



**Clarke County School Nutrition Program**

**INVITATION FOR BID  
FRESH PRODUCE**

**IFB# 042723**

<b>Invitation For Bid Timeline</b>	
Bid Issue Date	March 31, 2023
Final Date for Written Questions	April 13, 2023
Bid Due Date and Time	April 27, 2023 by 9:00 AM
Bid Due Location	Clarke County School Nutrition 145 Paradise Boulevard Athens, GA 30607
Bid Opening Date and Time	April 27, 2023 by 9:00 AM
Bid Opening Location	Clarke County School Nutrition 145 Paradise Boulevard Athens, GA 30607
Award Date (per award letter)	
Contract Start Date and End Date	July 28, 2023 – July 31, 2024

## SECTION 1 TRANSMITTAL PAGE

The Clarke County School District Nutrition Program is requesting sealed bids from qualified suppliers to provide and deliver "Fresh Produce" as per the attached specifications to all school locations as specified in this Invitation for Bid (IFB). Clarke County School District represents twenty-one (21) schools and two (2) Early Learning Centers. Bids are due by the date, time, and location shown on the Invitation for Bid Timeline. Bids will be opened at the date, time and location shown on the Invitation for Bid Timeline.

### Sealed Bid shall be mailed or delivered to:

Clarke County School District  
School Nutrition Program  
Attn: Paula Farmer  
145 Paradise Boulevard  
Athens, GA 30607

Questions regarding this IFB should be sent in writing to Paula Farmer, School Nutrition Director, at [farmerp@clarke.k12.ga.us](mailto:farmerp@clarke.k12.ga.us).

### INTENT

- a) It shall be the intent and purpose of this Invitation for Bid (IFB) to cover the terms and conditions under which a successful Bidder shall be responsible to supply and deliver fresh produce to the Clarke County School Nutrition Program through sealed bids. School food authorities shall comply with the requirements of 7CFR 210.21 and 2 CFR part 200, subpart D and USDA implementing regulations 2 CFR part 400 and part 415, as applicable, which implement the applicable requirements, concerning the procurement of all goods and services with nonprofit school food service account funds.
- b) The Clarke County School Nutrition Program is seeking to identify and select one (1) or more vendors to provide the items as listed in **Attachment B**. The selected vendor(s) shall provide products in accordance with the Standard Terms and Conditions, Special Terms and Conditions, the IFB and any applicable Addenda.
- c) The Clarke County School Nutrition Program reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or to accept any part of a bid without accepting the whole thereof, or to accept such bid as they deem to be in the best interest of the School Nutrition Program.

### I. CONTRACT TIME PERIOD

- a) **Initial Term:** The initial term of this contract, which results from the award of this IFB, shall commence and terminate on the dates shown on page number one the Invitation for Bid Timeline.
- b) **Renewal Option:** This contract may be renewed by mutual agreement of both parties in written form for four (4) additional 1-year terms based on vendor performance.



## II. BID SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

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

- a) Bid price quotations must be completed on the bid sheet form provided.
- b) Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope. The outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked as shown on page #1 of this document entitled **"IFB # 042723 FRESH PRODUCE CLARKE COUNTY SCHOOL NUTRITION"**.
- c) The Clarke County School Nutrition Program must receive bids no later than the date shown on the Invitation for Bid Timeline.
- d) Late bids will not be accepted. The Clarke County School Nutrition Program is not be responsible for late receipt of bids. Bids must be mailed or delivered to the location as stated above. Emailed and/or faxed bids are not acceptable and will not be considered for sealed bids.
- e) If the Bidder submits bid documents with informalities, errors, or omissions such as, but not limited to, non-conforming bid security, non-conforming non-collusion affidavit or samples, or fails to properly execute and seal the said documents the Bidder, in the School Nutrition Program's sole discretion, may be given 72 hours from the time of the bid opening in which to provide such information to the School Nutrition Program.
- f) The School Nutrition Program has the right to waive any informalities.

