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INVITATION FOR BID

Paper Products

Specialty Paper Goods

Issued on: August 14, 2020

Final Date for Written Questions:

08/19/2020, 2020

Bid Due Date: August 31, 2020 at 11 am, EST.

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, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

The program applicant hereby agrees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.); all provisions required by the implementing regulations of the Department of Agriculture; Department of Justice Enforcement Guidelines, 28 CFR Part 50.3 and 42; and FNS directives and guidelines, to the effect that, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the program applicant receives Federal financial assistance from FNS; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

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DEFINITIONS

Addendum - A change, addition, alteration, correction or revision to a bid or contract document.

Bidder - A firm, individual, or corporation submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

Bid Unit - The unit designation which shall be applicable to all pricing offered for bid evaluation purposes. Unit cost, freight, fixed fee, estimated usage and the extended cost shall be stated in terms of the designated bid unit. In some instances, the bid unit and the package unit may be the same.

Contractor - The provider of the goods and/ or services under the Contract.

Contract Documents - Consist of the Agreement between the Board/SNP and the Contractor, terms and conditions, schedule, specifications, drawings, any and all addenda, errata, and bulletins issued prior to execution of the contract, other documents listed in the Agreement, and modifications issued after execution of the contract.

Damaged Item- Refers to an item that has sustained damage that would allow spillage from the original container, a loss or disfigurement of a label that would hinder identification, contaminated package that would affect the content of that package or any other happening that would affect the quality and/or quantity of the original item.

Dry Food Product - A dry product that does NOT require freezing or refrigeration.

Invitation for Bid (IFB) - A type of solicitation document used in competitive sealed bidding, where the primary consideration is cost and the expectation is that competitive bids will be received and an acceptance (award) will be made to the responsive and responsible Bidder whose bid is lowest in price. An IFB is a formal method of procurement that uses sealed bidding and results in a fixed price contract with or without adjustment factors. The IFB must be publicly advertised and bids shall be solicited from an adequate number of known suppliers, providing them with sufficient time to respond prior to the date set for opening the bids.

Pack size - With some items the bid unit does not represent a package configuration by which the item would normally be purchased. In such instances, the Bidder will be required to bid according to the designated bid unit and state how the product will be packaged and must provide a cost for purchase unit.

Purchase Unit - The package configuration (case, carton, box, bag, etc.) by which the product would normally be sold. This shall also mean packaging being referred to when the term "case price" is applicable.

Solicitation - A document used by the Board/SNP to acquire goods and /or services. Solicitations must incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Solicitations must also identify all the requirements which the Bidders must fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating the bids or proposals.

NSLP - National School Lunch Program

SBP - School Breakfast Program

SNP – School Nutrition Program

SECTION 1 TRANSMITTAL PAGE

The Bibb County School District Board of Education, School Nutrition Program (Board/SNP) is requesting sealed bids for Specialty Paper Goods. Bids are due by **11 AM EST August 31, 2020**. Bids will be opened on August 31st, 2020.

Bids shall be emailed, mailed or delivered to the Procurement Services Department, attention Elaine Wilson, Procurement Director 4580 Cavalier Dr, Macon GA 31220. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and marked "IFB for Specialty Paper Goods."

Questions regarding this Invitation for Bid shall be directed to Elaine Wilson, Procurement Services 478-779-3526 or Elaine.Wilson@bcsdk12.net. The above named shall be held harmless for messages not received.

Bidders may download solicitations by going to: [Vendor Registry](https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/BidsList?BuyerId=cb02c1e8-85cd-469b-bbec-b39f7503dbeb) or <https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/BidsList?BuyerId=cb02c1e8-85cd-469b-bbec-b39f7503dbeb> select the appropriate bid under "Description." Please download the Invitation to Bid and Procurement List.

I. INTENT

- a) It shall be the intent and purpose of this Invitation for Bid (IFB) to cover the terms and conditions under which a successful Bidder shall be responsible to supply and deliver Specialty Paper Goods to the Bibb County School District Board of Education, School Nutrition Program through sealed bids.
- b) The Board/SNP is seeking to identify and select one (1) or more vendors to provide the items as listed in the attached Specialty Paper Products list (Attachment E). The selected vendor(s) shall provide products in accordance with the Standard Terms and Conditions, Special Terms and Conditions, the IFB and any applicable Addenda.
- c) The Board/SNP reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or to accept any part of a bid without accepting the whole thereof, or to accept such bid as they deem to be in the best interest of the Board/SNP.

II. CONTRACT TIME PERIOD

- a) **Initial Term** - The initial term of this contract, which results from the award of this IFB, shall commence the September 1, 2020 and terminate June 30, 2021.
- b) **Renewal Option** - This contract may be renewed up to 4 - one-year options at the same terms and conditions by mutual agreement of both parties in written form.

