.

Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction and is imposed by section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Any person who fails to file the required certifications shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered subawards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Name/Address of Organization

Name/Title of Submitting Official

Signature

Date

BACKGROUND CHECK COMPLIANCE FORM

ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 100 N. MAIN STREET, ROOM 214 or 218
 CLINTON, TN 37716
 (865) 457-6251
 (865) 457-6252 (Fax)

BID NUMBER 4604

CONTRACT NUMBER _____

BACKGROUND CHECKS Contractors shall comply with Public Chapter 587 of 2007, as codified in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-5-413, which requires all contractors to facilitate a criminal history records check conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for each employee prior to permitting the employee to have contact with students or enter school grounds when students are present.

Any person, corporation or other entity who enters or any employee of any person, corporation or entity who enters into or renews a contract with a local board of education or child care program on or after September 1, 2007, must:

- (1) Provide a fingerprint sample
- (2) Submit to a criminal history records check to be conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Contact the Anderson County School's Human Resources Department at (865) 463-2800 ext. 2811 for fingerprint instructions.

Company or Individuals (Name)	Address
City, State, Zip Code	Telephone Number ()
Contractor License Number (If Applicable)	

I agree to abide by Public Chapter 587 of 2007, as codified in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-5-413, and certify that I am authorized to sign. The undersigned further agrees if this bid or contract is accepted, to furnish any and all of the Background Check Information on himself and all of his employees as required by law, at the request of Anderson County Government. I hereby agree to release all criminal history and other required information to Anderson County Government, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in accordance with Tennessee law and I further certify that all information supplied by me regarding this inquiry is true and accurate. I agree to release and hold harmless the above-mentioned governmental entities for the use of this information related to the purposes mandated under Tennessee law. I further certify that I have obtained acceptable criminal history information on all current employees and will obtain said information on future employees associated with the performance of the work defined in this bid or contract, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 49-5-413 and that neither I nor any employee of mine is prohibited from direct contact with school children for the reasons enumerated in Tennessee Code annotated Section §§ 49-5-401 et seq.

Signature _____ **Title** _____

Printed Name: _____ **Date** _____
(Please Print Clearly) (Month, Day, Year)

INTERNAL OFFICE USE ONLY

Notes _____

BID NUMBER: 4604

BID TITLE: Commodity Processing-Turkey

BID ENVELOPE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Bids **MUST** be received in a sealed envelope/package with the bid number, company name and opening date clearly marked. Failure to comply may result in rejection of the entire bid. Anderson County will not be responsible for any lost or misdirected mail. Late bids, e-mailed bids and faxed bids will not be considered nor returned. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure their bid reached the Purchasing Department. If the bid is not delivered to the correct location by the correct time it is not considered.

**ANDERSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
100 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUITES 214 AND 218
CLINTON, TN 37716**

purchasing@andersontn.org

Website: <http://andersontn.org/purchasing.html>

(865) 457-6218 Phone

(865) 457-6252 Fax

Bid documents must be completed in ink or typed, signed in ink, and free from alterations, erasures or mark-throughs.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.1 ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS: Alterations, amendments, changes, modifications or additions to this solicitation shall not be binding on Anderson County without prior written approval.

1.2 NO CONTACT POLICY: After vendor receives a copy of this bid, any contact initiated by any vendor with any Anderson County representative, other than the Purchasing Department, concerning this invitation for bid is prohibited and agreements made thereto will not be considered binding on Anderson County. Any such unauthorized contact may cause the disqualification of the bidder from this procurement transaction.

1.3 QUESTIONS: Any questions concerning the bid document must be submitted to purchasing@andersontn.org no less than ninety-six (96) hours before bid opening date.

1.4 BID CLOCK: The bid/time clock in the Anderson County Purchasing office will be the time of record.

1.5 TAXES: Anderson County is not liable for Federal excise or State sales tax. Tax exemption certificates will be provided upon request.

