

Anderson County Government

Request for Bids

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purchasing@andersoncountyttn.gov

Bid #2520

Date Issued: November 21, 2024

Bids will be received until
2:30 p.m. Eastern Time on December 12, 2024

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

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



Robert J. Holbrook, Director of Finance

BID DESCRIPTION

Bid for Pizza for School Nutrition.

Bidders are to provide one original and one copy.

Bids must be in sealed envelopes with the Bid number clearly listed on the envelope.

Questions are to be emailed to purchasing@andersoncountyttn.gov and kleehammer@andersoncountyttn.gov.

**ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS
CLINTON, TN 37716
SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM
DELIVERED, FRESH PIZZA, READY TO EAT**

GENERAL

Attached are instructions and conditions for submitting a delivered, fresh pizza for ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS IN CLINTON, TN 37716. Each participating school will receive at least one delivery a week on either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. 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 01/01/2025 AND ENDS 06/30/2027.

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 products/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 (School Nutrition Program) 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 serving cost. **All prices should be net after all rebates, delivery adjustments, and other item price adjustments are made. 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. Anderson County Purchasing will add their obligatory bid language. In the case of contradictory terms, the most stringent will apply.

BID RENEWAL

Anderson County SNP reserve(s) the right to add/or delete products during the contract period. Pricing for added products will be based on a comparison of pricing offered by the vendor to the pricing of the same item offered on the open market prior to adding an item to the contract listing. Other school systems, with vendor approval, may use this bid for purchase in their district. Additional schools within the district may be added to the bid with the permission of the vendor.

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 pizzas. 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. Delivery cost and all other costs of the pizza will be included in the one bid price per individual pizza. Total price, bottom line cost to School Nutrition will be the determining factor in the bid award.

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 for each item and an ingredient statement must be included with the bid. A meat and grain formulation statement must also accompany the bid submission for each item.

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 items' estimated usages, the amount is a projected number 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.

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@andersoncountyttn.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.

ORDERING and DELIVERY

- Delivery of products should be in one to four deliveries per serving day to the prospective schools. The school sites are listed later in the document, along with the number of deliveries. Pizza will not normally be ordered/delivered on Monday or Friday. Pizza will be in pizza boxes with the kind of pizza indicated on the front flap.
- All foods are to be delivered with no evidence of damage. The pizzas are to be cut in 8 even pieces, allowing service with a gloved hand where pieces will come apart with the use of only one hand. The vendor will transport the fully cooked pizzas in a sanitary manner, holding a serving temperature throughout transport and delivery at 160 degrees. The pizzas will be placed in dedicated warming/holding cabinets that have been cleared by school staff to enable the delivery person to load quickly. The vendor delivery person will be responsible for waiting while the SNP team member inspects and verifies each order for quantity and quality before leaving.
- Deliveries must be made between 5 and 10 minutes prior to service times. Pizza delivered late (after scheduled meal service has started), will not be paid for by School Nutrition. If the vendor

or the school needs to cancel delivery for a particular day, notice must be given before 9 am on that day. The vendor should make arrangements with another pizza store (same company) to deliver if the failure is the vendor's.

- Orders will originate from the school's cafeteria manager. The first order must be given no later than 9 am, and subsequent order adjustments must be made 2 hours or more before delivery on that day. If school is canceled or not in session, no delivery should be made, and it will be the vendor's responsibility to check school closure lists.
- 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 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 a 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 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. The products can have no added trans fat.
- A signed delivery ticket must be obtained by the delivery person during each delivery.
- A signed delivery ticket must also be left with cafeteria personnel.

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

- Quality and student acceptability
- Serviceability of item (damage)
- Product does not meet bid specifications
- Product was not delivered before the scheduled service period began

CONTRACT TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

In the event the contract is terminated for due cause by the School District, the District shall have the option of awarding the contract to the next lowest bidder or bidding again. Poor quality product or late delivered product will be grounds to immediately suspend the contract until a more formal notification can be given.