## III. BID OPENING DATE/TIME/PLACE

Sealed bids will be opened at the date, time, and location shown on the Invitation for Bid Timeline.

## IV. AWARD DETERMINATION STATEMENT

- a) This IFB award will be made to a single or multiple vendors. Pricing of products shall be based on the current market cost not to exceed the price quotes of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Services National Weekly Pricing report for Food Service Organizations, plus a fixed fee per case, per half case, and per pound/unit for any pack size less than a half case for delivery. This fee will remain firm for the duration of the contract.
- b) The award of this IFB is contingent upon available budget funds and approval of the Clarke County Board of Education.
- c) The School Nutrition Program (SNP) will award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder (s) meeting all terms, conditions, and specifications of the IFB, within approximately sixty (60) days of the opening of the bids. Other award considerations include terms of delivery, quality, serviceability, local purchasing, and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the SNP. The CCSD BOE reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to accept or reject any and all bids or parts thereof.
- d) An official letter of acceptance will be sent to the successful Bidder after bid selection and prior to contract award.
- e) Upon acceptance and award of a vendor's bid, the contract between the Bidder and the SNP shall be



drafted from the IFB and addenda, selected bid response to the IFB by the Bidder and any attachments thereto, and all written communications between the SNP and the *Bidder*. The contract shall constitute the entire agreement and shall supersede all prior negotiations, commitments, understandings, or agreements, whether oral or written.

**V. SYSTEM CONTACT INFORMATION**

- a) This Invitation for Bid (IFB) is issued by the Clarke County School Nutrition Program. All inquiries, clarifications, or interpretations regarding this IFB should be directed by email to:

School Nutrition Director: Paula Farmer  
Email address: [farmerp@clarke.k12.ga.us](mailto:farmerp@clarke.k12.ga.us)

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

**VI. VENDOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

**SECTION 2**  
**STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

*This contract between the Clarke County School Nutrition Program and the Vendor shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia and all applicable Federal regulations.*

**I. LOBBYING CERTIFICATE**

Per 2 CFR 200 Appendix II Section I: A Lobbying Certification and Disclosure must be completed for all bids \$100,000 and over. Please see and complete *Attachment E*. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352): Vendors 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.

**II. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION VERIFICATION**

Institutions shall solicit offers from, award contracts to, and consent to subcontracts with responsible vendors and/or principals only. The serious nature of debarment and suspension requires that sanctions be imposed only in the public interest for the Government's protection and not for purposes of punishment. Institutions shall impose debarment or suspension to protect the Government's interest and only for the causes and in accordance with the procedures set forth in 2 CFR 200.213.

The Vendor certifies that the Vendor and/or any of its sub vendors or principals have not been debarred, suspended, or declared ineligible by any agency of the State of Georgia or any agency of the Federal government or as defined in the 2 CFR 200.213 which states "Non-federal entities are subject to the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, 2 CFR part 180. These regulations restrict awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs or activities." The Vendor will immediately notify the School Food Authority if Vendor is debarred or placed on the Consolidated List of Debarred, Suspended, and Ineligible Vendors by a federal entity. See Attachment F By signing this agreement, the Vendor is testifying that they are not debarred, suspended, or has any ineligible or voluntary exclusions with the U.S. Department of Agriculture or any other Federal or State Agency.

All responses will be verified. 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 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." 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.



### III. BUY AMERICAN STATEMENT

The successful bidder must comply with the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Buy American Act: 7 CFR 210.21(d)) which requires schools and institutions participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) in the contiguous United States to purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products for use in meals served under the NSLP and SBP.

The term 'domestic commodity or product' means agricultural commodities produced in the United States; and food products processed in the United States substantially using agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States. Substantial means over 51% 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.