III. BID SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

The Board/SNP is not liable for any costs incurred by Bidders prior to issuance of or entering into a contract. Costs associated with developing the bid, preparing for oral presentations, and any other expenses incurred by the Bidder in responding to this IFB are entirely the responsibility of the Bidder, and shall not be reimbursed in any manner by the Board/SNP.

- a) Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope. The outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked, **“IFB for Specialty Paper Goods.”** All excel price quotes shall also be included in the Bid Packet as a PDF Document. All excel price quote spreadsheets must be submitted on a flash drive in excel format.
- b) Bids must be received at the Procurement Services Office no later than August xx, 2020 by 2:00 p.m. EST.
- c) Late bids will not be accepted, reviewed or acted upon. The Board/SNP shall not be responsible for late receipt of bids. Bids must be mailed or delivered in time to reach the Procurement Services Office by the designated deadline. Emailed or faxed bids are not acceptable and will not be considered. The excel price list shall be mailed with the bid as well as emailed to Elaine.Wilson@bcsdk12.net. Bids must be mailed or delivered to:

Bibb County School District
 Procurement Services Department
 4580 Cavalier Dr
 Macon, GA 31220

- e) The Procurement Services has the right to waive any and all informalities.

IV. BID OPENING DATE/TIME/PLACE

Issue of Bid /Request for Proposals and Procurement list posted on website: BCSD Solicitations From Bibb County School District Go to “Description” then click on the link. Registration required.	August 31, 2020
Deadline for submitting bids	11 AM EST, Monday, August 31, 2020

V. AWARD DETERMINATION STATEMENT

- a) This IFB is intended to be awarded to **a single** and to result in a firm fixed price contract. **All bid prices shall remain firm for the entire contract** Award Date until 06/30/2021.
- b) The award of this IFB is contingent upon available budget funds and approval of the Bibb County School District Board of Education and School Nutrition Program.
- c) The Board/SNP will award the contract(s) to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder(s) meeting all terms, conditions, and specifications of the IFB on an item by item basis, within 2 weeks of closing. The Board/SNP reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to accept or reject any and all bids or parts thereof.
- d) An official letter of acceptance will be forwarded by the Procurement Director on behalf of the District and Executive Director of School Nutrition to the successful Bidder(s) after bid selection and prior to contract award.

- e) Upon acceptance and award of a vendor's bid, the contract between the Bidder(s) and the Board/SNP shall be drafted from (a) the IFB and addenda, (b) the selected bid response to the IFB by the Bidder(s) and any attachments thereto, and (c) all written and electronic communications between the Board/SNP and the Bidder(s) concerning the transactions. The contract shall constitute the entire and only agreement and shall supersede all prior negotiations, commitments, understandings, or agreements, whether oral or written.

VI. SYSTEM CONTACT INFORMATION

- a) This Invitation for Bid (IFB) is issued by Bibb County School District Board of Education, and School Nutrition Program. All inquiries, clarifications, or interpretations regarding this IFB should be directed in writing to:

Bibb County Procurement Services
 Elaine Wilson, Director
 4580 Cavalier Dr Macon, GA 31220

- b) Responses to inquiries that affect the content of this IFB will be provided in writing to all recipients of the IFB. It is the responsibility of each Bidder to inquire about any aspect of the IFB that is not fully understood or is believed to be susceptible to more than one interpretation. The Board/SNP will accept only written inquiries regarding this IFB until August 19th, 2020 in order for a reply to reach all Bidders before the bid closes and to give bidders ample time to respond to any Addenda. Any information given to a prospective Bidder concerning an IFB will be furnished to all prospective Bidders as an Addendum to the IFB if such information is necessary or if the lack of such information would be prejudicial to uninformed Bidders.

VII. VENDOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Vendor Company Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Contact Person	
Telephone	
Email address	

SECTION 2 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This contract between the Bibb County School District Board of Education and the Vendor shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia and all applicable Federal regulations.

I. LOBBYING CERTIFICATE (for bids over \$100k)

Per CFR 7.3018 - A Lobbying Certification and Disclosure must be completed for all bids \$100,000 and over. Please see and complete Attachment C.

II. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION VERIFICATION

Institutions shall solicit offers from, award contracts to, and consent to subcontracts with responsible contractors and/or principals only. The serious nature of debarment and suspension requires that sanctions be imposed only in the public interest for the Government's protection and not for purposes of punishment. Institutions shall impose debarment or suspension to protect the Government's interest and only for the causes and in accordance with the procedures set forth in CFR 200.213.

