



# Mobile County PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Bid No. 25-13  
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February 12, 2025

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**CNP FOOD PACKAGING SYSTEM & SUPPLIES 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR & SUMMER FEEDING 2025**  
**AS NEEDED UNTIL MARCH 31, 2026**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County, Alabama at its Purchasing Department, 1 Magnum Pass, Mobile, Alabama 36618, until **Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ 2:00 PM** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

1. The submission of the bid by the vendor, acceptance and award of the bid by the School Board of Mobile County, Alabama, and subsequent purchase orders issued against said award shall constitute a binding, enforceable contract. Unless stipulated in the bid documents, no other contract documents shall be issued.
2. The undersigned, as bidder, hereby declares that I have examined the Instructions, General Terms, Conditions and Specifications, and affirm that I have not been in any agreement or collusion among bidders, employees of the Mobile County Public School System, or prospective bidders in restraint of freedom of competition. Furthermore, I understand that fraudulent and collusive bidding is a crime and can result in fines and prison sentences.
3. Bidder has become fully familiar with the general terms, conditions and specifications of this bid request and agrees to abide by all conditions stated herein:
4. **Bidder agrees to VISA® Virtual Credit Card Program through AOC/Regions Bank for invoice payments in place of a check to pay for purchases from this solicitation. See payment terms for more information.**

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE BELOW**

Legal Name of Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

(List Toll Free Number if Applicable)

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature of Bidder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Name(Typed or Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Purchasing  
Mobile County Public Schools

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name(Typed or Printed)

**THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST APPEAR AS THE TOP SHEET FOR ALL BIDS SUBMITTED**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### MOBILE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL'S PURCHASING DEPT.

#### 1. ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE:

As a Contractor/Vendor as defined in the Act, to the Local Board of Education (Board), it is crucial to your relationship (future or continuing) with the Board that you comply with the Immigration Reform Act of 1986, as amended by the Immigration Act of 1990, and the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act. Accordingly please provide your Affidavit of Immigration Compliance. These documents can be found in the following bid package along with a compliance check list.

**2. ADDITIONAL ORDERS:** Unless it is specifically stated to the contrary in the bid response, the School District reserves the option to place additional orders against a contract awarded as a result of this solicitation at the same terms and conditions; to extend the renewal date until a new bid is in place, if it is mutually agreeable.

**3. ADDENDA:** If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this bid, a written addendum will be provided to all bidders that are registered with the Purchasing Department. The Board is not bound by any oral representations, clarifications, or changes made in the written specifications by the school's employees, unless such clarification or change is provided to bidders in written addendum form from Purchasing Department.

**4. APPLICABLE LAW:** This contract shall be construed and interpreted according to Alabama Law.

**5. ASSURANCE OF NON-CONVICTION OF BRIBERY:** The bidder hereby declares and affirms that, to its best knowledge, none of its officers, directors, or partners and none of its employees directly involved in obtaining contracts has been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery or conspiracy to bribe under the laws of any state or Federal government.

**6. AWARD CONSIDERATION:** The following factors will be considered in determining the lowest responsible bidder:

Overall quality, Conformity with specifications both general and specific, Purposes for which materials or services are required, Delivery dates and time required for delivery, Unit acquisition cost, financial ability to meet the contract, previous performance, facilities and equipment, availability of repair parts, experience, delivery promise, terms of payments, compatibility as required, other costs, and other objective and accountable factors which are reasonable.

**7. BID AND PERFORMANCE SECURITY:** If bid security is required, a bid bond or cashier's check in the amount indicated on the bid cover must accompany the

bid and be made payable to Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County. Corporate or certified checks are not acceptable. Bonds must be in a form satisfactory to the School District and underwritten by a company licensed to issue bonds in the State of Alabama. If bid security fails to accompany the bid, it shall be deemed unresponsive, unless the Purchasing Manager deems the failure to be nonsubstantial. All checks will be returned to the bidders within five (5) days after the contract has been Board approved. If a performance bond is required, the successful bidder will be notified after the awarding of the contract.

**8. BRAND NAMES:** The name of a certain brand, make, model number, manufacturer, or definite specification is to denote the quality standard of the article desired, but does not restrict the bidder to the particular brand, make, model number, manufacturer, or specification named. It is set forth to convey the general style, character, and quality of the item desired to the prospective bidder. Whenever the words "or approved equal" appear in the specifications, they shall be interpreted to mean an item of material or equipment similar to that named, which is approved by the Purchasing Department or their designated representatives. The burden of proof that alternate brands are in fact equal or better falls on the bidder, and proof must be to the Board's satisfaction.

**9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Section 36-25-9 of the Code of Alabama states: "No member of any county or municipal agency, board, or commission shall vote or participate in any matter in which the member or family member of the member has any financial gain or interest" Employees may not use their offices or positions for personal gain and must adhere to applicable provisions of the Alabama Ethics Law and the MCPSS Board policy 6.10 concerning Ethics. Further information can be found on both the Alabama Ethics Commission's and MCPSS Website.

**10. DELIVERY OF BIDS:** Bids must be received in the Purchasing Office by the the date and time specified on the bid cover. All bids will be accepted until the time and date stated on the bid cover. No bids will be accepted that extend past the time and date on the bid cover. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Purchasing Department. Bids submitted by U.S. Mail must be addressed to the Board of School Commissioners, Purchasing Office, P.O. Box 180069, Mobile, AL 36618; when using other couriers, send to the Board of School Commissioners, Purchasing Office, 1 Magnum Pass, Mobile, AL 36618. The School District accepts no responsibility for premature opening

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of bid response not properly identified or late arrival of a bid response for whatever reason. No fax or emails will be accepted. The Board will not be responsible in the event the U.S. Postal Service or any other courier system fails to deliver the proposal to the Board of School Commissioners, Purchasing Department by the time stated in the bid request. All bids shall remain firm for acceptance by the Board for a period of 60 days from the date of bid opening.

If the School System is closed for any reason, including but not limited to: Acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics, governmental regulations superimposed after the fact, fire, earthquakes, floods, or other natural disasters (the "Force Majeure Events") which closure prevents the opening of bids at the advertised date and time, all bids received shall either be publicly opened and read aloud on the next business day that the department opens at the advertised time or the bid opening will be extended by sending out an addendum that states the new date and time to all registered bidders.

**11.ERRORS IN BIDS:** Bidders are assumed to be informed regarding conditions, requirements, and specifications prior to submitting bids. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's risk. Bids already submitted may be withdrawn without penalty prior to bid opening. Errors discovered after the bid opening may not be corrected.

#### **12. FEDERAL MONIES**

**Expenditure of federal monies require the bidder to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the following:**

Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q); Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (22 U.S.C. 1251-1387) Buy American provision (7 CFR §210.21); Equal Employment Opportunity (41 CFR §60); Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148) ;Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708); Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement (37 CFR §401.2); Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689), Copeland "Anti-Kickback" act (18 U.S.C. 874 and 40 U.S.C. 276c) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352) Procurement of Recovered Materials (See §200.322) National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Section 889

#### **13.HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES:**

Bidder must comply with all applicable Federal, State, County and City laws, ordinances and regulations relating to hazardous and toxic substances, including such laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to

information hazardous and toxic substances, and as amended from time to time. Bidder shall provide the School District with a "Material Safety Data Sheet" if required.

#### **14. INVOICING, DELIVERY, PACKAGING:**

Invoices shall be prepared only after ordered materials have been delivered. Payment will be made in accordance with Terms of Payment in the Minimum Specifications. **District personnel may choose to use a VISA® Purchasing Card and E-Payables process for invoice payments in place of a check to pay for purchases from this solicitation. Unless exception is noted in the bid response, the bidder by submitting a bid, agrees to accept the VISA® purchasing card and E-Payables process, as an acceptable form of payment and may not add additional service fees/handling charges to purchases made with the VISA® purchasing card. Refusal to accept this condition may cause your bid to be declared non-responsive.**

All invoices must show the purchase order number. Vendors shall not ship any material without an authorized purchase order from the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County or local school. All packages delivered must show the purchase order number. The successful bidder will be required to furnish all materials, equipment, and/or service called for at the bid price quoted. In the event the bidder fails to deliver within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Board, the right is reserved to cancel the award and subsequent purchase order and purchase from the next lowest responsible bidder the items needed. The original bidder will be back charged the difference between the original contract price and the price the Board has to pay as a result of the failure to perform by the original contractor. All bids will remain firm for acceptance for 60 days from the date of bid opening. Prices shall be net F.O.B.; School Site, Mobile County, AL. The title and risk of loss of the goods will not pass to the Board, Departments, Schools until receipt and acceptance takes place at the F.O.B. point.

**15. INSPECTION OF PREMISES:** At reasonable times, the Board may inspect those areas of the contractor's place of business that are related to the performance of a contract. If the Board makes such an inspection, the contractor must provide reasonable assistance. The Board reserves the right on demand and without notice all the vendor's files associated with a subsequent contract where payments are based on contractor's record of time, salaries, materials, or actual

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expenses. This same clause will apply to any subcontractors assigned to the contract.