CONTRACT TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The School District(s) 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 address, Anderson County School Nutrition Program, 101 S. Main Street, Suite 470, Clinton, TN 37716 or emailed to amyl@acs.ac and rowens1@acs.ac. All schools serviced under this contract are tax exempt. A tax exempt certificate can be provided upon request.

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 7 CFR Part 210.21(d)
- All property or services furnished must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws, codes and regulations.
- Bidders must comply with the following Anderson County policy on Conflict of Interest and Anderson County Code of Conduct Procedures.
 - Conflict of Interest:
https://tsbanet-my.sharepoint.com/w/g/personal/policy_tsba_net/EcL1yudn6eRMtgzPNTciPA0BwrXyPa05PQBLrpIBPthRGA?rttime=vm-6v6AI3Ug
 - Code of Conduct:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1J8O0BDPTU4eykRRcXwZy-zV2aLNp1B4-/view>

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.

PRICING AND ESCALATION OR MARKET PRICE INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIFIC BIDS

If vendor requests a price increase, they must do so in writing 30 days prior and base the request on the most current Consumer Price Index, South Region:

https://www.bls.gov/regions/southeast/news-release/2024/consumerpriceindex_south_20240213.htm#:~:text=Prices%20in%20the%20South%20up,Contacts%20Technical%20information

All adjustments made to begin each new school year in July (no escalation first year).

SANITATION & RECALLS

All facilities used to procure, process, and hold the products shall adhere to all local, state, and federal regulations. A date stamp, item and facility code shall be clearly visible on the packaging in order to trace to point of origin in order to trace shipments and also to manage a food recall. At a minimum the following should be readily available from vendor:

1. product item code and description with name of vendor and product name/number clearly visible
2. shipping date(s)
3. all other packaging codes needed to identify the recalled products
4. how to isolate product and disposal protocols
5. how to document for reimbursement from vendor

The vendor should contact the current director of the School Nutrition Program, the Anderson County School Nutrition USDA manager, or the purchasing agent if they cannot make contact with the first two agents in order to begin the recall protocols.

BID PACKAGE:

- Solicitation
- USDA Statement
- Lobbying Form
- Debarment Form
- Item Specifications
- Item Bid Sheet for Pricing
- Additional Anderson County Purchasing Document

Anderson County, TN, Government administers all aspects of procurement for the School Nutrition Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture Non Discrimination Statement follows:

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at:

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. mail:
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. fax:
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. email:
Program.Intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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 _____

Bid Pricing Sheet Vendor—complete right 2 columns and total cost for estimated usage at bottom

Vendor _____ Date _____

Item	Fully cooked pizza, ready to serve, delivered in box and cut into 8 equal slices, enriched flour crust. Each slice should provide the National School Lunch requirement of 2 meat/meat alternates and 2 grain servings and 1/8 red orange vegetable at a minimum.	Estimated Usage, whole pizzas for approximately 34 weeks.	Price per pizza	Extended price (usage times price)
1	14" Pizza, enriched flour hand tossed crust with reduced sodium, reduced fat pepperoni and light mozzarella cheese <500mg sodium and <300 calories per slice. Meets a 2 grain, 2 meat/meat alternate, 1/8 cup red orange vegetable National School Lunch meal pattern per slice	6000 for School Year		
2	14" Pizza, enriched flour hand tossed crust with light mozzarella cheese <500mg sodium and 300 calories per slice made with light mozzarella cheese, <500mg sodium and <300 calories per slice. Meets a 2 grain, 2 meat/meat alternate, 1/8c red orange vegetable National School Lunch meal pattern per slice	500 for School Year		
3	Gluten free pizza crust, with light mozzarella cheese with <500mg sodium and 300 calories per slice made with light mozzarella cheese, <500mg sodium and <300 calories per slice. Meets a 2 grain, 2 meat/meat alternate, 1/8c red orange vegetable National School Lunch meal pattern per slice	70 for School Year		
4	Gluten free pizza crust, with reduced sodium, reduced fat pepperoni and light mozzarella cheese <500mg sodium and <300 calories per slice. Meets a 2 grain, 2 meat/meat alternate, 1/8 cup red orange vegetable National School Lunch meal pattern per slice	100 for School Year		
	<u>NOTE CRUST IS ENRICHED FLOUR AND NOT WHOLE GRAIN</u>			
	<u>TOTAL BID PRICE</u>			\$