The Contractor certifies that the Contractor and/or any of its subcontractors or principals have not been debarred, suspended, or declared ineligible by any agency of the State of Georgia or any agency of the Federal government or as defined in the 2 CFR 200.213 which states "Non-federal entities are subject to the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, 2 CFR part 180. These regulations restrict awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs or activities." The Contractor will immediately notify the School Food Authority if Contractor is debarred or placed on the Consolidated List of Debarred, Suspended, and Ineligible Contractors by a federal entity.

By signing this agreement, the bidder is testifying that they are not debarred, are not suspended, or have any ineligible or voluntary exclusions with the U.S. Department of Agriculture or any other Federal or State Agency. All responses will be verified. Sign form Attachment A.

III. REMEDY FOR NON-PERFORMANCE/ TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

a) **Termination** -The Bibb County School District Board of Education reserves the right, at any time and for its convenience, to terminate the contract in whole or in any separable part by written notice to vendor. Such notice shall be provided at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended termination date. Vendor shall be compensated for Goods accepted and for Services performed in accordance with the provisions of the contract up to the effective date of termination, less any payments previously made by the Board/SNP for such Goods or Services, but in no event shall vendor be entitled to recover loss of profits.

b) In the event that either the vendor or the Board/SNP defaults in the performance of any obligation specified in the contract, the non-defaulting party shall notify the other party in writing and may suspend the contract, in whole or in part, pending remedy of the default. If such default is not remedied within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of such notice or if the other party is diligently attempting to cure such default but is unable to cure such default within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such notice, then the non-defaulting party shall have the right to terminate the contract immediately by providing written notice of termination to the other party.

IV. HUB STATEMENT (7CFR3016.36(e))

It is the intent of the Bibb County School District Board of Education to provide maximum practicable opportunities in its solicitations to minority firms, women's business enterprises and labor surplus area firms.

V. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE STATEMENT (for bids over \$10k)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992. (Voice) Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). Or Employment Complaints Division, Office of Adjudication; USDA Patriot Plaza III, 355 E Street SW, 7th Floor; Washington DC 20024; (facsimile) (202) 205-8206; (electronic mail) ECD@ascr.usda.gov . USDA is an equal opportunity provider.

VI. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT STATEMENT

Compliance with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Public Law 94-163, 89 Stat.871).

VII. CLEAN AIR/ CLEAN WATER STATEMENT (for bids over \$150K)

Compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)) Clean Air and Water Certification. Contractor certifies that none of the facilities it uses to produce goods provided under the Contract are on the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) List of Violating Facilities. Contractor will immediately notify the School Food Authority of the receipt of any communication indicating that any of Contractor's facilities are under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

VIII. CIVIL RIGHTS ASSURANCE STATEMENT

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, marital status, family/parental status. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider.

IX. RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS CLAUSE

The Contractor shall maintain books, records and documents in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and procedures and which sufficiently and properly document and calculate all

charges billed to the Bibb County School District Board of Education, School Nutrition Program throughout the term of the Contract for a period of at least five (5) years following the date of final payment or completion of any required audit, whichever is later. Records to be maintained include both financial records and service records.

The Contractor shall permit the Auditor of the State of Georgia or any authorized representative of the School Food Authority, and where federal funds are involved, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any other authorized representative of the United States government, to access and examine, audit, excerpt and transcribe any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, electronic or optically stored and created records or other records of the Contractor relating to orders, invoices or payments or any other documentation or materials pertaining to the Contract, wherever such records may be located during normal business hours. The Contractor shall not impose a charge for audit or examination of the Contractor's books and records. If an audit discloses incorrect billings or improprieties, the State and/or the Bibb County School District Board of Education reserve the right to charge the Contractor for the cost of the audit and appropriate reimbursement. Evidence of criminal conduct will be turned over to the proper authorities.

X. BID PROTEST PROCEDURES

Protests: A protest shall comply with and be resolved according to Georgia Code. All protest shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the address of the individual listed in the "if you have questions" on the Invitation to bid. A protest of a solicitation shall be received by the named individual before the offer due date. A protest of a proposed award or of an award shall be filed within ten days after the protestor knows or should have known the basis of the protest.

A protest shall include:

- _ the name, address, and telephone number of the protestor;
- _ the signature of the protestor or an authorized representative of the protestor;
- _ Identification of the purchasing agency and the solicitation or contract number;
- _ a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest including copies of relevant documents;
- _ The form of relief requested;

The Bibb County School District Board of Education shall in all instances disclose information regarding protests to State Agency.

XI. NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT

"I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, or equipment, and is in all respect fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand that collusive bidding is a violation of State and Federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid, and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the Bidder per I.C. 5-22-16-6. I further certify that the provisions of the official code have not and will not be violated in any respect."

XII. CODE OF CONDUCT

Per regulation 7CFR3016.36(3) “bid documents must contain a written code of conduct governing the performance of their employees engaged in the award and administration of contracts.” A Code of Conduct is required in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements 2 CFR Part 200.318(c)(1), State Procurement Code and Regulations, and Bibb County School District Department of Purchasing.