**16. INSURANCE:** The School Board of Mobile County, AL shall be added as an additional insured on all Contractors' liability policies. Copy of policy to be given to the Purchasing Dept where it will remain on file.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Contractor shall purchase and maintain during the life of this contract, public liability insurance against bodily injury, personal injury, property damage which shall include comprehensive general liability, contractual liability, products and completed operations liability in limits of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 Aggregate. The contract shall protect him and any subcontractor performing the work covered by this contract, from claims for damages which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operations are by himself or by any subcontractor, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them.

The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner against any and all claims for personal injuries and/or property damage as a result of Contractor's **and its Subcontractor** acts, operations, or omissions and shall carry contractual liability and property damage insurance to cover such indemnification. The limits of contractual coverage shall agree with the limits stated above for Contractor's regular public comprehensive general liability coverage and property damage.

**A. LIMITATION TO DAMAGE:** In no event shall the BOARD or any of its Commissioners, officers, employees, agents, or servants be liable to the Contractor or Vendor for any direct or indirect, special, consequential, or incidental damages or lost profits or punitive damages, arising out of or related to this bid document, or to the performance of or breach of any provision hereof.

**17. INVITATION TO BID:** Any provisions made in the Invitation for Bid supersedes any provisions outlined here in the General Terms and Conditions.

**18. IMMIGRATION:** By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or

continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom. If Contractor employs one or more employees within the State of Alabama, Contractor shall provide documentation establishing that Contractor is enrolled in the E-Verify program.

**19. NON-DISCRIMINATION:** The Board provides equal opportunities for all businesses and does not discriminate against any vendor regardless of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, or disability in consideration for an award.

**20. OPEN TRADE PROVISION:** In compliance with Alabama Act 2016-312, the contractor hereby certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and will not engage in, the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which this state can enjoy open trade.

**21. PRODUCT TESTING:** Vendor shall incur all cost involved in obtaining an Independent Laboratory Test if the Board deems necessary during the term of the contract or before the contract is awarded. The Board reserves the right to request a demonstration of any product or service before making the award at no additional cost to the school district. The time frame of the testing will be mutually agreed upon by both parties.

**22. PATENTS:** Bidders guarantees that the sale and/or use of goods will not infringe upon any U.S. or foreign patent. Bidder will at his/her own expense, indemnify, protect and save harmless the School District, employees on any claims arising out of the purchase of goods or services.

**23. PROTESTS:** Any protest to the Board's consideration of any bid must be submitted in writing and received by the Purchasing Director no later than five (5) calendar days after awarding date of the bid. If needed, The Chief Financial Officer will send a written reply to the protesting bidder. The Board of Education is the final authority on issues relating to this contract. The Purchasing Director is the Board's representative in the award and administration of this contract, and will issue and receive all documents, notices and correspondence. The decision of the Board of Education is final, conclusive, and binding on all parties concerned.

**24. PREPARATION OF BID:** All bids shall be typewritten or in ink on the form(s) prepared by the Board. Bids prepared in pencil will not be accepted. All proposals must be signed by officials of the corporation or company duly authorized to sign bids. Any bid submitted without being signed will automatically be

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rejected. All corrections or erasures shall be initialed and dated by the person authorized to sign bids. If there are discrepancies between unit prices quoted and extensions, the unit price will prevail.

**25. PRICING:** Prices quoted shall be delivered prices and shall include any and all costs, charges, taxes, and fees i.e. the Board shall only pay the price and amount quoted and nothing more.

**26. PURCHASES:** Once the bid is board approved, a letter will be issued to the awarded vendor(s). This letter does not authorize to make purchases. Purchase orders will be issued as authorization for all purchases.

**27. QUESTIONS/CONTACT:** All questions must be directed to the buyer listed on the particular bid. Clarification will be made only by written addenda sent to all registered bidders. The Board will not be responsible for verbal answers regarding the intent or meaning of the specifications or for any verbal instructions given prior to the bid opening. Bidders shall not contact any member of the Mobile County School Board, Superintendent, or Staff regarding this bid prior to such bid has been Board approved. Any such contact shall be cause for rejection of your proposal.

**28. REJECTION OF BIDS:** Mobile County School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part for any reason, to waive technicalities or informalities, or to advertise for new proposals, if, in the judgment of the awarding authority, the best interest of the School District will be promoted thereby. Bidders may be disqualified and rejection of proposals may be recommended to for any of (but not limited to) the following causes: Failure to use the bid forms furnished by the Board of School Commissioners, Lack of signature by an authorized representative on the bid form, Failure to properly complete the bid form and vendor compliance, Default on previous contracts, Evidence of collusion among bidders, Unauthorized alteration of the bid form. On the final board approved bid tabulation, a written justification of all bidders that were rejected will be presented and made public.

**29. SAMPLES:** Bidders will not be required to furnish samples at the time of bid opening, unless specifically called for. The Board reserves the right to request samples after bid opening to assist in the evaluation of proposals submitted.

**30. TABULATION:** Bid results are posted on Purchasing's web site, and will remain for sixty (60) days after the posting date. The awarding bidders will be sent a written notification via mail.

**31. TERMINATION BASED ON LACK OF**

**FUNDING:** Any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation will be subject to funding and continued appropriation of sufficient funds for the contract. For purposes of this solicitation, the appropriating authority is deemed to be the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County. Insufficient funds shall be the grounds for immediate termination of this solicitation.

**32. TERMINATION FOR THE CONVENIENCE**

**OF THE BOARD:** The performance of the work or services under a contract as a result of this solicitation may be terminated in whole or part, whenever the Purchasing Manager shall deem that termination is in the best interest of the School District. Such determination shall be in the sole discretion of the Purchasing Manager. In such event, the School District shall be liable only for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of the contract for work or services performed or furnished prior to the effective date of termination. Termination hereunder shall become effective by delivery to contractor of written notice of termination upon which date the termination shall become effective.

**33. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT:** If an award results from this bid, and the contractor has not performed or has unsatisfactorily performed the contract, payment shall be withheld at the discretion of the School District. Failure on the part of the contractor to fulfill contractual obligations shall be considered just cause for the termination of the contract, and the contractor is not entitled to recover any costs incurred by the contractor up to the date of termination.

**A. FORCE MAJEURE: The parties' under this agreement are subject to, and neither party shall be liable for delays, or failure to perform caused by or due to fire, flood, water, weather events, labor disputes, power outages, civil disturbances, or any other cause beyond the party's reasonable control**

**34. WARRANTY:** The bidder expressly warrants that all articles, material and work offered shall conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample, or other description which is furnished to or adopted by the School District, and that it will be fit and sufficient for the purpose intended, merchantable, of good material and workmanship, and free from defect. The bidder further warrants all items for a period of one year, unless otherwise stated, from the date of acceptance of the items delivered and installed or work completed. All repairs, replacements, or adjustments during the warranty period shall be at the bidder's sole expense.

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**35. VENDOR LIST:** A bidder may be removed from the Qualified Vendor List if a vendor fails to respond to three (3) consecutive ITB's. A properly submitted "No Bid" is considered as a response and the vendor will receive credit for the response.

**THE BOARD MAY REJECT ANY BID FOR FAILURE BY THE BIDDER TO COMPLY WITH ANY REQUIREMENTS STATED ABOVE IN THE BID PROPOSAL OR IN ATTACHMENTS THERETO WHICH BECOME PART OF THE BID.**

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MOBILE COUNTY,  
ALABAMA**



**RUSSELL HUDSON  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING**

# LET'S LOAD THE BASES!

## Miracle League of West Mobile: Schmidt Family Park



Our community is coming together to build baseball fields and a playground for children with special needs. The Miracle League of West Mobile: Schmidt Family Park will be constructed on Johnson Road, about two miles southwest of the intersection of Airport Boulevard and Snow Road.

You have the opportunity to help us create a miracle in Mobile County! If you hit a Single, Double, Triple, Home Run, or Grand Slam, you, your family, your business or your organization will be recognized at the park.

Several community organizations have already stepped up to the plate, donating land, providing funds to pave the road, and more. The key players thus far are: the Alabama Pecan Development Company, Inc., Schmidt-Barton Family Fund, South Alabama Utilities, Mobile County Public Schools and the Mobile County Commission. The Alabama Pecan Development Company, Inc., has donated more than 24 acres to the project and South Alabama Utilities has donated more than 4 acres. The Schmidt-Barton Family Fund is donating up to \$1 million in matching funds toward the estimated \$5 million in total construction costs.

Donations are now being accepted at [mcpss.com/miracleleague](http://mcpss.com/miracleleague) to cover the remaining costs associated with the park.

Why should you donate?

Currently, many Mobile County youths with mental and physical disabilities are unable to play baseball in existing parks due to the lack of facilities that meet their needs. The Miracle League of West Mobile: Schmidt Family Park will be open to children from the entire county and surrounding areas. Approximately 8,300 children with disabilities would be able to play here.