### IV. REMEDY FOR NON-PERFORMANCE/ TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

**(a) Immediate Termination.** This contract will terminate immediately and absolutely if the Clarke County School Nutrition Program determines that adequate funds are not appropriated or granted or funds are de-appropriated such that the School Nutrition Program cannot fulfill its obligations under the Contract, which determination is at the School Nutrition Program's sole discretion and shall be conclusive. Further, the School Nutrition Program may terminate the Contract for any one or more of the following reasons effective immediately without advance notice:

- (i) In the event the Vendor is required to be certified or licensed as a condition precedent to providing goods and services, the revocation or loss of such license or certification may result in immediate termination of the Contract effective as of the date on which the license or certification is no longer in effect;
- (ii) The School Nutrition Program determines that the actions, or failure to act, of the Vendor, its agents, employees or sub vendors have caused, or reasonably could cause, life, health or safety to be jeopardized;
- (iii) The Vendor fails to comply with confidentiality laws or provisions; and/or;
- (iv) The Vendor furnished any statement, representation, or certification in connection with the Contractor the bidding process, which is materially false, deceptive, incorrect, or incomplete.

**(b) Termination for Cause.** 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 affected and the basis for settlement. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute cause for the Clarke County School Nutrition Program to declare the Vendor in default of its obligation under the Contract:

- (i) The Vendor fails to deliver or has delivered nonconforming goods or services or fails to perform, to the School Nutrition Program's satisfaction, any material requirement of the Contract or is in



- (ii) violation of a material provision of Contract, including, but without limitation, the express warranties made;
- (iii) The School Nutrition Program determines that satisfactory performance of the Contract is substantially endangered or that a default is likely to occur;
- (iv) The Vendor fails to make substantial and timely progress toward performance of the Contract;
- (iv) The Vendor becomes subject to any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding under federal or state law to the extent allowed by applicable federal or state law including bankruptcy laws; the Vendor terminates or suspends its business; or the School Nutrition Program reasonably believes that the Vendor has become insolvent or unable to pay its obligations as they accrue consistent with applicable federal or state law;
- (v) The Vendor has failed to comply with applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, ordinances, regulations and orders when performing within the scope of the Contract;
- (vi) The Vendor has engaged in conduct that has or may expose the School Nutrition Program or the State to liability, as determined in the School Nutrition Program's sole discretion; or
- (vii) The Vendor has infringed any patent, trademark, copyright, trade dress or any other intellectual property rights of the School Nutrition Program, the state, or a third party.

**(c) Notice of Default.** If there is a default event caused by the Vendor, the Clarke County School Nutrition Program shall provide written notice to the Vendor requesting that the breach or noncompliance be remedied within the period of time specified in the School Nutrition Program's written notice to the Vendor. If the breach or noncompliance is not remedied within the period of time specified in the written notice, the School Nutrition Program may:

- (i) Immediately terminate the Contract without additional written notice; and/or
- (ii) Procure substitute goods or services from another source and charge the difference between the Contract and the substitute contract to the defaulting Vendor, and/or,
- (iii) Enforce the terms and conditions of the Contract and seek any legal or equitable remedies.

**(d) Termination upon Notice.** Following thirty (30) days' written notice, the Clarke County School Nutrition Program may terminate the Contract in whole or in part without the payment of any penalty or incurring any further obligation to the Vendor. Following termination upon notice, the Vendor shall be entitled to compensation, upon submission of invoices and proper proof of claim, for goods and services provided under the Contract to the Clarke County School Nutrition Program up to and including date of termination.

**(e) Termination Due to Change in Law.** The Clarke County School Nutrition Program shall have the right to terminate this Contract without penalty by giving thirty (30) days' written notice to the Vendor as a result of the following:

- (i) The School Nutrition Program's authorization to operate is withdrawn or there is a material alternation in the programs administered by the Clarke County School Nutrition Program; and/or
- (ii) The School Nutrition Program's duties are substantially modified.