The Bibb County School District maintains the following code of conduct for any employees engaged in award and administration of contracts supported by Federal Funds:

- Employees, officers, and/or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, gifts, travel packages, or anything of substantial or monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to sub agreements and other incentives from prospective contractors. However, the SFA may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial, or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value.
- Employees, officers (that is, any member of the Board), and agents shall not participate in the selection, award and administration of any contract to an entity in which they have a pecuniary interest or from which they derive a profit or in which a dependent of the employee, officer (that is, any member of the Board), or agent has a pecuniary interest or from which the dependent derives a profit.
- Professional staff members shall not accept any form of compensation from vendors that might influence their recommendations on or raise a conflict of interest with respect to the eventual purchase of equipment, supplies, or services. Furthermore, professional staff members shall not accept any compensation from a vendor after a decision has been made to purchase equipment, supplies, or services from said vendor. In addition, professional staff members who recommend purchases shall not enter into a contractual arrangement with a vendor seeking to do business with the Corporation or a vendor with whom the Corporation is doing business, whereby an individual professional staff member receives compensation in any form for services rendered.
- The purchase during the school day of any food or service from a contractor for individual use is prohibited.

XIII. DUTY TO EXAMINE

It is the responsibility of each bidder to examine the entire solicitation, seek clarification in writing, and check its offer for accuracy before submitting the offer. Lack of care in preparing an offer shall not be grounds for withdrawing the offer after the offer due date and time nor shall it give rise to any contract claim.

XIV. EXCEPTIONS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A bid that takes exception to a material requirement of any part of this solicitation, including a material term and condition, shall be rejected.

SECTION 3 SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. **HACCP REQUIREMENTS**

The Board/SNP expects a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) plan to be in place by potential vendors and their manufacturers. Prior to awarding the bid, the Board/SNP will require documentation verifying that a written HACCP plan is followed.

II. **PROPRIETARY INFORMATION:** (Particularly applicable to purchase systems that require a vendor to include the cost paid for a product and where promotional allowances are offered)

If a bidder submits any document with the bid that is considered to be proprietary in nature or is considered to be a trade secret, the bidder shall notify the school district that the documents are included in the bid. The school district will honor the request unless or until a competing bidder asks to have access to the information. In such case, the school district will notify the affected bidder that a challenge has been made. If the affected bidder can produce a court issued restraining order within ten calendar days subsequent to the notification, the information will remain confidential and shall not be released pending subsequent court action. If the restraining order is not received within the ten working day period, the information will be released, and the school district shall not be held liable.

III. **TRADE NAME, CHILD NUTRITION (CN) LABELS AND GRADE**

a) Bidders are required to list packer, manufacturer, manufacturer's code (item number) brand, where indicated on bid documents and if the item has a CN label.

b) The vendor shall submit CN labels; nutritional analysis sheets; ingredient lists; prep/cooking instructions; and reports indicating meat/meat alternates; grains; fruits and vegetables to document compliance with specifications along with the bid packet for all items bid on. All food items shall be properly labeled.

IV. **FOOD RELATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Inspection and Testing: The contractor agrees to permit access to its facilities at reasonable times for inspection of the materials covered under this contract, and the contractor's facilities. The school district shall also have the right to test at its own cost the materials supplied under this contract.

Net Container Quantity: The minimum net quantity of all products in cans and jars shall be in accord with the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act. The individual specifications for standard of fill for the products as prescribed in 21 CFR shall be applied.

Product Protection Guarantees: School districts have "automatic" product protection recourse against suppliers for product safety. According to Federal regulations, the supplier whose name and address appear on the package is the responsible party. Contractors are expected to take immediate action to correct any situation in which product integrity is violated.

Quantities: If any quantities are indicated on the product list, they are based on previous year's purchases and are accurate to the best of our ability. However, the bidder must understand that the fact that a quantity is stated on an item list does not constitute a guarantee to purchase any amount in excess of requirements.

Service Level: The contractor shall fill all original orders at a monthly average of 98% or above on the scheduled delivery day.

Brand identification: This is a qualified product specification. Bidders must bid on the specific name brand items requested. Deviations from this requirement will not be considered. When "or equal" is used in the item description column, the distributor may offer a price on any brand equal in minimum requirement, specification, quality. The brand and pack size on which the price is offered must be stated in the bid documents and cannot be changed during the effective period without the permission of the school district. If a similar product is bid in lieu of the name brand, CN labels, nutritional analysis sheets and other nutrition information must be included with the bid for crediting and nutrition comparison.

Standards of identity: All products must conform to U.S. minimum standards of identity as authorized by the Food Drug and Cosmetic Act and the supporting regulations in 21 CFR. Failure to comply, places the contractor in violation of the contract with the school district as well as Federal law.