*Single*

\$1,000-\$9,999

*Double*

\$10,000-\$49,000

*Triple*

\$50,000-\$99,999

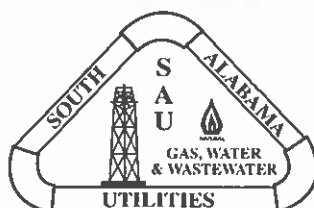
*Home Run*

\$100,000-\$249,999

*Grand Slam*

\$250,000 +

**ALABAMA PECAN  
DEVELOPMENT  
CO. INC**



**Mobile County  
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# MIRACLE LEAGUE OF WEST MOBILE: SCHMIDT FAMILY PARK

[MCPSS.COM/MIRACLELEAGUE](http://MCPSS.COM/MIRACLELEAGUE)

We are working directly with The Miracle League, which is based in Georgia and has 240 fields across the United States and in Puerto Rico and Canada, on this project. Why? So our children with mental and physical disabilities can experience the joy of America's favorite pastime. It's more than just a game. The Miracle League is about making new friends, building self-esteem and being treated just like other athletes.

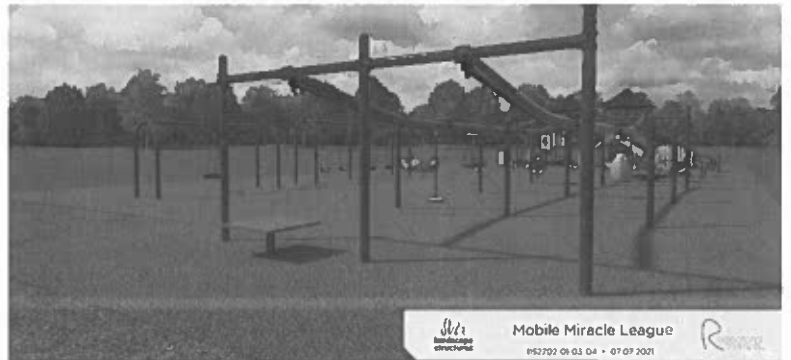
The Miracle League baseball field will feature a synthetic rubberized turf that accommodates wheelchairs and other assistive devices while helping to prevent injuries. The field will have double-wide lanes, allowing the players more space as they round the bases. The park will also include a regular baseball field for children who are middle-school-aged. The hope is to one day build a school on the site to serve special-needs and autistic students.

This will be the first Miracle League field in Mobile County. The project will progress in phases as funding becomes available, with the Miracle Field and Playground as the major components of the first phase.

The first phase of the plan will cost approximately \$2.3 million. We still need to raise \$1 million to fund all facets of Phase 1, which we hope to complete in the fall of 2022.

Mobile County Public Schools is overseeing the financing of the project. We are applying for various grants and accepting donations at: [mcpss.com/miracleleague](http://mcpss.com/miracleleague).

We appreciate your support as we make a miracle happen in west Mobile!





## VENDOR BID REGISTRATION

Vendors:

Our records indicate you are registered to receive "Invitation to Bids" from Mobile County Public School System. The Mobile County School System is changing the way vendors are notified for Invitation to Bids. Currently, we are sending post card notifications by US Mail to all vendors who are registered.

The NEW NOTIFICATION PROCESS will begin and consist of the vendor receiving an email notification of Invitation to Bids. A web site has been established for vendors to register and select the bid categories from which they want to receive bid invitations. These are the steps you need to take:

1. Go to <https://bidreg.mcpss.com/ezregistration.html>
2. Select "New Applicant" and you will create a user name and password, and then follow the prompts.
3. Please note the email bid notifications will be sent from [bidnotify@mcpss.com](mailto:bidnotify@mcpss.com) save this in your address directory to prevent email being sent to SPAM.

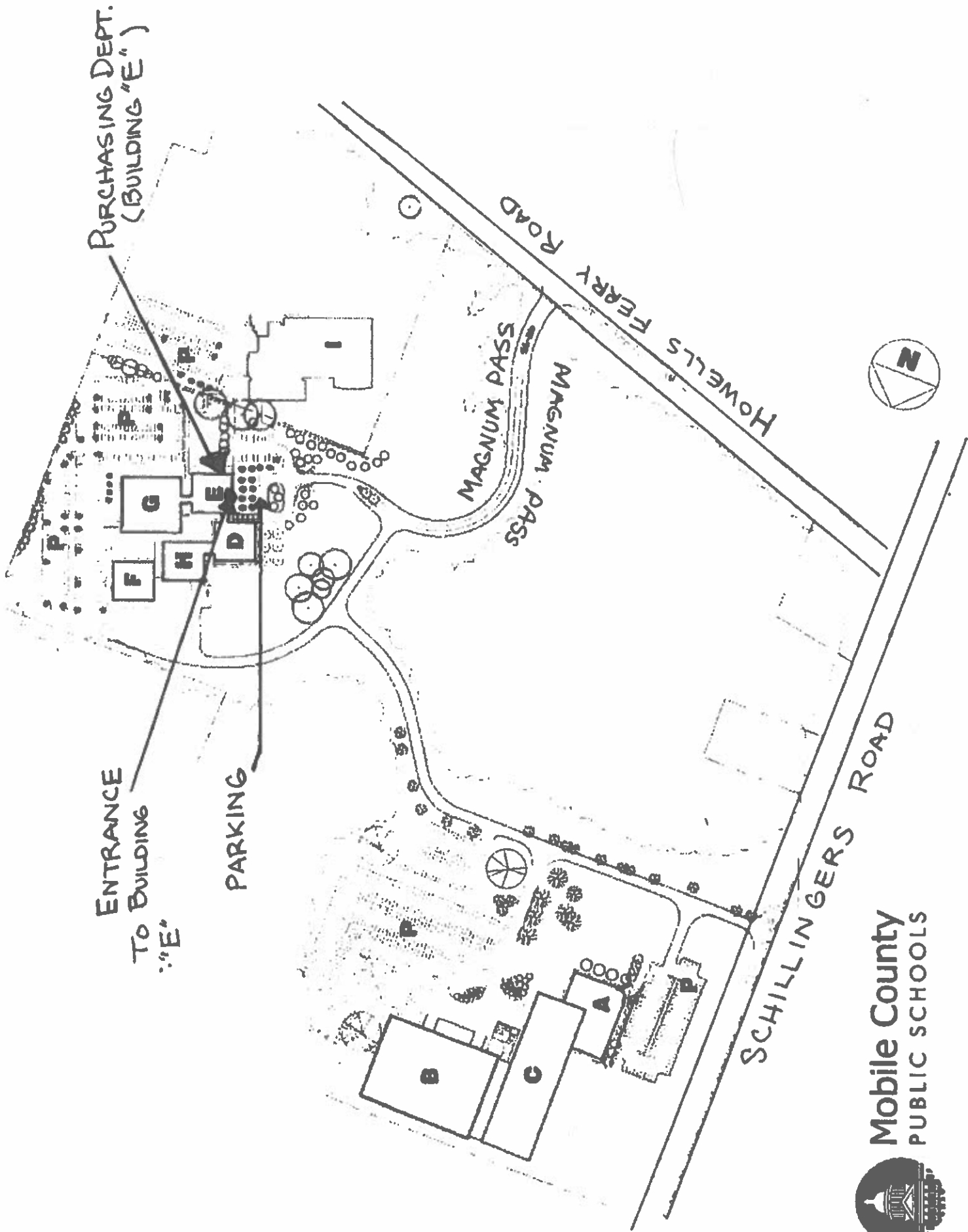
Even though vendors are currently registered to receive bids, all vendors MUST register in the new database in order to receive an ITB "Invitation to Bid" . If you do not register, you will not receive an ITB. Also, all vendors are responsible for maintaining their vendor profile in the database for such things as address, contact info, email, bid categories, etc..... This information needs to stay current to assure you receive ITB's. I would strongly encourage vendors to visit MCPSS.com once a week to be knowledgeable of all bid activity.

Thank you for your cooperation as this will allow us to drastically reduce postage costs and work more efficiently. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions at 251-221-4473.

# NEW BUILDING ENTRANCE FOR "PURCHASING DEPARTMENT"

Please note the entrance to Building "E" (1 Magnum Pass) has changed. You will need to enter Building "E" as shown on the following diagram where you will be checked in by a security officer and then directed to the Purchasing Department.

Please allow sufficient time for this change if you are dropping off a bid on the same day as the bid closes. MCPSS will NOT be responsible for any late bids.



ENTRANCE  
TO BUILDING  
"E"

PARKING

PURCHASING DEPT.  
(BUILDING "E")



# Directory

<b>A</b>	<b>Building A</b> Student Services Building	4245 4252 5142 6201-312 6223 6222	<b>F</b>	<b>Building F</b> Facilities Office.	.4822
<b>B</b>	<b>Building B</b> Professional Development Central Receiving/Distribution Textbooks JROTC Print Shop Archives Make & Take Mail Services	.5200 .5115 5106 5100 6273 4658 5223 .6400	<b>G</b>	<b>Building G</b> Human Resources Office Payroll Office TV Studio.	.4543 .4449 .3119
<b>C</b>	<b>Building C</b> Environmental Services	4700	<b>H</b>	<b>Building H</b> Technology Building Information Technology Services Instructional Technology Office of Communications.	.4503 .8210 9622
<b>D</b>	<b>Building D</b> Executive Building Office of the Superintendent Chief Financial Officer Comptroller Budget Office Child Nutrition Program	.4394 .4434 4494 4506 4374	<b>I</b>	<b>Building I</b> Academic Affairs Building Board Offices & Board Meeting Room Academic Affairs Curriculum & Instruction Federal Programs Special Education Career/Technical Education Public Board Meetings	.4387 .4159 .4143 .5220 .4220 .4019
<b>E</b>	<b>Building E</b> Business Building Security Office Publishing Accounting Accounts Payable Local School Accounting	4108 4473 4445 4438 4427	<b>P</b>	<b>Building P</b> Parking - Public and Employees	

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS  
CNP FOOD PACKAGING SYSTEM & SUPPLIES  
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I INTENT OF BID

- A. The intent of this bid is to establish a contract between the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County and the successful bidders for the furnishing of goods and services as described herein.

II QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS

- A. Any person, firm, or corporation submitting a proposal shall be Processor's or the manufacturers authorized sales agent for each item quoted. Bidder must be engaged on a full time basis in the food service supply business. Only qualified companies will be allowed to offer proposals.
- B. Physical Facilities - The potential bidder's warehouse and trucks may be inspected by the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County officials. The warehouse and trucks shall:
1. be clean,
  2. be free of insects and rodents, and
  3. be adequate for storing and delivering products (dry, chilled, or frozen) that the potential contractor proposes to supply.
- C. Financial Capacity - The potential bidder shall have adequate financing to purchase items in the most economical quantities. At the request of the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County the potential bidder shall provide three (3) written references to document adequate financial capacity.
- D. Service Level - If the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County does not have adequate historical data to determine the bidder's ability to comply with the service level requirement outlined in this request for proposal, then three (3) letters of reference from previous Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County customers may be requested.
- E. Accounting Practices - A potential bidder must clearly demonstrate to Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County officials the capability to provide accurate, reliable and timely reports, in terms of invoices, statements, credits and utilization reports.

III RESPONSIBILITIES OF BIDDERS

- A. The successful bidders shall furnish and deliver all goods which are awarded as a result of his bid request. All products shall be delivered in accordance with the specifications and delivery requirements listed herein.
- B. **Successful bidders shall furnish the Board with a monthly merchandise movement report for the entire system. This report is to be submitted by the 10th of each month for the preceding month's deliveries. The report shall indicate the following information:**
- 1 CNP bid item number
  2. Item description
  3. Quantity of product delivered for the month, and year to date, i.e., number of cases, pounds, gallons, etc.
- Submittal shall be made to the attention of the Purchasing Dept.

IV. PERIOD OF BID

- A. It is anticipated that orders will be placed initially approximately March 31, 2025 and will continue until March 31, 2026.
- B. The Board will contract with the successful bidder for one (1) school year and summer period. Annual renewal of any contract award will be made up to a maximum period of two (2) years at the Board's sole option. Vendor performance will be a primary factor in renewal recommendations.

## V PRICE ESCALATIONS

- B. During the period of this bid, the Board will allow price increases and decreases upon receipt of updated manufacturer price schedules as applicable. Updates must be submitted to the Purchasing Department for approval.
- C. All items that are withdrawn will be re-bid.

## VI DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

- A. All products shall be quoted F.O.B.; School Sites, Mobile County, Alabama.
- B. The successful bidders shall deliver to each school and/or food service operation on a demand basis regardless of the quantity of product ordered. There are no minimum quantity allowances.

Vendors shall make at least one delivery per week to each school for the purpose of delivering canned, frozen and staple goods. Vendors will establish a regular delivery day for each school and submit the schedule to the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County for approval. No deliveries will be required during a holiday week to those schools scheduled for deliveries on the holiday(s). A copy of the school calendar which is subject to change is attached.

- C. Vendors will be supplied with a time schedule showing the opening and closing time of each cafeteria. Deliveries will be made during the open hours until fifteen minutes prior to the set closing time. UPS, motor freight and other commercial carrier deliveries are not acceptable.

All deliveries shall be in accordance with good commercial practice and Mobile County Health Department Regulations. Delivery personnel shall deliver and place items on any available empty receiving pallets; they are not expected to shelve goods in storeroom.

- D. It will be the responsibility of each vendor to obtain signed delivery receipts from the CNP manager or other authorized CNP employee for each delivery made. The Board and local school assumes absolutely no liability or responsibility for goods claimed to have been delivered for which no signed receipt exists.

Delivery personnel shall request the authorized school receiver, to verify the accuracy of quantities of each item, brand and code numbers and condition of merchandise. Each delivery ticket shall be signed by a designated school receiver. Variations from the norm, i.e., shortages, damages, etc., shall be noted on each ticket by the designated school receiver and initialed by the delivery person. The contractor shall not be required to issue credits for errors not detected at the time of delivery, except for hidden damage or unauthorized substitutions.

- E. **Ordering: Shipments shall be made to any school with (1) a written purchase order or (2) a verbal order by the Mobile County CNP Purchase Order Clerk. Vendors will not accept verbal purchase orders from local school CNP managers.** If it is necessary for a school to place an emergency order to be picked up at the vendors warehouse, the CNP Purchase Order Clerk will notify the vendor and provide the name of the individual who is authorized to pick up the order and the purchase order number.

Vendors will be allowed ten (10) calendar days from the transmittal date stamped on the order to make delivery. In the event an ordered item is not delivered within the time frame previously described, or if the item is canceled or scratched from an order by the vendor, the right is reserved to cancel the original order for the item(s) in question and purchase similar item(s) on the open market from another source. The vendor will be back charged the difference between the contract price and the price the school has to pay on the open market as a result of the failure to perform by the contract vendor. This provision for back charges will not apply to orders placed after April 10, 2025 for items vendor has identified as being placed in inventory specifically for the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County.

**Pricing:** Vendors are required to furnish all materials and services called for at the bid price. Items with variable weights (example: roasts, hams, etc.) that are bid on a price per pound basis will be weighed and billed by the pound.

- F. No substitution of brands, labels, quality of codes will be made without written approval of the Purchasing Director. Each substitute product delivered will meet the specifications for the particular item.
- G. Vendors are expected to fill all orders at an average of 90% or above on the scheduled delivery date. If a vendor cannot ship a bid item due to insufficient or no stock, the vendor will notify the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County CNP Purchase Order Clerk (221-4373) prior to making any school delivery with the item marked "out of stock" on the invoice.
- H. The Board of School Commissioners reserves the right to cancel an order or any part of an order by providing the vendor a minimum of 36 hours notice of cancellation. Notice will be given by the CNP Purchase Order Clerk or a member of the CNP Supervisory Staff. CNP managers are not authorized to cancel an order or refuse delivery of an item ordered except for damaged goods or substitutions.

#### VII. PROPOSAL FORM AND INFORMATION REQUIRED AT BID OPENING

- A. *The proposal form which accompanies this bid request must be filled out legibly and in full. Failure to provide all information requested will absolutely disqualify a bidder from consideration on each item where the requested information is not provided.*
- B. Bidders who do not submit required information shown in specifications (labels, safety data sheets, certification letters, etc.) at the bid opening will be disqualified from consideration on each item for which the information is not provided.

#### VIII. INVOICING AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

Payment of all invoices is the responsibility of the CNP Central Office. Vendors will bill the CNP Central Office on the first of the month for all invoices for the preceding month. Vendors can expect to receive payment by the 30th of the month beginning in October, unless there is some contestment in writing regarding the bill. Vendors may notify the Director of Purchasing in writing if any CNP accounts are delinquent. USDA regulations do not allow payment of service charges or interest from CNP funds.

**District personnel may choose to use a VISA® Virtual Credit Card Program through AOC/Regions Bank for invoice payments in place of a check to pay for purchases from this solicitation. Unless exception is noted in the bid response, the bidder by submitting a bid agrees to accept the VISA® Virtual Credit card process, as an acceptable form of payment and may not add additional service fees/handling charges to purchases made with the VISA® Virtual Credit card. Refusal to accept this condition may cause your bid to be declared non-responsive. (See the attached E-Payables explanation and the VISA Virtual Card vendor enrollment data elements form.)**

#### IX. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- A. The Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County may terminate the contract if the successful contractor fails to perform at the level specified in the contract document. The successful contractor may terminate the contract if the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County fails to meet the specified payment terms.

Each party shall follow the procedure outlined below, if a contract is to be terminated:

Step 1 - Issue warning letter and outline violations and length of time to correct the problem.

Step 2 - Issue letter of Intent to cancel contract if problem is not resolved by given date.

Step 3 - Issue letter to cancel contract.

- B. In the event that the physical facilities of the contractor are destroyed or a labor dispute makes performance under the terms of this contract impossible, the contractor will not be held liable by the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County.

#### X. STANDARD CONTRACT CONDITIONS

- A. This contract shall be governed in all respects - as to validity, construction, capacity, performance or otherwise - by the laws of the state of Alabama.
- B. Contractors providing service under this Request for Proposal, herewith, assures the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County that they are conforming to the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
- C. Contractors shall comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Labor regulations (41 CFR Part 60).
- D. State Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption form will be issued upon request. Sales tax shall be included in prices where applicable.
- E. Contractor shall comply with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to wages, hours and conditions of employment. In connection with contractor's performance of work under this contract, contractor agrees not to discriminate against any employee(s) or applicant(s) for employment because of age, race, religious creed, sex, national origin or handicap.
- F. The contractor agrees to retain all books, records and other documents relative to this agreement for three (3) years after final payment. The Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County, its authorized agents and/or state/federal representatives shall have full access to, and the right to examine any of said materials during said period. If an investigation or audit is in progress, records shall be maintained until stated matter is closed.
- G. Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857 (h)), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738 and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR Part 15), which prohibit the use under non-exempt federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities. **NOTE: Expenditure of federal monies requires the bidder to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Acts as stated in item number 12, of the General Terms and Conditions document located in this bid package.**
- H. By signing this document, the contractor certifies that this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a proposal for the same materials, supplies or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. The contractor certifies that collusive bidding is a violation of federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damage awards.