**(f) Payment Limitation in Event of Termination.** In the event of termination of the Contract for any reason by the Clarke County School Nutrition Program, the School Nutrition Program shall pay only those amounts, if any, due and owing to the Vendor for goods and services actually rendered up to and including the date of termination of the Contract and for which the School Nutrition Program is obligated to pay pursuant to the Contract or Purchase Instrument. Payment will be made only upon submission of invoices and proper proof of the Vendor's claim. This provision in no way limits the remedies available to the School Nutrition Program under the Contract in the event of termination. The School Nutrition Program shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Vendor in its performance of the Contract, including, but not limited to, startup costs, overhead or other costs associated with the performance of the Contract.

**(g) The Vendor's Termination Duties.** Upon receipt of notice of termination or upon request of the Clarke County School Nutrition Program, the Vendor shall:

- (i) Cease work under the Contract and take all necessary or appropriate steps to limit disbursements and minimize costs, and furnish a report within thirty (30) days of the date of notice of termination, describing the status of all work under the Contract, including, without limitation, results accomplished, conclusions resulting there from, and any other matters the School Nutrition Program may require;
- (ii) Immediately cease using and return to the Clarke County School Nutrition Program, any personal property or materials, whether tangible or intangible, provided by the Clarke County School Nutrition Program to the Vendor;
- (iii) Comply with the School Nutrition Program instructions for the timely transfer of any active files and work product by the Vendor under the Contract;
- (iv) Cooperate in good faith with the School Nutrition Program, its employees, agents, and vendors during the transition period between the notification of termination and the substitution of any replacement vendor; and
- (v) Immediately return to the School Nutrition Program any payments made by the School Nutrition Program for goods and services that were not delivered or rendered by the Vendor.

## **V. HUB (Historically Underutilized Business) STATEMENT**

It is the intent of the Clarke County School Nutrition Program to provide maximum practicable opportunities in its solicitations to minority firms, women's business enterprises and labor surplus area firms. Small businesses, women and minority-owned business sources will not be given unfair advantage when evaluating competitive purchases i.e., small purchases, sealed bids, proposals, or noncompetitive procurement (2 CFR 200.321). Positive efforts include:

- Placing qualified small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises and labor surplus firms on solicitation lists;
- Assuring that small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises and labor surplus firms are solicited whenever they are potential sources;



- Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises and labor surplus firms;
- Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises and labor surplus firms;
- 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
- Requiring the prime vendor, if subcontracts are let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

## **VI. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992. (Voice) Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

(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.")

## **VII. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT STATEMENT**

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

## **VIII. CLEAN AIR/ CLEAN WATER STATEMENT**

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

## IX. CIVIL RIGHTS STATEMENT AND ASSURANCE

The Clarke County School Nutrition Program hereby agrees that it will comply with:

- i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.);
- ii. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.);
- iii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794);
- iv. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.);
- v. Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 as amended by the ADA Amendment Act of 2008 (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189);
- vi. Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency." (August 11, 2000);
- vii. All provisions required by the implementing regulations of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) (7 CFR Part 15 et seq.);
- viii. Department of Justice Enforcement Guidelines (28 CFR Parts 35, 42 and 50.3);
- ix. Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) directives and guidelines to the effect that, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Program applicant receives Federal financial assistance from USDA; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take measures necessary to effectuate this Agreement.
- x. The USDA non-discrimination statement that in accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal financial assistance, grants, and loans of Federal funds, reimbursable expenditures, grant, or donation of Federal property and interest in property, the detail of Federal personnel, the sale and lease of, and the permission to use Federal property or interest in such property or the furnishing of services without consideration or at a nominal consideration, or at a consideration that is reduced for the purpose of assisting the recipient, or in recognition of the public interest to be served by such sale, lease, or furnishing of services to the recipient, or any improvements made with Federal financial assistance extended to the Program applicant by USDA. This includes any

Federal agreement, arrangement, or other contract that has as one of its purposes the provision of cash assistance for the purchase of food, and cash assistance for purchase or rental of food service equipment or any other financial assistance extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance.