1.6 CONFLICT OF INTEREST: If requested by the Purchasing Agent, vendors must complete and submit a "Conflict of Interest Affidavit Statement" prior to contract award, see T.C.A. 5-14-114 and T. C. A. 12-4-101.

1.7 NON-COLLUSION: Vendors, by submitting a signed bid, certify that the accompanying bid is not the result of, or affected by, any unlawful act of collusion with any other person or company engaged in the same line of business or commerce, or any other fraudulent act punishable under Tennessee or United States law.

1.8 NON-DISCRIMINATION: Vendors, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, sex, national origin or disability except where religion, sex, national origin or disability is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.

1.9 SAME AS OR EQUIVALENT TO: Vendors are to bid as specified herein or propose an approved equal. Determination of equality is solely Anderson County's responsibility. The designated brands are for reference purpose only, not a statement of preference. When an alternate manufacturer, brand, model or make is bid, Anderson County will determine if the item bid does meet or exceed the items as specified. If the bidder does not indicate that an alternate manufacturer, brand, model or make is being bid, it is understood that the item(s) bid are the same manufacturer, brand, model or make as was requested in the Invitation to Bid. Comparable products of other manufacturers will be considered if proof of comparability is contained in the bid. It shall be the responsibility of the vendors, including vendors whose product is referenced to furnish upon request catalog

pages, brochures or other data as will provide an adequate basis for determining the quality and functional capabilities of the product offered. Failure to provide this data may be considered valid justification for rejection of bid.

1.10 MULTIPLE BIDS/AWARDS: Anderson County will consider multiple bids that meet specifications. Bid awards may include multiple approved vendors and the list of approved vendors may be added to or deleted from at anytime.

1.11 STATE OF TENNESSEE CONTRACTORS' LICENSE LAW (T.C.A. 62-6-119 b): No bid will be opened or considered for which the total cost of the project is twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more, unless the outside of the sealed bid envelope/package containing the bid provides the following information: the Company Name, the Contractor's license number, license classification, the date of the license expiration and that part of each license classification applying to the bid. In addition, each heating ventilation or air conditioning, plumbing and electrical subcontractor's license number, date of the license expiration and that part of each classification applying to the bid if the value of the work is \$25,000 or greater, must be notated. If the value of either the contractor or the subcontractor's work is less than \$25,000, the bid envelope/package containing the bid is to be notated with the phrase "Contractor or Subcontractor's Bid is Less than \$25,000" after each appropriate heading. In the case of joint ventures, each party submitting the bid must provide this information. If no subcontractors are being used, the outside of the envelope/package containing the bid must state, "No Subcontractors are being used on this project."

1.12 ACCEPTANCE: Vendors shall hold their price firm and subject to acceptance by Anderson County for a minimum period of sixty (60) working days from the date of the bid opening, unless otherwise indicated in their bid. to be supplied, their conformity with specifications, their suitability to the requirements of Anderson County and the delivery terms. Any or all bids may be rejected for good cause.

1.13 BID AWARDS: Bids will be awarded to the lowest and best bidder, taking into consideration the qualities of the articles to be supplied, their conformity with specifications, their suitability to the requirements of Anderson County and the delivery terms. Anderson County also reserves the right to not award this bid.

1.14 PROTEST: Any vendor wishing to protest the bid award shall notify in writing the Anderson County Purchasing Agent and the County Law Director, 101 S. Main Street, Suite 310, Clinton, TN 37716. No protest will be accepted, except those protests made in writing and received within (10) ten calendar days of the bid award. Protests must be in writing and envelopes/package containing protest must be clearly marked with bid number and words "BID PROTEST". The Purchasing Agent, in conjunction with the Purchasing Commission, and with the advice and counsel of the County Law Director, shall review and make a final decision as to any bid protest. Appeals shall be filed in the Circuit or Chancery Courts of Anderson County within sixty (60) days of the final decision.