- I. Prohibition against conflicts of interest, gratuities and kickbacks: Any employee or any official of the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County, elective or appointive, who shall take, receive or offer to take or receive, either directly or indirectly, any rebate, percentage of contract, money or other things of value as an inducement or intended inducement, in the procurement of business, or the giving of business, for, or to, or from, any person, partnership, firm or corporation, offering, bidding for, or in open market seeking to make sales to the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction such person or persons shall be subject to punishment or a fine in accord with state and/or federal laws.

## XI PRODUCTS BID

- A. All products quoted shall be from the latest pack and must be clearly labeled. Cans are not to be bent, damaged or rusty, and all cases must be sealed. All products must have been processed and packed in accordance with good commercial practice. All products quoted must conform in all respects to applicable standards promulgated under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act in effect at the time of delivery.
  1. Item Identification (ID): Most product identifications (descriptions) listed herein are not complete specifications. Product identifications consist of requirements which can be verified on delivery or information essential for communication between contractor and Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County.
  2. Product Protection Guarantees: School Systems have "automatic" product protection recourse against suppliers for products which are misrepresented. 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.
  3. Import Products: Products which are canned or packed outside of the United States will not be accepted; this rule applies to "private labels" as well as other labels. Exceptions to this rule are pineapple, Mandarin oranges, olives, tuna, coffee and canned beef. Canned beef is not available from a domestic source (Reference: Alabama Code Acts 1975, No. 220, 1, 2). See the enclosed attachment from USDA entitled "Buy American Requirement" for complete information.
  4. Approved Labels/Brands:
    - A. Packer Label: A product identification is in itself sufficient, in the case of certain generic items such as beef roast. The words "packer label" will appear in the specifications and the contractor may bid any label. The proposer should write in the actual brand and code for product bid. **Only the brand and code bid will be supplied by the contractor. A file sample may be required.**
    - B. Private Label: Blanket approval has been given to several private brands which are listed herein on the chart of grade designations. The words "private label" will appear in the specifications. "Private label" refers to the brands shown in the chart of brands.

Canned and frozen fruits and vegetables: For canned and frozen fruits and vegetables with "private label" in the specifications the vendor shall bid the appropriate private label for grade specified; 1st quality shall be the equivalent of USDA Grade A, 2nd quality the equivalent of USDA Grade B. Packer labels will not be considered for these items unless specified.

Other Items: For other items "private label" with quality designated (first or second quality) may be listed and, in addition, some approved packer labels may be listed; these items will not require samples. Another packer label may be bid for these items, but a sample may be required.
- C. Pre-approved Brands: Some food products not covered by instructions 4-A or 4-B above will have manufacturer's name and product number under "preapproved brands." Potential contractors may propose only those brands which are pre-approved as a result of successful "student testing." A potential contractor may petition for the acceptance of a brand not on the approved list, however, petitions must be made at a time specified by the Board

of School Commissioners of Mobile County for student testing. Only a limited number of items have pre-approved brands.

- D. Other Products: The specification for other products not covered by instructions X 4A, 4B or 4C may:
- (1) Require a label to be submitted with the bid.
  - (2) Require a sample to be submitted.
  - (3) List brands that have been accepted on recent bids.
  - (4) List products that have been tested and pre-approved.
- E. Unacceptable Brands: The Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County may specifically designate any brand as unacceptable even if blanket approval is implied. This is done by stating that "X" brand is unacceptable.
- F. Units of Purchase: When a potential contractor wishes to quote a pack size which is different from the unit specified in the product identification, a different size may be quoted. The Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County reserves the right to approve or disapprove the alternate pack.

#### Terms of Reference Specific to Product Identifications

1. IMPS: Institutional Meat Purchase Specifications (IMPS) were developed by the National Association of Meat Purveyors. The packer must be willing to certify to the contractor and/or user that the product meets the IMPS specifications. These specifications standardize various fresh meat cuts or combination products for purposes of trade identification as to how they are cut, trimmed, ground, mixed or blended and the state of refrigeration required, i.e., chilled or frozen. IMP specifications are designated by numbers which have a very specific meaning in identifying the product. For meat items that require IMPS certification, the vendor will provide a letter from packer verifying that only products meeting the IMPS specification identified in the bid will be supplied.
2. Vegetable Protein: Vegetable protein products may only be used in those products with the following statement in the product identification: "may contain vegetable protein." Any product with vegetable protein must have it listed as an ingredient on the label.
3. Imitation Cheese: Imitation cheese may only be used in those products with the specific statement that cheese substitute may be used as an ingredient. The cheese blend may then contain no more than 49% cheese substitute and no less than 51 % cheese.
4. IQF: The term "Individually Quick Frozen," or IQF, essentially means that the parts can be removed individually from packages.
5. CN Label: When a product is CN (Child Nutrition) labeled, it is "certified" by the packer to conform to the nutritional requirements of the USDA Food & Nutrition Service (FNS). The label shows the contribution made by a given amount of product toward -Child Nutrition Program meal requirements. Bidders may be required to provide copies of CN labels for products bid at bid opening.
6. Standards of Identity: All products must conform to U.S. minimum standard requirements. If not, the supplier is in violation of the contract with the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County, but also with the Federal Food and Drug Administration and/or the Federal Trade Commission. Three (3) important Federal regulations are listed below. These and other Federal and State regulations are automatically part of proposal requirements.
  - A. Net Container Quantity - The minimum net quantity of all products shall be in accord with Section 401 of Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act regarding the individual specifications for standard of fill for the product as prescribed in 21 CFR Part 100-169.

- B. Fill of Containers - All products shall be filled as full as practical under good commercial packing practices without impairment of quality and otherwise in accord with Section 401 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act, regarding individual specifications for standards of fill (21 CFR Part 100-169).
- C. 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 for drained weight, as prescribed in the individual specifications of each product in 21 CFR Part 100-169. Except for whole tomatoes, drained weight is not a factor of USDA grade. The USDA standards indicate recommended drained weights for certain items, in which case these standards are to be used.

## XII METHOD OF AWARD

The bid will be awarded on an individual item basis, or whichever method deems to be in the best interest of the School District.

## XIII INSURANCE

**Successful bidder(s) shall provide a copy of a Certificate of Insurance naming the School board as an additional insured and must be sent to the Purchasing Department, Attention: Cynthia Martin, within seven work days after notification of award. The policies of insurance shall be delivered upon request within seven work days of such request. Minimums included shall be:**

- A. Worker's Compensation – per Alabama Statutes
- B. Comprehensive General Liability

Bodily Injury (including death) Property Damage and Personal Injury \$1,000,000 per person, \$3,000,000 per occurrence.

Commercial Automobile liability insurance of \$1 million per person, \$3 million per occurrence.

## XIV QUESTIONS

If you have any questions concerning this bid, you may contact Cynthia Martin by email at [cpmartin@mcpss.com](mailto:cpmartin@mcpss.com) or (251) 221-4473.

**July 2024**

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**4-Independence Day (System wide Holiday)**

**JANUARY 2025**

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1-New Year's Day System Wide Holiday  
2-Professional Deve.  
3-Teacher Work Day  
6-3rd QTR. Begins  
20-MLK Jr. Day (System wide Holiday)  
S-19/ T-21 Days

**August 2024**

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1-Professional Development  
2-Teacher Work Day  
5-6-Professional Development  
7-First Day of School/ 1st QTR

Students-18 Days  
Teachers-22 Days

**FEBRUARY 2025**

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3-Virtual / Distance Instruction  
S-20/ T-20 Days

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

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2-Labor Day (System wide Holiday)  
16-Professional Development  
No Class for Students  
30- Virtual/ Distance Learning  
Students 19 Days  
Teachers 20 Days

**MARCH 2025**

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3-7-Presidents/ Fat Tuesday  
14- end of 3rd QTR. (44 Days)  
17- Teacher Work Day  
18- 4th QTR. Begins  
S-15/ T-16 Days

**OCTOBER 2024**

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11 -End of 1st QTR.( 48 DAYS)  
14- Teacher Work Day  
15-2nd Qtr. Begin  
Students -22 Days  
Teachers-23 Days

**APRIL 2025**

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21-25- Spring Break  
S-17/ T-17 Days

**NOVEMBER 2024**

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

5-Virtual/ Distance Instruction  
11-Veterans Day (System wide Holiday)  
25-29 Thanksgiving Break (School Holiday)  
Students -15 Days  
Teachers -15 Days

**MAY 2025**

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21-End of 4th QTR.( 45 Days)  
22-Last Day for Students  
23-Teacher Work Day  
26-Memorial Day System wide Holiday  
27-Teacher Work Day  
S-16/ T-18

**DECEMBER 2024**

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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20-2nd QTR. Ends (43 Days)  
23-31 Christmas Break (School Holiday)  
Students -15 Days  
Teachers-15 Days

**JUNE 2025**

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12 Month Employee Holidays 2024-25  
July 4-Independence Day  
Sept.2-Labor Day  
Nov. 11-Veterans Day  
Nov.27-29 Thanksgiving  
Dec. 24-26-Christmas Break  
Dec.31 & Jan. 1 New Year's  
Jan.20 MLK Jr. Day  
March 3-5 Mardi Gras/ Pres. Day  
May 26- Memorial Day/June19-Juneteenth Day

First and Last Day of Quarter
  Virtual/Distance Instruction
  Teacher Planning/Staff Development/Student Holiday
  Student/Teacher Holidays

9-FLEX DAYS

# Mobile County School Board Accounts Payable Department

## What is a Virtual Credit Card?

The District has adopted the use of a VISA Virtual Credit Card powered by AOC/Regions Bank. AOC receives invoice and purchase order details from Accounts Payable and assigns a one-time use credit card number.