Delivery Point of Origin Form

School Calendar can be found at: www.acs.ac

<u>Cafeteria Location</u>	<u>Number of Deliveries on one day a week either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday</u>	<u>Estimated Pizzas on Delivery Day</u>	<u>Store Location Providing Pizza, Address and Phone Number with contact name</u>
Anderson County High , 130 Maverick Circle, Clinton, TN 37716	<u>1</u>	<u>May be added later</u>	
Clinton High School, 425 Dragon Drive, Clinton, TN 37716	<u>1</u>	<u>May be added later</u>	
Clinton Middle, 110 N Hicks Street, Clinton, TN 37716	<u>3</u>	<u>40</u>	
Norris Middle, 5 Norris Square, Norris, TN 37828	<u>3</u>	<u>50</u>	
Lake City Middle, 1132 S Main Street, Lake City, TN 37769	<u>3</u>	<u>30</u>	
Norwood Middle, 655 Tri-County BLVD, Oliver Springs, TN 37840	<u>2</u>	<u>15</u>	
Clinch River Community School , 160 Maverick Circle, Clinton, TN 37716	<u>1</u>	<u>15</u>	



STATE OF TENNESSEE

BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT CERTIFICATION

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency.

APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18 – CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING – REQUIRED FOR CONTRACTS OVER \$100,000 *Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements*

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

- 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 an 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 any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- 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 contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

The Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Authorized Representative	Date
Printed Name and Title	Phone Number / Email Address



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

The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a, as amended). This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and 2 CFR §§ 180.300, 180.335, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were amended and published on August 31, 2005, in 70 Fed. Reg. 51865-51880. Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency offering the proposed covered transaction.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0505-0027. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The provisions of appropriate criminal or civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided.

(Read instructions on page two before completing certification.)

- A. 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;
- B. 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	PR/AWARD NUMBER OR PROJECT NAME
NAME(S) AND TITLE(S) OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE(S)	
SIGNATURE	DATE

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint](#) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Instructions for Certification

- (1) By signing and submitting this form, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out on page 1 in accordance with these instructions.
- (2) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.
- (3) The prospective lower tier participant must provide immediate written notice to the person(s) to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (4) The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549, at 2 CFR Parts 180 and 417. You may contact the Department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- (5) The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it may not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the Department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- (6) The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- (7) A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the General Services Administration's System for Award Management Exclusions database.
- (8) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- (9) Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (5) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Attachment 1
BID NUMBER: 2520 – Pizza

SECTION 1 - BID INFORMATION

Acknowledgment of Addenda (if any):
(Write "Yes" if received)

Addenda 1 _____ Addenda 2 _____
Addenda 3 _____ Addenda 4 _____

SECTION 2 - VENDOR INFORMATION

Vendor Name _____

Vendor Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Lead Contact Person *(Please Print)* _____

E-Mail Address _____

Taxpayer Identification Number, Social Security or
Employer Identification Number: _____

State of Tennessee Business License Number:
License # _____

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 this form affirms that the original Invitation for Bid document has not been altered in any way.