Unit Price Prevails: Where applicable, in the case of discrepancy between the unit price or rate and the extension of that unit price or rate, the unit price or rate shall govern.

Units of Purchase: Whenever wholesale units of purchase are standardized, i.e., 4/250 ct sleeves, bag, box and the bid unit is specified as case, box, etc. If case, bag or box is the bid unit, then the description will specify the exact pack. When a potential contractor wishes to quote a pack size which is different from the unit specified in the product description, a different size may be quoted, but the total quantity must be adjusted. The specifications for that different product must be clearly listed in the bid list.

Changes of Purchase Unit: The Bidder shall always mark out the requested pack specified and insert the pack being bid. The adjustment shall be made in the total quantity and all fields necessary to ensure the item being bid is clear. **A change in the bid unit or cost per unit is not acceptable.** On items where the bid unit is specified in other terms, a space will be inserted by Bidder for potential contractor to enter the pack of the item being quoted. The potential contractor must complete this space when provided. If the pack size is followed by the word "only" the potential contractor must bid on the pack specified.

Drained weights: Drained weight of "wet pack" items shall conform to good industry practices and the minimum requirements of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act. The individual products shall conform to drained weights as prescribed in the individual specifications of each product in 21CFR. Except for whole tomatoes drained weight is not a factor in USDA grades.

Substitutions: If a contractor is temporarily out of stock of a particular item, an equal or superior product at an equal or lower price may be delivered, with prior approval of the school district. If a

contractor is unable to deliver a product or an approved substitute product, the school district shall, in good faith and in its sole discretion, purchase a product of equal or greater quality from another source. The contractor shall pay the difference in the amount paid for the substituted product and the amount of the contracted price.

V. METHOD OF PAYMENT and PRICING INFORMATION

- a) **Prices** - This bid will be for the 2020-21 school year.
- b) The successful Bidder warrants that the bid price(s), terms and conditions stated in his/her bid shall be firm through the bid process and until the time the award is made at which time prices shall remain firm and fixed for the entire contract period.
- c) All bid prices must include all charges for packing and transporting to the individual schools listed at the addresses on the Attachment D.
- d) Prices will not include Federal Excise Tax or State Sales Tax.
- e) The Board/SNP will make payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice for properly received goods and services after inspection and acceptance of the product by the Board/SNP. Advance billings are not allowed. Where partial delivery is made, invoice for such part shall be made upon delivery, and payment made within thirty (30) days under conditions as above.
- f) Invoicing
 - i) Invoices, at minimum, shall consist of the following information:
 1. Delivery location
 2. Item description and cost
 3. Extended cost for total quantity purchased
 4. Total cost of all products purchased
 - ii) Monthly statements will be broken down by school invoice and mailed to:
Dawn
484 Mulberry Street
Macon, GA 31220

VI. METHOD OF SHIPMENT/DELIVERY

- a) **Orders and deliveries** - Orders and deliveries shall be supplied by the vendor as requested and specified except during an emergency and on holidays. No partial deliveries will be accepted.
- b) All orders are to be delivered on days to the schools listed in Attachment D on days agreed to by both parties.
- c) All deliveries are to be F.O.B Destination to addresses as indicated on Attachment D.
- d) In an emergency situation in which the Board/SNP requires delivery in less than 2 days and the

vendor cannot provide the goods within the emergency delivery period, the Board/SNP has the option to purchase those goods from another source with no penalty to either party.

e)) Delivery schedules that fall on a holiday will be made the following business day.

f) Delivery of product must be made in a well-maintained refrigerated truck. All deliveries shall be placed in the area designated by the designee. Under no circumstances may a delivery be left outside the building. Deliveries must be received as specified.

VII. EVALUATION FACTORS

a) Bids will be evaluated in accordance with the required specifications as listed in this IFB. At the Board/SNP's discretion, a bid may be eliminated from consideration for failure to comply with any required specification, depending on the nature and extent of non-compliance. In addition to meeting mandated specifications, bids will be evaluated for the ability of the Bidder to provide, in the Board/SNP's opinion, the best overall solution to meet the Board/SNP's specifications.

b) The Board/SNP reserves the right to award a single contract for the total requirement of the IFB or award multiple contracts on a group or line item basis in any combination that best serves the interest of the Board/SNP.