The VISA Virtual Credit Card allows the District to pay vendors via a credit card and turn around a vendor payment in a shorter time frame than the current paper check you now receive.

## How Does Virtual Credit Card Work?

- After goods are delivered and/or services rendered, vendors submit invoices to the Account Payable Department according to the current process.
- When Accounts Payable has authorization of a match (purchase order and invoice) and the invoice(s) are due for payment according to your current payment terms with the District the payment process begins.
- The vendor then receives an email notification of the payment from the District
- The vendor then logs into a secure site from the email received and puts in the assigned PIN number. Each payment notification will include the card number, expiration date, security code, payment amount and invoice and/or PO numbers.
- Once the vendor receives the email, the credit card has been authorized to be charged for the amount listed in the email. When the vendor charges the card as authorized in the email, the virtual card will no longer be available for charges. When the next payment is provided the vendor will receive a new card number, security code and expiration date with invoice amount and/or PO number.

## What are the Benefits to using the VISA Virtual Card?

- Receive payments 7 -10 days sooner; resulting in a quicker cash flow for day to day operations or investments.
- Reduce the cost of paper processing and employee time spent on preparing and making bank deposits.
- Void the risk of lost or stolen checks
- Quickly reduce outstanding accounts receivable balances.

## How do I Participate in the VISA Virtual Card Program?

Simply contact the Mobile County School Board Accounts Payable Department at (251)221-4437 and request to be enrolled in the VISA Virtual Card Program through AOC/Regions Bank.

## AOC/Regions Bank

### VISA Virtual Card Vendor Enrollment Data Elements

1. Vendor Number (Internal Use Only- MCPSS)
2. Vendor Name
3. Vendor Address
4. Accounts Receivable Contact Name
5. Accounts Receivable Contact Email
6. Accounts Receivable Contact Phone Number

**Vendor please provide and complete below:**

Vendor Name

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Vendor Address

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Vendor A/R Contact Name

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Vendor A/R Email Address

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Vendor A/R Phone Number

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If you have any questions please contact Chuck Harben in Accounts Payable 251-221-4437 or email [charben@mcpss.com](mailto:charben@mcpss.com).

# IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE

## CONFIRMATION REQUEST: AFFIDAVIT OF ALABAMA IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE

### Vendor Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Street Address*

*Suite/Unit #*

*City*

*State*

*ZIP Code*

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Read the attached Immigration Notice and Select one (1) of the Following:

The Alabama Immigration Law **DOES NOT** apply to the above named company. Please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Alabama Immigration Law **DOES** apply to the above named company and the documents are on file with Mobile County School System

The Alabama Immigration Law **DOES** apply to the above named company and the **AFFIDAVIT OF ALABAMA IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS** are ATTACHED with the Bid Response

The documents are available at [www.mcps.com/immigrataion](http://www.mcps.com/immigrataion) and [www.dhs.gov/e-verify](http://www.dhs.gov/e-verify)

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*Employee Signature*

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*Date*

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**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other  
Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions**

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This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 7 CFR Part 3017, Section 3017.510, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part IV of the January 30, 1989, Federal Register (pages 1722-1733). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency offering the proposed covered transaction.

**(BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE)**

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
  - (a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
  - (b) have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - (c) are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1) (b) of this certification; and
  - (d) have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
  
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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Organization Name

PR/Award Number of Project Name

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

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Signature(s)

Date



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

1. By signing and submitting this form, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out on the reverse side in accordance with these instructions.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out on this form. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reasons of changed circumstances.
5. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction", "participant," "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. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall 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 entering into this transaction.
7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it 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 Nonprocurement List.
9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order 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.
10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 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 may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

## **VENDOR DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

### **Information and Instructions**

Act 2001-955 requires the disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000. The disclosure statement is not required for contracts for gas, water, and electric services where no competition exists, or where rates are fixed by law or ordinance. In circumstances where a contract is awarded by competitive bid, the disclosure statement shall be required only from the person receiving the contract and shall be submitted within ten (10) days of the award.

A copy of the disclosure statement shall be filed with the awarding entity and the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts and if it pertains to a state contract, a copy shall be submitted to the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee. The address for the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts is as follows: 50 N. Ripley Street, Room 3201, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101. If the disclosure statement is filed with a contract, the awarding entity should include a copy with the contract when it is presented to the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee.

The State of Alabama shall not enter into any contract or appropriate any public funds with any person who refuses to provide information required by Act 2001-955.

Pursuant to Act 2001-955, any person who knowingly provides misleading or incorrect information on the disclosure statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the transaction, not to exceed \$10,000.00. Also, the contract or grant shall be voidable by the awarding entity.

### **Definitions as Provided in Act 2001-955**

**Family Member of a Public Employee** - The spouse or a dependent of the public employee.

**Family Member of a Public Official** - The spouse, a dependent, an adult child and his or her spouse, a parent, a spouse's parents, a sibling and his or her spouse, of the public official.

**Family Relationship** - A person has a family relationship with a public official or public employee if the person is a family member of the public official or public employee.

**Person** - An individual, firm, partnership, association, joint venture, cooperative, or corporation, or any other group or combination acting in concert.

**Public Official and Public Employee** - These terms shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in Sections 36-25-1(23) and 36-25-1(24), Code of Alabama 1975, (see below) except for the purposes of the disclosure requirements of this act, the terms shall only include persons in a position to influence the awarding of a grant or contract who are affiliated with the awarding entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, these terms shall also include the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, members of the cabinet of the Governor, and members of the Legislature.

Section 36-25-1(23), Code of Alabama 1975, defines a public employee as any person employed at the state, county or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations and authorities, but excluding employees of hospitals or other health care corporations including contract employees of those hospitals or other health care corporations, who is paid in whole or in part from state, county, or municipal funds. For purposes of this chapter, a public employee does not include a person employed on a part-time basis whose employment is limited to providing professional services other than lobbying, the compensation for which constitutes less than 50 percent of the part-time employee's income.

Section 36-25-1(24), Code of Alabama 1975, defines a public official as any person elected to public office, whether or not that person has taken office, by the vote of the people at state, county, or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations, and any person appointed to a position at the state, county, or municipal level of government or their instrumentalities, including governmental corporations. For purposes of this chapter, a public official includes the chairs and vice-chairs or the equivalent offices of each state political party as defined in Section 17-16-2, Code of Alabama 1975.

### **Instructions**

Complete all lines as indicated. If an item does not apply, denote N/A (not applicable). If you cannot include required information in the space provided, attach additional sheets as necessary.

The form must be signed, dated, and notarized prior to submission.



# State of Alabama Disclosure Statement

(Required by Act 2001-955)

ENTITY COMPLETING FORM

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

( )

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT THAT WILL RECEIVE GOODS, SERVICES, OR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANT AWARD

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

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This form is provided with:

- Contract   
 Proposal   
 Request for Proposal   
 Invitation to Bid   
 Grant Proposal

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously performed work or provided goods to any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

- Yes   
 No

If yes, identify below the State Agency/Department that received the goods or services, the type(s) of goods or services previously provided, and the amount received for the provision of such goods or services.

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	TYPE OF GOODS/SERVICES	AMOUNT RECEIVED
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Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously applied and received any grants from any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

- Yes   
 No

If yes, identify the State Agency/Department that awarded the grant, the date such grant was awarded, and the amount of the grant.

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	DATE GRANT AWARDED	AMOUNT OF GRANT
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1. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/EMPLOYEE	ADDRESS	STATE DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
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2. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all family members of public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the public officials/public employees and State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER	ADDRESS	NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/ PUBLIC EMPLOYEE	STATE DEPARTMENT/ AGENCY WHERE EMPLOYED

If you identified individuals in items one and/or two above, describe in detail below the direct financial benefit to be gained by the public officials, public employees, and/or their family members as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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Describe in detail below any indirect financial benefits to be gained by any public official, public employee, and/or family members of the public official or public employee as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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List below the name(s) and address(es) of all paid consultants and/or lobbyists utilized to obtain the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal:

NAME OF PAID CONSULTANT/LOBBYIST	ADDRESS

***By signing below, I certify under oath and penalty of perjury that all statements on or attached to this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that a civil penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the transaction, not to exceed \$10,000.00, is applied for knowingly providing incorrect or misleading information.***

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Notary's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date Notary Expires \_\_\_\_\_

*Act 2001-955 requires the disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000.*

## REQUIRED FEDERAL PROVISIONS FOR PROCUREMENT IN CNP PROGRAMS

### Title 2: Grants and Agreements

#### PART 200—UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

##### Subpart F—Audit Requirements Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must 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 must 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 non-Federal award.