Authorizing Signature:

(Please sign original in blue ink)

Attachment 2

Non-Collusion Affidavit

- This Non-Collusion Affidavit is material to any contract awarded pursuant to this bid.
- This Non-Collusion Affidavit must be executed by the member, officer, or employee of the bidder who makes the final decision on prices and the amount quoted in the bid.
- Bid rigging and other efforts to restrain competition and the making of false sworn statements in connection with the submission of bids are unlawful and may be subject to criminal prosecution. The person who signs the affidavit should examine it carefully before signing and assure himself or herself that such statement is true and accurate, making diligent inquiry, as necessary, of all other persons employed by or associated with the bidder with responsibilities for the preparation, approval, or submission of the bid.
- In the case of a bid submitted by a joint venture, each party to the venture must be identified in the bid documents, and an affidavit must be submitted separately on behalf of each party.
- The term "complementary bid" as used in the affidavit has the meaning commonly associated with that term in the bidding process and includes the knowing submission of bids higher than the bid of another firm, an intentionally high or noncompetitive bid, and any other form of bid submitted for the purpose of giving a false appearance of competition.
- Failure to file an affidavit in compliance with these instructions may result in disqualification of the bid.

Non-Collusion Affidavit

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I state that I am (Title) _____ of (Name of My Firm) _____ and that I am authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of my firm and its owners, directors, and officers. I am the person responsible in my firm to the price(s) and the amount of this bid.

I STATE THAT:

- The price(s) and amount of this bid have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other contractor, bidder, or potential bidder.
- Neither the price(s) nor the amount of this bid and neither the approximate price(s) nor approximate amount of this bid, have been disclosed to any other firm or person who is a bidder or potential bidder, and they will not be disclosed before bid opening.
- No attempt has been made or will be made to induce any firm or person to refrain from bidding on this contract, or to submit a bid higher than this bid, or to submit any intentionally high or noncompetitive bid or other form of complementary bid.
- The bid of my firm is made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement from, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive bid.
- (Name of My Firm) _____, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not in the last three years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by State of Federal law in any jurisdiction involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract, except as follows:

I state that (Name of My Firm) _____ understands and acknowledges that the above representation are material and important and will be relied on by Anderson County in awarding the contract(s) for which this bid is submitted. I understand and my firm understands that any misstatement in this affidavit is and shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from Anderson County of the true facts relating to submission of bids for this contract.

Representative's Signature Title

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public My commission expires: _____

Attachment 3



DIVERSITY BUSINESS INFORMATION

Definitions for Determining Minority, Women And Small-Owned Firms

The guidelines for determining minority, women and small-owned firms are defined as follows:

- "MINORITY"** means a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:
- o Black (a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa);
 - o Hispanic (a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race);
 - o Asian American (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands); or
 - o American Indian and Alaskan Native (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America).

"MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE" shall mean a minority business:

A continuing, independent, for profit business which performs a commercially useful function, and is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more minority individuals; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned and controlled by one or more minorities. Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of minority individuals. "Control" as used in the above clause, means exercising the power to make policy decision. "Operate," as used in the above clause, means being actively involved in the day-to-day management of the business.

"WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE" shall mean women business:

A continuing, independent, for profit business which performs a commercially useful function, and which is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned and controlled by one or more women. Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of such individuals. "Control" as used in the above clause, means exercising the power to make policy decision. "Operate," as used in the above clause, means being actively involved in the day-to-day management of the business.

Attachment 3

**DIVERSITY BUSINESS INFORMATION
ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

NOTE: This form is to be submitted only by those who qualify. Bidders do not have to be a minority business to be considered.

IMPORTANT! NOTARY AND COPY OF CERTIFICATION REQUIRED

SECTION 6 – DIVERSITY INFORMATION

VENDOR/CONTRACTOR NAME: _____

Type of Company: (Check One)

() Corporation () Partnership () Limited Liability () Sole Proprietor

Is your company 51% Owned or Operated by a Minority Group? Yes ___ No___

If yes, check the ethnic category and indicate % of ownership:

- American Indian/Alaskan Native ____%
- African American ____%
- Hispanic ____%
- Asian/Pacific Islander ____%
- Other ____% _____ (please indicate).