VIII. ADDITIONAL BID INSTRUCTIONS

a) **Bid modifications** - Bids cannot be modified after receipt of bids. Care should be taken to ensure that information provided is accurate, complete, and consistent. Omission of any of the required information may subject the Bidder to disqualification. The Board/SNP reserves the right to request information or respond to inquiries for clarification purposes only.

b) **Bid withdrawal** - Bidders may withdraw bids at any time up to the scheduled time for receipt of bids. Bidders desiring to withdraw their bid must submit the purpose for withdrawal in writing to the School Nutrition Board/SNP before the bid opening deadline (bid close date). Bidders may resubmit bids provided it is prior to the scheduled time for receipt of bids.

c) **Addenda** -If clarification of the specifications/instructions is required the request shall be made in writing not later than seven working days prior to the time and date set for the bid opening. The school district will respond to the request in the form of an addendum issued to all potential bidders. No addenda will be issued within five working days of the date and time of bid opening. Should a question arise which requires clarification during this time period the date and time of bid opening may be delayed to allow issuing an addendum.

d) **Bid examination** -

i) Bidders shall carefully examine all documents in the solicitation to obtain knowledge of existing conditions, limitations, and requirements. Failure to examine the documents will not relieve the Bidder of responsibility for same nor will extra payment or change order requests be considered for conditions which could have been determined by examining the solicitation.

ii) Bids will be considered as conclusive evidence of complete examination and understanding

of the terms and conditions of the bid documents including the specifications and all requirements thereof of the IFB. It is understood that submission of a bid indicates full acceptance of the same by the parties submitting the bid. Furthermore, by submitting a bid the Bidder waives the right to claims for additional time or monetary compensation for all work without limit required to complete the contract which could have been obtained by the Bidder through examination of all documents or raising a question regarding requirements prior to submitting a bid.

e) Rejection or Disqualification of bids -

- i) A bid that is incomplete, obscure, conditioned or contains additions not called for or irregularities of any kind, (including alterations or erasures), which are not initialed, may be rejected as non-conforming.
- ii) The Board/SNP reserves the right to waive a bid's minor irregularities if rectified by Bidder within three business days of the Board/SNP's issuance of a documented notice of such irregularities.
- iii) The Board/SNP reserves the right to disqualify bids upon evidence of collusion with intent to defraud or other illegal practices upon the part of the Bidder.
- iv) Issuance of this IFB in no way constitutes a commitment by the Board/SNP to award a contract. The Board/SNP reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, all bids submitted and/or to cancel this solicitation if it is determined to be in the best interest of the Board/SNP.
- v) Any Bidder who has demonstrated poor performance during a current or previous Agreement with the Board/SNP may be considered a non-responsible Bidder and their bid may be rejected. The Board/SNP reserves the right to exercise this option as is deemed proper and/or necessary.
- vi) The Board/SNP reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or to accept any part of a bid without accepting the whole thereof, or to accept such bid as they deem to be in the best interest of the Board/SNP.

g) Offer Acceptance Period - Bid proposals are an irrevocable offer for 60 days after the bid opening time and date.

IX. ORDERING INFORMATION

- a) **Credit** - A credit or replacement will be issued for damaged or unacceptable food. All such transactions are to be worked out with each designee. Replacement of damaged or unacceptable food will be made no later than the next delivery date.
- b) **Inspection** - Upon delivery of product, the items will be inspected by the facility, and if found to be defective or failing in any way to meet specifications as indicated, the items may be rejected or returned. Problems found with products due to concealed damage will be addressed on a case by case basis. Rejected product must be picked up no later than the next delivery date.
- c) **Emergency orders** - In an emergency situation in which the Board/SNP requires delivery in less than two (2) days and the Contractor cannot provide the supplies within the emergency delivery period, the Board/SNP has the option to purchase those supplies from another source with no penalty to either

party.

d) **Estimated Quantities** – If a quantity is identified as “estimated” and it shall be understood and agreed that quantities listed are estimates only and may be increased or decreased. Therefore, if the amount ordered is less than that shown, that fact shall not constitute the basis for a price adjustment nor will the Board/SNP be responsible for ordering/paying for the resulting difference.

X. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACT

The contract between the Board/SNP and the vendor shall not be amended or modified, nor shall any of its terms be waived, except in writing and executed by both parties.

XI. ASSIGNMENT

The vendor shall not assign, transfer, convey, delegate, sublet, or otherwise dispose of its agreements with the Board/SNP, or its rights, title, or interest herein, or its power to execute such agreement, to any other person, company, or corporation without the previous consent and written approval by the Board/SNP.

XII. INDEMNIFICATION

The vendor shall act as an independent Contractor and not as an employee of the Board/SNP. Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Board/SNP, its elected officials, employees and agents from and against any and all liability, damages, claims, suits, liens, and judgments (including reasonable attorney’s fees), of whatever nature, for injuries to or death of any person or persons, or loss of or damage to property, to the extent attributable to the negligent acts of vendor, its subcontractors or its respective agents, servants, or employees or such parties’ failure to perform in accordance with the provisions of the contract resulting from this IFB.