VENDORS PLEASE NOTE: ANDERSON COUNTY WILL NOT STOP THE PURCHASE PROCESS. THE PURCHASE MAY BE COMPLETED OR THE PROJECT MAY BE RE-BID WHILE THE PROTEST PROCEDURE IS STILL IN OPERATION. IF A RE-BID IS MADE, THE PROTESTING VENDOR SHOULD SUBMIT A NEW BID. OTHERWISE, THEY WILL BE WITHOUT A BID ON THE RE-BID. FURTHER, THE RE-BIDDING WILL NOT END THE APPEALS PROCESS. IT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL A FINAL DECISION IS REACHER OR THE COMPLAINANT WITHDRAWS THE APPEAL.

1.15 DELIVERY: Bid pricing is to include complete supply and delivery to Anderson County, Tennessee. Vendors are to state the delivery time in the bid. Anderson County requires that vendors deliver all products "free on board" to final destination unless indicated otherwise in their bid, reference Terms & Conditions section 2.4.

1.16 PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY: Bidders must, upon the request of Anderson County, provide satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these specifications. Anderson County will make the final determination as to the bidder's ability.

1.17 VENDOR'S DEFAULT: Anderson County reserves the right, in case of vendor default, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting vendor responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

1.18 DUPLICATE COPIES: Anderson County requires that all vendors submit one original and one exact copy of their bids, including brochures; unless additional copies are requested in bid specifications.

1.19 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE: Under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated §50-9-113 enacted by the General Assembly effective 2001, all employers with five (5) or more employees who contract with either the state or a local government to provide construction services are required to submit an affidavit stating that they have a drug free workplace program that complies with Title 50, Chapter 9, in effect at the time of submission of a bid at least to the extent required of

governmental entities. The statute imposes other requirements on the contractor and contractors should consult private legal counsel if legal questions arise under this section or any other provision of this document. All contractors shall provide a written affidavit signed by the principal officer of a covered employer acknowledging that the contracting entity is in compliance with the Drug Free Workplace laws of State of Tennessee.

1.20 RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS SPECIFICATIONS: It is the responsibility of the bidder to review the entire Invitation to Bid document and to notify the Purchasing Department if the Invitation to Bid is formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition or if it is ambiguous in what is being requested. The Purchasing Agent must receive questions regarding the specifications or bid procedures not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time set for the bid opening.

1.21 SCHOOL CAFETERIA BIDS: If this bid is for Anderson County School's Cafeteria Food Service Department, bidders must be in compliance with Section 104(d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 which requires school and institutions participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to "Buy American" to the maximum extent practicable.

1.22 TERMINATION: Anderson County reserves the right to terminate this contract in whole or in part with thirty (30) days written notification to the contractor. In the event of termination, the County shall not be liable for any costs other than the cost of services performed and materials delivered and accepted prior to termination date.

1.23 OSHA SAFETY: The Contractor is responsible for training their employees in Safety and Health Regulations for the job, assuring compliance with Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health regulations and any other Regulatory Agency.

1.24 PERFORMANCE BOND: A standard surety or performance bond or an irrevocable letter of credit in favor of Anderson County Government at a federally insured financial institution will be required to be submitted with bid, if indicated in section four, item six insurance requirement checklist.

1.25 BACKGROUND CHECKS: Contractors shall comply with Public Chapter 587 of 2007, as codified in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-5-413, which requires all contractors to facilitate a criminal history records check conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for each employee prior to permitting the employee to have contact with students or enter school grounds when students are present.

1.26 AWARD RESULTS: As soon as practicable after proposal or bid evaluations, Anderson County shall post the award decision to its web page: <http://andersontn.org/purchasing.html>. Individual notices are normally not mailed or e-mailed except to the successful vendor.

1.27 PRICE INCREASE/DELIVERY CHARGES: Request for price or delivery charge increases must be received in writing 30-days prior to implementation. The Anderson County Purchasing Agent will review requests and make a determination to continue or cancel services.