(J) See §200.322 Procurement of recovered materials. A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

# REQUIRED FEDERAL PROVISIONS FOR PROCUREMENT IN CNP PROGRAMS

Title 7: Agriculture

PART 210—NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Subpart E—State Agency and School Food Authority Responsibilities §210.21 Procurement.

(d) Buy American—

(1) Definition of domestic commodity or product. In this paragraph (d), the term "domestic commodity or product" means—

- (i) An agricultural commodity that is produced in the United States; and
- (ii) A food product that is processed in the United States substantially using agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States.

(2) Requirement.

- (i) In general. Subject to paragraph (d)(2)(ii) of this section, the Department shall require that a school food authority purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products.
- (ii) Limitations. Paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this section shall apply only to—
  - (A) A school food authority located in the contiguous United States; and
  - (B) A purchase of domestic commodity or product for the school lunch program under this part.

(f) Cost reimbursable contracts—

(1) Required provisions. The school food authority must include the following provisions in all cost reimbursable contracts, including contracts with cost reimbursable provisions, and in solicitation documents prepared to obtain offers for such contracts:

- (i) Allowable costs will be paid from the nonprofit school food service account to the contractor net of all discounts, rebates and other applicable credits accruing to or received by the contractor or any assignee under the contract, to the extent those credits are allocable to the allowable portion of the costs billed to the school food authority;
- (ii) (A) The contractor must separately identify for each cost submitted for payment to the school food authority the amount of that cost that is allowable (can be paid from the nonprofit school food service account) and the amount that is unallowable (cannot be paid from the nonprofit school food service account); or  
(B) The contractor must exclude all unallowable costs from its billing documents and certify that only allowable costs are submitted for payment and records have been established that maintain the visibility of unallowable costs, including directly associated costs in a manner suitable for contract cost determination and verification;
- (iii) The contractor's determination of its allowable costs must be made in compliance with the applicable Departmental and Program regulations and Office of Management and Budget cost circulars;
- (iv) The contractor must identify the amount of each discount, rebate and other applicable credit on bills and invoices presented to the school food authority for payment and individually identify the amount as a discount, rebate, or in the case of other applicable credits, the nature of the credit. If approved by the State agency, the school food authority may permit the contractor to report this information on a less frequent basis than monthly, but no less frequently than annually;
- (v) The contractor must identify the method by which it will report discounts, rebates and other applicable credits allocable to the contract that are not reported prior to conclusion of the contract; and
- (vi) The contractor must maintain documentation of costs and discounts, rebates and other applicable credits, and must furnish such documentation upon request to the school food authority, the State agency, or the Department.

(2) Prohibited expenditures. No expenditure may be made from the nonprofit school food service account for any cost resulting from a cost reimbursable contract that fails to include the requirements of this section, nor may any expenditure be made from the nonprofit school food service account that permits or results in the contractor receiving payments in excess of the contractor's actual, net allowable costs.

(g) Geographic preference.

- (1) A school food authority participating in the Program, as well as State agencies making purchases on behalf of such school food authorities, may apply a geographic preference when procuring unprocessed locally grown or locally raised agricultural products. When utilizing the geographic preference to procure such products, the school food authority making the purchase or the State agency making purchases on behalf of such school food authorities have the discretion to determine the local area to which the geographic preference option will be applied;
- (2) For the purpose of applying the optional geographic procurement preference in paragraph (g)(1) of this section, "unprocessed locally grown or locally raised agricultural products" means only those agricultural products that retain their inherent character. The effects of the following food handling and preservation techniques shall not be considered as changing an agricultural product into a product of a different kind or character: Cooling; refrigerating; freezing; size adjustment made by peeling, slicing, dicing, cutting, chopping, shucking, and grinding; forming ground products into patties without any additives or fillers; drying/dehydration; washing; packaging (such as placing eggs in cartons), vacuum packing and bagging (such as placing vegetables in bags or combining two or more types of vegetables or fruits in a single package); the addition of ascorbic acid or other preservatives to prevent oxidation of produce; butchering livestock and poultry; cleaning fish; and the pasteurization of milk.

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.

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 Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may 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 complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), 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](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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## **CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS REQUIRED FEDERAL PROVISIONS**

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In addition to other contracts provisions required by the program regulations for the Federal award, all contracts made by a non-Federal entity under a Federal award must contain provisions set forth in 2 CFR 200.318 -.326 and 2 CFR 200 Appendix II., **as applicable**. Please note, however, that not all of these provisions must be included in every contract awarded by a program operator. If you are unsure whether you will need to include a specific Federal provision in your contract, please consult with your State Agency or an Attorney. There may be additional State or local requirements required, please consult with your State Agency. Program operators always need to follow the strictest of Federal, State, or local requirements.

**Below are the required Federal Provisions listed in 2 CFR 200 Appendix II that may pertain to your contract:**

- **REMEDIES:** If the contract is for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at **\$250,000**, your contract must include a clause that addresses administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate. The USDA does not prescribe the form or content of these clauses. Check with an attorney to determine if state or local law prescribes the use of specific language.
- **TERMINATION:** If the contract is in excess of **\$10,000**, your contract must contain a clause that addresses termination for cause and for convenience by the school district including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement. The USDA does not prescribe the form or content of these clauses. Check with an attorney to determine if state or local law prescribes the use of specific language.
- **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** This clause would be required only for contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted **construction** contract." You should consult with the State agency or an attorney to determine whether this clause should be included.
- **DAVIS-BACON ACT CLAUSE:** This clause would be required only for prime **construction** contracts in excess of **\$2,000** awarded by non-Federal entities. You should consult with the State agency or an attorney to determine whether this clause should be included.
- **CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT CLAUSE:** This clause would be required only for contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the **employment of mechanics or laborers**. You should consult with your State agency or an attorney to determine whether this clause should be included.

- **RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT:** This clause is only necessary when the award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the school food authority wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or sub recipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency. A food service department generally does not award contracts of this nature. You should consult with your State agency or an attorney to determine whether this clause should be included.
- **CLEAN AIR / CLEAN WATER:** For contracts and sub grants of amounts in excess of **\$150,000**, your contract must include a clause requiring the contractor to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387) and the contractor must agree to report all violations to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Neither the State agency nor the USDA prescribes the form or content of these clauses. The following are suggestions of clauses that can be used:

- The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the USDA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.
- The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the USDA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.
- **SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT:** The Contractor understands that a contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.”

The entity can verify the vendor is not debarred or suspended using the SAM system:  
<https://www.sam.gov/SAM/pages/public/index.jsf>

While there is not a specific form, the following is suggested language that can be used:

By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by {insert name of school district}. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to {insert name of school district}, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 180.220 while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

- **LOBBYING:** Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding **\$100,000** must file the required certification pursuant to Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352).

Neither the State agency nor USDA prescribes the form or content of these clauses. The following is a



suggestion of clause that can be used:

The Contractor will comply with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352) and certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay an 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 U.S.C 1352. If applicable, contractor will complete the disclosure of lobbying with non-Federal funds using Lobbying Activities Form (Form SF-LLL) and submit to {insert name of contracting entity} annually.

**Below are the required Federal Provisions listed in 2 CFR 200.318 – 200.326 that may pertain to your contract:**

- **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AKA PIGGYBACKING ((ONLY IF ALLOWING) 2 CFR 200.318):** To foster greater economy and efficiency, and in accordance with efforts to promote cost-effective use of shared services across the Federal Government, the non-Federal entity is encouraged to enter into state and local intergovernmental agreements or inter-entity agreements where appropriate for procurement or use of common or shared goods and services.

While there are no specific Federal requirements for language to be included, USDA memo SP 02-2016 and SP 05-2017 includes the requirements that must be in original solicitation and resulting contract.

- **CONTRACTING WITH SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS (2 CFR 200.321):** The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. Many states have websites that includes resources to find these vendors, as well as the links below.

While there are no specific Federal requirements for language to be included, the following excerpt from 2 CFR 200.321 summarizes the process:

Affirmative steps must include:

- (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- (2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- (3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- (4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- (5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
- (6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

- **PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS (2 CFR 200.322):** This provision only applies to a non-Federal entity that is a **state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state** and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. You should consult with your State agency or an attorney to determine whether this clause applies to you and your contractors.

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## **ADDITIONAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL AGENCY (USDA) FOR NSLP, SBP, AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION CONTRACTS**

Please remember that Program Operators must also include additional required contract provisions identified in the program regulations for the Federal award (7 CFR 210, 250, etc.).

- **BUY AMERICAN PROVISION:** The Buy American provision was added to the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) by Section 104(d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-336). Section 12(n) to the NSLA (42 USC 1760(n)), requiring school food authorities (SFAs) to purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodity or product.