Indemnification: The contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the school district from any claim, demand, suit, liability, judgment and expense (including attorney’s fees and other costs of litigation) arising out of or relating to injury, disease or death of persons or damage to or loss of property resulting from or in connection with the negligent performance of this contract by the contractor, its agents, employees, and subcontractors or any one for whom the contractor is responsible. The contractor’ liability shall not be limited by any provisions or limits of insurance set forth in this contract. The obligations, indemnities and liabilities assumed by the contractor under this paragraph shall not extend to any liability caused by the negligence of the school district or its employees.

XIII. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

a) Notwithstanding any delay in the preparation and execution of the formal contract agreement, the Contractor shall be prepared, upon written notice of bid award, to commence delivery of goods pursuant to the award on within 1 week of notification.

b) The Contractor must comply with the time of performance.

XIV. FORCE MAJEURE

Except for payments of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this contract if and to the extent that such party's performance of this contract is prevented by reason of Force Majeure. The term "Force Majeure" means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Without limiting the foregoing, Force Majeure includes acts of God; fire; flood; or other similar occurrences beyond the control of the contractor or the school district.

XV. EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE (Best Practice)

a) The successful bidder, at its expense, shall carry and maintain in full force at all times during the term of the contract resulting from this IFB the following insurance:

Coverage	Limits of Liability
Workmen's Compensation	Statutory
General Liability/Property Damage	\$500,000 each occurrence \$1,000,000 aggregate
Personal Injury	\$500,000 each occurrence \$1,000,000 aggregate
Automobile Liability/Property Damage	\$500,000 each occurrence
Bodily Injury	\$500,000 each occurrence \$1,000,000 aggregate

b) Prior to commencement of performance of this Agreement, Contractor shall furnish to the Board/SNP a certificate of liability insurance evidencing all required coverage in at least the limits required herein, naming the Bibb County School District Board of Education, its elected officials, agents, and employees as additional insured under the Comprehensive General Liability coverage, and providing that no policies may be cancelled without ten (10) days advance written notice to the Board/SNP. Such certificate shall be issued to:

Bibb County School District
Nutrition Dept.
4580 Cavalier Drive
Macon, GA 31220

c) Said policies shall remain in full force and effect until the expiration of the terms of the contract or until completion of all duties to be performed hereunder by the Contractor, whichever shall occur later.

XVI. EXCEPTIONS (Best Practice)

A Bid submitted in response to this IFB constitutes a binding offer to comply with all terms, conditions, special conditions, general specifications, and requirements stated in this IFB, except to the extent that a Bidder takes exception to such provisions. To take exception to a provision of this IFB, the Bidder must clearly identify in the BID EXCEPTION FORM: (a) the number and title of each section of this IFB that the Bidder takes exception to; (b) the specific sentence within such section that

the Bidder takes exception to; and (c) any alternate provision proposed by the Bidder.

XVII. WARRANTY (Best Practice)

Successful Bidder shall fully warrant all PRODUCTS furnished under the terms of this contract, against poor and inferior quality. Time is of the essence of this contract. While under warranty, successful Bidder shall replace any damaged or inferior product in a timely manner to minimize the disruption of the Board/SNP's operations.

XVIII. GIFTS AND GRATITUDES: Acceptance of gifts from contractors and the offering of gifts by contractors are prohibited. No employee of the school district purchasing products under provisions of the contract issued as a result of this invitation shall accept, solicit, or receive, either directly or indirectly, from any person, firm or corporation any gift or gratuity.

XIX. PRE-BID CONFERENCE: If a pre-bid conference has been scheduled under this solicitation, the date, time and location of it appear on the solicitation's cover sheet or elsewhere in the IFB or RFP. A bidder should raise any questions it may have about the solicitation or the procurement at that time. A bidder may not rely on any verbal responses to questions at the conference. Material issues raised at the conference that result in changes to the solicitation shall be answered solely through a solicitation addendum.

XX. SEVERABILITY: The provisions of this contract are severable. Any term or condition deemed illegal or invalid shall not affect any other term or condition of the contract.

XXI. WAIVER AND REJECTION RIGHTS: Notwithstanding any other provisions of the solicitation, the school district reserves the right to :

- _ Waive any immaterial defect or informality;
- _ Reject any and all offers or portions thereof; or
- _ Cancel a solicitation.

XXII. RELEASE FROM CONTRACT: In the event the market for a product covered by this request escalates to a point that the vendor is delivering product at less than cost, the vendor may petition for release from the contract. The petition shall be supported by a third party market bulletin. The decision to release the vendor from the contract will be based on the difference between the market at the time of the bid opening and the current market for this item.

ATTACHMENT A
CONTRACT SIGNATURE PAGE

This agreement is dated as of _____ by and between the Bibb County School District Board of Education, School Nutrition Dept., (hereinafter called Board/SNP) and _____ hereinafter called CONTRACTOR.