1.28 INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS: Contractor shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless Anderson County and, its officers, agents and employees from all suits, claims, actions or damages of any nature brought because of, arising out of, or due to breach of the agreement by Contractor, its subcontractors, suppliers, agents, or employees or due to any negligent act or occurrence or any omission or commission of Contractor, its subcontractors, suppliers, agents or employees.

1.29 DECLARATIVE STATEMENT: Any statement or words (i.e.: must, shall, will, etc) are declarative statements and the proposer must comply with the condition. Failure to comply with any such condition may result in their bid being non-responsive and disqualified.

1.30 WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES: Anderson County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Anderson County.

1.31 APPROPRIATION: In the event no funds are appropriated by Anderson County for the goods or services in any fiscal year or insufficient funds exist to purchase the goods or services, then the Contract shall expire upon the expenditure of previously appropriated funds or the end of the current fiscal year, whichever occurs first, with no further obligations owed to or by either party.

1.32 ASSIGNMENT: Contractor shall not assign or sub-contract this agreement, its obligations or rights hereunder to any party, company, partnership, incorporation or person without the prior written specific consent of Anderson County.

1.33 QUANTITIES: Anderson County does not guarantee quantities to be purchased off this bid.

1.34 UNIT PRICE: Unit price for each unit bid shall be shown and such price shall include packing unless otherwise specified. A total shall be entered in the amount column of the pricing page for each item bid. In case of discrepancy between any unit price and an extended price, the unit price will be presumed to be correct, subject, however, to correction to the same extent and in the same manner as any other mistake.

1.35 MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS When it is certain that a mistake has been made in the preparation of the bid, a request will be made to the bidder to confirm the bid. Provisions must be made so that mistakes can be taken care of and the ambiguity resolved satisfactorily. Bids may be modified or withdrawn by written notice received in the Purchasing Department prior to the time and date set for the bid opening. The changes or withdrawal of the bids should be in writing and signed by an official of the company. The envelope containing the modification should clearly state “modification to bid: Either the entire bid or a particular item may be withdrawn or modified in this manner.

1.36 PRE-BID CONFERENCES – Attendance at Pre-bid Conference is strongly encouraged. When deemed necessary a Mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held. A company representative or agent **MUST** be in attendance and sign the Mandatory Pre-bid sign-in sheet in order to be awarded the bid.

1.37 ADDENDUM -Anderson County Government reserves the right to amend this solicitation by addendum. Addendum will be posted to the website purchasing@andersontn.org/purchasing.html up to 48 hours in advance of the bid/proposals due date and time. It is the bidder’s responsibility to check the website for addendum. If in the County’s opinion revisions are of such a magnitude, the deadline for this solicitation may be extended in an addendum. In addition, addendum can change specifications, reply sheets, and times and dates for pre-bid meetings as well as due dates/deadlines for questions and bids/proposals.

1.38 PROPOSALS- All proposals once received become property of Anderson County Government and will not be returned.

BID NUMBER: 4604

BID TITLE: Commodity Processing-Turkey

SECTIONS: 2, 3, AND 4 OF THIS FORM ARE TO BE SUBMITTED/RETURNED WITH YOUR BID AS PART OF THE CONTRACT BID DOCUMENTATION.

SECTION 2. BID INFORMATION

- 2.1 I acknowledge the receipt of:
(Please write "Yes" if you received)
Addenda 1 _____ Addenda 2 _____
Addenda 3 _____ Addenda 4 _____
- 2.2 Please list and include in your bid packet all warranty information concerning length and coverage below ("Standard Mfg. Warranty" is unacceptable):