The following clause language is suggested, but not mandatory:

- "Domestic Commodity or Product" are defined as an agricultural commodity that is produced in the United States and a food product that is processed in the United States using substantial agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States.
- "Substantial" means that over 51 percent of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically.
- Products from Guam, American Samoa, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Mariana Islands are allowed under this provision as territories of the United States.
- The Buy American provision (7 CFR Part 210.21(d), 7 CFR 220.16(d), 7 CFR 250.23 ) is one of the procurement standards SFAs must comply with when purchasing commercial food products served in the school meals programs.
- Buy American: Schools participating in the federal school meal programs are required to purchase domestic commodities and products for school meals to the maximum extent practicable. Domestic commodity or product means an agricultural commodity that is produced in the US and a food product that is processed in the US substantially (at least 51 percent) using agricultural commodities that are produced in the US.
- Farmed fish must be harvested within the United States or any territory or possession of the United States. Wild caught fish must be harvested within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States or by a United States flagged vessel (section 4207 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018).
- Federal regulations require that all foods purchased for Child Nutrition Program be of domestic origin to the maximum extent practicable. While rare, two (2) exceptions may exist when:
  - the product is not produced or manufactured in the US in sufficient, reasonable and available quantities of a satisfactory quality, such as bananas and pineapple; and
  - competitive proposals reveal the cost of a domestic product is significantly higher than a non-domestic product.
- All products that are normally purchased by Distributor as non-domestic and proposed as part of this solicitation must be identified with the country of origin. Distributor shall outline their procedures to notify School when products are purchased as non-domestic.
- Any substitution of a non-domestic product for a domestic product (which was originally a part of the solicitation), must be approved, in writing, by the Food Service Director, prior to the delivery of the product to the School. Any non-domestic product delivered to the School, without the prior, written approval of the Food Service Director, will be rejected.
- Distributor must affirm their willingness to assert their best and reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with this Federal rule.

- **GEOGRAPHIC PREFERENCE (OPTIONAL):** A school food authority participating in the NSLP may apply a geographic preference when procuring **unprocessed** locally grown or locally raised agricultural products. School food authorities have the discretion to determine the local area to which the geographic preference option will be applied. Other types of geographic or local preference are prohibited when using Federal Child Nutrition Program funds.

While the State Agency and USDA does not have specific language around this provision, USDA has numerous guidance documents and examples on the [USDA Geographic Preference tip sheet](#).

- **COST REIMBURSABLE CONTRACTS (ONLY IF USING):** The school food authority must include the following provisions in all cost reimbursable contracts, including contracts with cost reimbursable provisions, and in solicitation documents prepared to obtain offers for such contracts.
  - The contract language provided below is mandatory (7 CFR 210.21(f), 7 CFR 220.16(e), and 7 CFR 250.53).
    - Allowable costs will be paid from the nonprofit school food service account to the contractor net of all discounts, rebates and other applicable credits accruing to or received by the contractor or any assignee under the contract, to the extent those credits are allocable to the allowable portion of the costs billed to the school food authority;
    - The contractor must separately identify for each cost submitted for payment to the school food authority the amount of that cost that is allowable (can be paid from the nonprofit school food service account) and the amount that is unallowable (cannot be paid from the nonprofit school food service account);
  - or
    - The contractor must exclude all unallowable costs from its billing documents and certify that only allowable costs are submitted for payment and records have been established that maintain the visibility of unallowable costs, including directly associated costs in a manner suitable for contract cost determination and verification;
    - The contractor's determination of its allowable costs must be made in compliance with the applicable Departmental and Program regulations and Office of Management and Budget cost circulars;
    - The contractor must identify the amount of each discount, rebate and other applicable credit on bills and invoices presented to the school food authority for payment and individually identify the amount as a discount, rebate, or in the case of other applicable credits, the nature of the credit. If approved by the State agency, the school food authority may permit the contractor to report this information on a less frequent basis than monthly, but no less frequently than annually;
    - The contractor must identify the method by which it will report discounts, rebates and other applicable credits allocable to the contract that are not reported prior to conclusion of the contract; and
    - The contractor must maintain documentation of costs and discounts, rebates and other applicable credits, and must furnish such documentation upon request to the school food authority, the State agency, or the Department.
    - Prohibited expenditures. No expenditure may be made from the nonprofit school food service account for any cost resulting from a cost reimbursable contract that fails to include the requirements of this section, nor may any expenditure be made from the nonprofit school food service account that permits or results in the contractor receiving payments in excess of the contractor's actual, net allowable costs.
- **DURATION OF CONTRACT (FSMC SPECIFIC):** This requirement is for all school food authority's that enter into a contract with a Food Service Management Company.

- (7 CFR 210.16 (d)) Duration of contract. The contract between a school food authority and food service management company shall be of a duration of no longer than 1 year; and options for the yearly renewal of a contract signed after February 16, 1988, may not exceed 4 additional years. All contracts shall include a termination clause whereby either party may cancel for cause with 60-day notification.
- **RECALL CONTACTS (USDA FOODS PROCESSING SPECIFIC):** The following two provisions must be included in all bids/responses for USDA Foods Processing (Responding to a Food Recall – Procedures for Recalls of USDA Foods).
  - A provision for information for processor food recall procedures.
  - Contact information for a point and backup person for handling food recalls.
- **USDA NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:** All publications that mention USDA Child Nutrition Programs must include the following revised nondiscrimination statement. This includes solicitation and bid documents.
  - 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.
  - 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 Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may 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 complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: How to File a 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](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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VENDOR MINORITY QUESTIONNAIRE

BID #: 25-13

Please complete this form and return it with your bid proposal. Should you choose not to bid at this time, please complete this form and forward back to our office as soon as possible. It is necessary that you check all categories that apply to your company. Failure to comply could result in rejection of your proposal and/or removal of your name from our bidder's list, as we are now required to provide this information to the State Department.

VENDOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX #: \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE COMPANY MINORITY OWNED?:     YES     NO

IS THE COMPANY OWNED BY:             MALE     FEMALE     BOTH

IS THE COMPANY INCORPORATED        YES     NO

ETHNICITY OF OWNERSHIP:

- ASIAN AMERICAN
- AMERICAN INDIAN
- BLACK
- DISABLED
- HISPANIC
- OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY): \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided to assist Bidders in the preparation of their bid response. Included in this checklist are important requirements that are the responsibility of each Bidder to submit with their response in order to make their bid response fully compliant. This checklist is only a guideline; it is the responsibility of each Bidder to read and comply with the Invitation to Bid in its entirety.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mailing envelope has been addressed to:

Board of School Commissioners  
Purchasing Office  
P. O. Box 180069  
Mobile, AL 36618

OR

Board of School Commissioners  
Purchasing Office  
1 Magnum Pass  
Mobile, AL 36618

\_\_\_\_\_ Mailing envelope must be sealed and marked with:

- Bid Number
- Bid Title
- Bid Opening Date and Time

**TO HELP REDUCE POSTAGE COSTS, AWARD NOTICES WILL ONLY BE MAILED TO SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS. THE BID RESPONSES CAN BE VIEWED ON THE WEBSITE; AFTER BOARD APPROVAL, THE OFFICIAL AWARD CAN BE VIEWED ON THE WEBSITE (ACTIVE CONTRACTS).**

**ALL COURIER DELIVERED BIDS MUST HAVE THE BID NUMBER AND TITLE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE COURIER PACKET**

**Check Each Of The Following As The Necessary Action Is Completed.**

- The **Invitation to Bid** sheet has been signed
- The minority questionnaire
- The variance sheet (if applicable)
- The debarment sheet
- No Bid Bond required
- Addendum (if any) has been included
- AOC Vendor Enrollment Data Sheet
- Read all bid requirements and specifications
- Alabama Immigration Law Compliance Documents
- Vendor Disclosure Statement



**BID ON: CNP FOOD PACKAGING SYSTEM & SUPPLIES - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR & SUMMER FEEDING 2025**

**BID NO.: 25-13**

**OPENED: MARCH 11, 2025 @ 2:00 PM**

Item Number	Specifications	Purchase Unit	Portion Count & Weight	Brand and Code	Price Per Unit
<b><u>CNP FOOD PACKAGING SYSTEM &amp; SUPPLIES</u></b>					
1	<b>FOOD PACKAGING SYSTEM</b> Bagging System to include heavy duty tape sealer and bag stand. Custom rubber feet. Brand: Ekon-O-Pac EPAC4 or approved equal.				
Supplies to be used with food packaging system:					
a.	Cold sealing tape - colors: red				\$
b.	Cold sealing tape - colors: blue				\$
c.	Cold sealing tape - colors: green				\$
d.	Cold sealing tape - colors: yellow				\$
e.	Cold sealing tape - colors: orange				\$
f.	Hot sealing tape				\$
g.	CD78NV - 7 X 8 bags, 5000 per case				\$
h.	MD78V - 7 X 8 bags, 5000 per case				\$
i.	HB78V - Vented 7 X 9, 5000 per case				\$
j.	HB78MP - Multi-vented 7 X 9, 5000 per case				\$
k.	BB91GNV - 9 X 11, 3000 per case				\$
Brand: Ekon-O-Pac Food Packaging System or approved equal.					