By accepting this assurance, the Clarke County School Nutrition Program agrees to compile data, maintain records, and submit records and reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of nondiscrimination laws and permit authorized USDA personnel during hours of program operation to review and copy such records, books, and accounts, access such facilities and interview such personnel as needed to ascertain compliance with the nondiscrimination laws. If there are any violations of this assurance, the Department of Agriculture, FNS, shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Clarke County School District, its successors, transferees, and assignees as long as it receives assistance or retains possession of any assistance from USDA. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Clarke County School Nutrition Program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### **X. RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS CLAUSE**

The Vendor shall maintain books, records and documents in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and procedures and which sufficiently and properly document and calculate all charges billed to the Clarke County School Nutrition Program throughout the term of the Contract for a period of at least five (5) years following the date of final payment or completion of any required audit, whichever is later. Records to be maintained include both financial records and service records. The Vendor shall permit the Auditor of the State of Georgia or any authorized representative of the School Food Authority, and where federal funds are involved, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any other authorized representative of the United States government, to access and examine, audit, excerpt and transcribe any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, electronic or optically stored and created records or other records of the Vendor relating to orders, invoices or payments or any other documentation or materials pertaining to the Contract, wherever such records may be located during normal business hours. The Vendor shall not impose a charge for audit or examination of the Vendor's books and records. If an audit discloses incorrect billings or improprieties, the State and/or the Clarke County School Nutrition Program reserves the right to charge the Vendor for the cost of the audit and appropriate reimbursement. Evidence of criminal conduct will be turned over to the proper authorities.



## **XI. BID PROTEST PROCEDURES**

- a.) Any protest shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Superintendent, Dr. Robbie Hooker, as the acting Protest official of the designated Clarke County School District. A protest of a solicitation shall be received by the named individual before the offer due date. The protest shall be filed within ten (10) days from the award notice and shall include:
1. The name, address, and telephone number of the protestor;
  2. The signature of the protestor or an authorized representative of the protestor;
  3. Identification of the purchasing agency and the solicitation or contract number;
  4. A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest including copies of relevant documents;
  5. The form of relief requested.
- b) A written response to the protest will be made within 30 days from receipt of the protest and all items indicated above.
- c) The Clarke County Board of Education shall in all instances disclose information regarding protests to the State Agency.

## **XII. NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT**

"I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, or equipment, and is in all respect fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand that collusive bidding is a violation of State and Federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the Bidder per O.C.G.A.50-5-67. I further certify that the provisions of the official code of Georgia annotated 45-10-20 et seq. have not and will not be violated in any respect." See Attachment I

## **XIII. CODE OF CONDUCT**

The following conduct will be expected from all persons who are engaged in the procurement process that uses School Nutrition Program funds including award, administration of contracts, and receipt of products. No employee, officer, or agent of the Clarke County School District shall participate in selection or in award or administration of a contract supported by the School Nutrition Program funds if conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Conflicts of interest arise when one of the following has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for the award:

- The employee, office, or agent;
- Any member of his/her immediate family;
- His or her partner;
- An organization which employs or is about to employ one of the above.



Further, the employees, officers, or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from vendors or parties to sub-agreements.

The purchase of any food or service from a vendor for individual use is prohibited; and the removal of any food, supplies, equipment, or school property, such as records, recipe books, supplies and the like is prohibited.

Individual sales by any school person to an outside agency or other school person is prohibited.

Failure of any employee, officer, or agent to abide by the above states code could result in a fine, suspension, or both, and dismissal.

Interpretation of the code will be given at any time by contacting the School Nutrition Program. The Clarke County School District will not be responsible for any other explanation or interpretation, which anyone presumes to make on behalf of the Clarke County Board of Education.

#### **XIV. DUTY TO EXAMINE**

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

#### **XV. EXCEPTIONS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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

#### **XVI. VENDOR AFFIDAVIT (under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b) (1))**

Vendor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, by completing Attachment J.