Please name the entity of certification: _____

Please provide copy of certification letter or certificate

I, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: _____ **OFFICER OF THE COMPANY**

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

STATE OF _____)

COUNTY OF _____)

ON _____, 20____, BEFORE ME, _____,

PERSONALLY APPEARED _____, PERSONALLY KNOWN TO ME (OR PROVED TO ME ON THE BASIS OF SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE) TO BE THE PERSON(S) WHOSE NAME(S) IS/ARE SUBSCRIBED TO THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGED TO ME THAT HE/SHE/ THEY EXECUTED THE SAME IN HIS/HER/ THEIR AUTHORIZED CAPACITY(IES), AND THAT BY HIS/HER/ THEIR SIGNATURE(S) ON THE INSTRUMENT THE PERSON(S), OR THE ENTITY UPON BEHALF OF WHICH THE PERSON (S) ACTED, EXECUTED THE INSTRUMENT.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL.

SIGNATURE OF NOTARY: _____

PRINTED FULL NAME OF NOTARY: _____

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____

**Attachment 4
Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment**

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.

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|----|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Workers Compensation
Employers Liability | Statutory limits
100,000/100,000/500,000 |
| 2. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Commercial General Liability | \$500,000 per occurrence
\$1,000,000 aggregate |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Occurrence Form Only | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Include Premises Liability | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Include Contractual | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Include XCU | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Include Products and Completed Operations | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Include Personal Injury | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Include Independent Contractors | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Include Vendors Liability | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Include Professional or E&O Liability | |
| 3. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Auto | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Include Garage Liability | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Include Garage Keepers Liability | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Copy of Valid Driver's License | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Copy of Current Motor Vehicle Record | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Copy of Current Auto Liability Declarations Page | |
| 4. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Crime Coverages | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Employee Dishonesty | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Employee Dishonesty Bond | |
| 5. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Property Coverages | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Builders Risk | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Inland Marine | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | |
| 6. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Performance Bond Required – A <u>One Hundred Percent (100%)</u> performance or an irrevocable letter of credit in favor of Anderson County Government at a federally insured financial institution in accordance with T.C.A. 12-4-201. This <u>MUST</u> be submitted before purchase order issued. REQUIRED IF BID IS OVER \$100,000. | |

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

Attachment 5
ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT/STATEMENT

NOTE: PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN PAGE TWO IN YOUR BID PACKET.

T. C. A. 5-14-114. Conflicts of interest -- Illegal payments.

(a) Neither the county purchasing agent, nor members of the county purchasing commission, nor members of the county legislative body, nor other officials of the county, shall be financially interested, or have any personal beneficial interest, either directly or indirectly, in any contract or purchase order for any supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services used by or furnished to any department or agency of the county government.

(b) Nor shall any such persons accept or receive, directly or indirectly, from any person, firm or corporation to which any contract or purchase order may be awarded, by rebate, gift or otherwise, any money or anything of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation or contract for future reward or compensation.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class D felony.

T. C. A. 12-4-101 Personal interest of officers prohibited.

(a) (1) It is unlawful for any officer, committee member, director, or other person whose duty it is to vote for, let out, overlook, or in any manner to superintend any work or any contract in which any municipal corporation, county, state, development district, utility district, human resource agency, or other political subdivision created by statute shall or may be interested, to be directly interested in any such contract. "Directly interested" means any contract with the official personally or with any business in which the official is the sole proprietor, a partner, or the person having the controlling interest. "Controlling interest" includes the individual with the ownership or control of the largest number of outstanding shares owned by any single individual or corporation. This subdivision (a)(1) shall not be construed to prohibit any officer, committee person, director, or any person, other than a member of a local governing body of a county or municipality, from voting on the budget, appropriation resolution, or tax rate resolution, or amendments thereto, unless the vote is on a specific amendment to the budget or a specific appropriation or resolution in which such person is directly interested.