Board/SNP and CONTRACTOR, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, agrees as follows:

ARTICLE 1. PRODUCTS

CONTRACTOR shall provide all products as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents. Contractor shall supply and deliver to the Board/SNP's schools.

ARTICLE 2. CONTRACT TIME

The food deliveries shall be in accordance with this Agreement and are to be completed as specified in IFB.

ARTICLE 3. CONTRACT PRICE

Board/SNP shall pay CONTRACTOR for delivery of Specialty Paper Goods in accordance with CONTRACTOR'S bid, which is attached hereto. Board/SNP shall pay CONTRACTOR net 30 days from date of delivery unless other terms of payment are agreed upon.

ARTICLE 4. INVOICE PROCEDURES

Individual order invoices shall be sent to the Central Office designee and charged by individual school. Monthly statements shall be sent to:

Bibb County School Nutrition Office
Attn: Theresa Cantrell, Timikel Sharpe
2011 Riverside Dr Macon, GA 31204

ARTICLE 5. CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS

In order to induce Board/SNP to enter into this Agreement, CONTRACTOR makes the following representations:

5.1 CONTRACTOR has examined and carefully studied the Contract Documents and all other related data identified in the Bidding Documents.

5.2 CONTRACTOR is familiar with and is satisfied as to all federal, state and local laws and regulations that may affect cost, progress, performance and furnishing of the products.

ARTICLE 6. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Contract Documents, which comprise the entire agreement between Board/SNP and CONTRACTOR concerning the work, consist of the following:

- Invitation to Bid Page
- Standard Terms and Conditions
- Special Terms and Conditions
- Attachment A- Contract Signature Page
- Attachment B- Vendor Bid Form
- Attachment C- Lobbying Certificate Disclosure
- Attachment D- List of School Addresses
- Attachment E - Food Specifications

There are no Contract Documents other than those listed above in this Article 6. The Contract Documents may only be amended, modified or supplemented by written agreement between both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Board/SNP and CONTRACTOR have signed this Agreement. One counterpart each has been delivered to Board/SNP and CONTRACTOR.

This Agreement will be effective September 1st, 2020

_____ Board of Education

_____ Signature of Board member or designee
_____ Name of Board member or designee
_____ Date

_____ Vendor Company Name
_____ Signature of Company Representative
_____ Name of Company Representative
_____ Date

Authorized Signature of Bidder: (This bid form must be signed by an individual with actual authority to bind the company.)

Company Type (check one):

Sole Proprietorship Partnership Corporation Joint Venture

Bidder attests that:

He/she has thoroughly reviewed this IFB for Food Products and that this Bid response is submitted in accordance with the IFB requirements.

Company Name: _____

Federal ID#1: _____

Street Address: _____

Signature**: _____

Signatory's Name: _____

Signatory's Title: _____

Witness's Signature**: _____

Witness's Name: _____

Witness's Title: _____

**For Corporations: The bid must be signed by the President or Vice President and the signature must be attested by the Corporate Secretary or Treasurer. If any employee other than the President or Vice President signs on behalf of the corporation, or if the President's or Vice President's signature is not attested to by the Corporate Secretary or Treasurer, a copy of the corporate resolution authorizing said signature(s) must be attached to this bid. Failure to attach a Copy of the appropriate authorization, if required, may result in rejection of the bid.

ATTACHMENT C - LOBBYING FORM & DISCLOSURE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING - CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her 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 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;

(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 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;

(3) 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.

Organization Name

Award Number or Project Name

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature

Date

Non-Collusion Affidavit

STATE OF _____; _____ COUNTY

The undersigned offeror or agent, being duly sworn on oath, says that he has not, nor has any other member representative, or agent of the firm, company, corporation or partnership represented by him, entered into any combination, collusion or agreement with any person relative to the price to be offered by any person from making an offer nor to induce anyone to refrain from making an offer and that this offer is made without reference to any other offer.

Offeror (Firm) _____

Signature of Offeror or Agent _____

Certification That Contractor, Its Principals or Sub-Recipients are Not Suspended or Debarred From Doing Business With the Federal Government

By signing below, respondent certifies that the responding contractor, its principals and/or sub-recipients are not suspended or debarred by the Federal Government, nor is any known suspension or debarment, or procedure pending. Contractor agrees to notify the North Spencer County School Corporation Cafeterias in writing of any suspension or debarment, or potential suspension or debarment proceeding. Failure to report any suspension or debarment, or any potential suspension or debarment will be sufficient cause to terminate this contract and report such termination to the Federal Authorities. The contractor representative certifies that he/she has the authorization to make such certification and to bind the contractor to all representations herein.

Respondent's Company

Respondent's Company DUNS Number

Date

Respondent's Printed Name

Respondent's Signature

Attachment E

See Included Excel Specialty Paper Product Specification and Bid List