- 2.3 Guaranteed days till delivery after receipt of purchase order: _____
- 2.4 Additional Shipping, Freight or Handling Fees
\$ _____ Total. **(To be added to bid.)**
- 2.5 If bid varies from the specifications, make full explanation.
- 2.6 Payment terms shall be _____% _____ days. Offers of less than 20 days will not be considered in bid evaluation. Anderson County's normal payment terms of Net 30 will be adopted if no other terms are quoted and accepted.
- 2.7 Bid Pricing will remain stable _____ days from bid opening.
- 2.8 Bidding on "all or none" basis _____ Bidding on "low item" basis _____. (Please check one)
- 2.9 Will you honor additional purchases at this same price?
_____ Yes _____ No
- 2.10 Cooperative Purchasing Agreement: Vendors are to indicate if it is permissible for other governmental agencies in the State of Tennessee to purchase these items or services at the same price. Freight charges may be adjusted to reflect differences in delivery costs to other locations.

Please indicate vendor's approval of the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. _____ Yes _____ No

The undersigned agrees if bid is accepted, to furnish all license information.

State of Tennessee Business License Number:
License # _____

State of Tennessee Contractors' License Number: *(See item 1.11)*
License # _____

SECTION 3. VENDOR INFORMATION

Vendor Name _____

Vendor Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Fax Number _____

Contact Person *(Please Print)* _____

E-Mail Address _____

Taxpayer Identification Number: Social Security, Employer Identification Number:

What is the major service or product your company provides?
(Explain/Describe) _____

Authorizing Signature: _____

(Please sign original in blue ink)

I agree to abide by all Terms and Conditions of this Invitation to Bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the vendor. Failure to include any information mentioned in the bid or to comply with these bid instructions may result in rejection of your entire bid. Signing the Bid Form affirms that the original Invitation for Bid document has not been altered in any way.

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SECTION 4. INSURANCE REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

The bidder awarded this bid or contract will maintain, at their expense adequate insurance coverage to protect them from claims arising under the Worker's Compensation Act, any and all claims for bodily injury and property damage to the Bidder and to Anderson County Government while delivery and service are being done. A certificate of insurance must be on file in the Purchasing Department before work may begin and must be maintained until work is completed.

Only the items marked with an "X" are applicable to this bid and or contract.

1. **Workers Compensation** Statutory limits
Employers Liability 100,000/100,000/500,000

2. **Commercial General Liability** \$1,000,000 per occurrence
\$2,000,000 aggregate
 - Occurrence Form Only
 - Include Premises Liability
 - Include Contractual
 - Include XCU
 - Include Products and Completed Operations
 - Include Personal Injury
 - Include Independent Contractors
 - Include Vendors Liability
 - Include Professional or E&O Liability

3. **Business Auto** \$1,000,000
 - Include Garage Liability \$1,000,000
 - Include Garage Keepers Liability
 - Copy of Valid Drivers License
 - Copy of Current Motor Vehicle Record
 - Copy of Current Auto Liability Declarations Page

4. **Crime Coverages**
 - Employee Dishonesty
 - Employee Dishonesty Bond

5. **Property Coverages**
 - Builders Risk
 - Inland Marine
 - Transportation

6. Performance Bond Required – A One Hundred Percent (100%) performance or an irrevocable letter of credit in favor of Anderson County Government at a federally insured financial institution. **MUST** be submitted before purchase order issued.

Certificate Holder Shall Be: Anderson County Government, Clinton, Tennessee, and shall show the bid number and title. Anderson County Government shall be named as an additional insured on all policies except worker's compensation and auto. Insurance carrier ratings shall have a Best's rating of A-VII or better, or its equivalent. Cancellation clause on certificate should strike out "endeavor to" and include a 30-day notice of cancellation where applicable. Any deviations from the above requirements must be disclosed to the Anderson County Purchasing Agent. Any liability deductibles or exclusions must also be disclosed. Exceptions can be granted if applicable.

Bidders Statement and Certification

I understand the insurance requirements of these specifications and will comply in full within **21 (twenty-one) calendar days** if awarded this bid and or contract. I agree to furnish the county with proof of insurance for the entire term of the bid and or contract.

Vendor Name

Authorized Signature

Bid Representative Name (Please Print)

Date