(2) (A) Subdivision (a)(1) shall also apply to a member of the board of directors of any not-for-profit corporation authorized by the laws of Tennessee to act for the benefit or on behalf of any one (1) or more counties, cities, towns and local governments pursuant to title 7, chapter 54 or 58.

(B) Subdivision (a)(2)(A) does not apply to any county with a metropolitan form of government and having a population of four hundred thousand (400,000) or more, according to the 1980 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

(b) It is unlawful for any officer, committee member, director, or other person whose duty it is to vote for, let out, overlook, or in any manner to superintend any work or any contract in which any municipal corporation, county, state, development district, utility district, human resource agency, or other political subdivision created by statute shall or may be interested, to be indirectly interested in any such contract unless the officer publicly acknowledges such officer's interest. "Indirectly interested" means any contract in which the officer is interested but not directly so, but includes contracts where the officer is directly interested but is the sole supplier of goods or services in a municipality or county.

Attachment 5
ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT/STATEMENT

(c) (1) Any member of a local governing body of a county or a municipality who is also an employee of such county or municipality and whose employment predates the member's initial election or appointment to the governing body of the county or municipality may vote on matters in which the member has a conflict of interest if the member informs the governing body immediately prior to the vote as follows: "Because I am an employee of (name of governmental unit), I have a conflict of interest in the proposal about to be voted. However, I declare that my argument and my vote answer only to my conscience and to my obligation to my constituents and the citizens this body represents." The vote of any such member having a conflict of interest who does not so inform the governing body of such conflict shall be void if challenged in a timely manner. As used in this subdivision (c)(1), "timely manner" means during the same meeting at which the vote was cast and prior to the transaction of any further business by the body.

(2) Any member of a local governing body of a county or a municipality who is also an employee of such county or municipality and whose employment began on or after the date on which the member was initially elected or appointed to serve on the governing body of the county or municipality shall not vote on matters in which the member has a conflict of interest.

(3) (A) In the event a member of a local governing body of a county or a municipality has a conflict of interest in a matter to be voted upon by the body, such member may abstain for cause by announcing such to the presiding officer.

(B) (i) Any member of a local governing body of a municipality who abstains from voting for cause on any issue coming to a vote before the body shall not be counted for the purpose of determining a majority vote.

(ii) This subdivision (c)(3)(B) shall in no way be construed to apply to any county having a metropolitan form of government and having a population in excess of five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

(d) This section shall apply to a member of the board of directors or officer of any nonprofit corporation required under § 8-44-102(b)(1)(E) to conduct all meetings of its governing body as open meetings.

I have read and understand ***both*** T.C. A. 5-14-114 and T. C. A. 12-4-101, and will comply.

NOTE: PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN PAGE TWO IN YOUR BID PACKET.

Contractor or Company Owner (signature)

Date

Contractor or Company Name (print)

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	CONTRACT NUMBER
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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 _____

General Terms and Conditions

BID ENVELOPE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Bids are to 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 is delivered to the Purchasing Department.

Please note that Anderson County Government does not receive a guaranteed delivery time for express mail and/or packages. PLEASE MAIL ACCORDINGLY.

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

Email: purchasing@andersoncountyttn.gov

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

(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: Pursuant to TCA §12-4-113, questions regarding the specifications or bid procedures must be received by the Purchasing Agent and/or designer no less than ninety-six (96) hours before the bid opening date. No addenda within less than forty-eight (48) hours of the bid opening date shall be permitted. 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: Contracted vendors 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. Any 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 meets or exceeds 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 requested in the Invitation to Bid. Comparable products of other manufacturers will be considered if proof of comparability is contained in the bid submission. It shall be the responsibility of the vendors, including vendors whose product is referenced to furnish upon request catalog pages, brochures or other data to 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 may consider multiple bid awards.

1.11 STATE OF TENNESSEE CONTRACTORS' LICENSE LAW (T.C.A. 62-6-119) b): Bids for which the total cost of the project is twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more, 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. 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 and 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 BIDDER'S MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bidders must have the resources and capability to provide the materials and services as described in the solicitation. Anderson County reserves the right to request additional information and/or material not specified as a bid requirement from any bidder to confirm qualifications.

1.15 DEBARMENT: By submitting a response to this solicitation, bidders are certifying that bidder is not currently debarred from doing business with any local or state Government or the Federal Government. Bidders shall provide documentation relating to any and all debarments that occurred within the last ten

years. The County will search the "System for Award Management" for federally excluded vendors before awarding a bid.

1.16 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 Committee, 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 REACHED OR THE COMPLAINANT WITHDRAWS THE APPEAL.

1.17 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 the bid requirements.

1.18 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.

1.19 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.

1.20 DUPLICATE COPIES: Vendors are to submit one original and at least one exact copy of their bids, including brochures; unless additional copies are requested in bid specifications.

1.21 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 with five (5) or more employees that will be providing construction services are to return the provided 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.

1.22 COMPETITION INTENDED: 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 no less than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the time set for the bid opening.

1.23 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.

1.24 TERMINATION: Anderson County reserves the right to terminate contracts 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.

1.25 OSHA SAFETY: The Vendor 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.

1.26 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.

1.27 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.

1.28 AWARD RESULTS: As soon as practicable after proposal or bid evaluations, Anderson County shall post the award decision to Vendor Registry at www.vendorregistry.com. Individual notices are normally not mailed or e-mailed except to the successful vendor.

1.29 INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS: Vendor 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 Vendor, its subcontractors, suppliers, agents, or employees or due to any negligent act or occurrence or any omission or commission of Vendor, its subcontractors, suppliers, agents or employees.

1.30 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.

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

1.32 APPROPRIATION: Funding for multi-year contracts are subject to budget appropriations. 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 of a contract, then that 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.

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

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

1.35 UNIT PRICE: 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.

1.36 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 shall 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.

1.37 PRE-BID CONFERENCES: Attendance at Pre-bid Conferences is strongly encouraged. When deemed necessary a Mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held. A company representative **MUST** be in attendance and sign the Pre-bid sign-in sheet in order to be considered for bid award.

1.38 ADDENDUM: § T.C.A. 12-14-113 Anderson County Government reserves the right to amend this solicitation by addendum. Addenda will be posted to the vendor registry 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. Addenda may change specifications, reply sheets, and times and dates for pre-bid meetings as well as due dates/deadlines for questions and bids/proposals.

1.39 OWNERSHIP: All bids, once received, become property of Anderson County Government and will not be returned.

1.40 WEATHER AND COURTHOUSE CLOSINGS: In the event of a situation severe enough to necessitate the closing of Anderson County Government offices during a planned bid opening, vendors will receive notification of the new date and time upon re-opening of county government offices. No bids will be opened until the rescheduled date for bid opening and all bidders/proposers whose submissions meet the extended deadline will be given equal consideration at that time. Anderson County shall not be liable for any commercial carrier's decision regarding deliveries during inclement weather.

1.41 IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2014: Pursuant to the Iran Divestment Act of 2014, Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106 requires the State of Tennessee Chief Procurement Officer to publish, using creditable information freely available to the public, a list of persons it determines engage in investment activities in Iran, as described in § 12-12-105. Inclusion on this list makes a person ineligible to contract with Anderson County; if a person ceases its engagement in investment activities in Iran, it may be removed from the list. The State of Tennessee list is available here: [http://tennessee.gov/generalservices/article/ Public-Information-library](http://tennessee.gov/generalservices/article/Public-Information-library).

1.42 ANTI-BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL: By responding to this bid the Bidder certifies that it is not currently engaged in and agrees for the duration of this Agreement not to engage in, the boycott of Israel.