## SECTION 3

### SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### I. **HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) REQUIREMENTS**

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

The successful bidder(s) must have Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) plan on file for recall/hold control procedures including but not limited to:

- Traceability systems in place from receipt of commodity product to delivery of processed items to designated delivery site.
- Provision of 24/7 accessibility to successful bidder(s) staff in the event of a food recall.
- Public notification capability on website to provide updates on food recall data for customers.

Bidder(s) will be responsible for all costs associated with replacement product(s), including but not limited to labor, shipping charges and product credit.

#### II. **LABELS AND PRODUCT CHANGES**

- All produce items shall be properly labeled.
- If product specifications change and/or pack sizes change prior to or during the contractual period, it is the responsibility of the contractor to notify the Clarke County School Nutrition Central office.

#### III. **METHOD OF PAYMENT and PRICING INFORMATION**

a) The successful Bidder warrants that the bid price(s), terms, and conditions stated in the bid shall be firm through the bid process and until the time the award is made at which time prices, shall remain firm and fixed for the entire contract period.

b) All bid prices must include all charges for packing and transporting to the individual schools listed at the addresses on the attached sheet.

c) The Clarke County School District is a tax-exempt entity and, as such, is exempt from the payment of taxes, including but not limited to sales and use taxes, federal excise taxes and federal high use taxes.

d) Clarke County School Nutrition will make payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice for properly received goods and services after inspection and acceptance of the product by the School Nutrition Program.

e) Invoices, at minimum, shall consist of the following information:

1. School name and date of delivery
2. Item description and cost per unit
3. Extended cost for total quantity purchased
4. Total cost of all products purchased

f) Monthly statements shall be broken down by school sites and mailed to the:

Clarke County School Nutrition Program  
Attn: Kyra Elder, Bookkeeper  
145 Paradise Boulevard  
Athens, GA 30607

g) Price Verification. Bidders shall provide evidence and documentation of cost (at invoice price) to the District upon the District's request. Bidder must indicate item name, variety of item offered, description of item offered, origin, prices and any additional notes pertaining to each item. Errors in price computations will not excuse Bidder from holding price.

#### **IV. METHOD OF SHIPMENT/DELIVERY**

- a) Supplier shall make weekly deliveries to all identified school sites listed on Attachment D.
- b) The weekly delivery schedule shall be submitted to the School Nutrition Director for prior approval.
- c) Delivery of products must be made in a well-maintained refrigerated truck. All deliveries shall be placed in the walk-in cooler or dry storage area, as designated by the manager. Under no circumstances may a delivery be left outside the building.
- d) In an emergency situation in which the SNP requires delivery in less than 2 days and the vendor cannot provide the goods within the emergency delivery period, the SNP has the option to purchase those goods from another source with no penalty to either party.
- e) Delivery schedules that fall on a holiday will be made the following business day unless other arrangements have been made and agreed upon by both parties.
- f) Two invoices are to be provided and must be reviewed and signed at the time of delivery. If any discrepancies are noted during delivery, those will be noted, initialed, and dated by the driver and school nutrition employee receiving the order.

#### **The Three Strikes Rule:**

- (1) After vendor's first offense of providing sub-par quality product, late delivery and/or poor customer service, the School Nutrition Program will call vendor to report contract violation. The School Nutrition Program will follow-up with a written letter to the vendor documenting occurrence and putting the vendor on notice that the documented occurrence is unacceptable.



(2) After vendor's second offense of providing sub-par product, late delivery and/or poor customer service, the School Nutrition Program will send a certified notice to the vendor documenting that this is the second offense, and a third offense will result in termination of the contract for cause. If the offense is providing sub-par product, then the vendor agrees to pay the School Nutrition Program to purchase quality product at the vendor's expense.

(3) After the vendor's third and final offense of the aforementioned, the School Nutrition Program will terminate the contract for cause in writing via email and regular mail, copying the District Purchasing Compliance Officer.

## V. EVALUATION FACTORS

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

## VI. ADDITIONAL BID INSTRUCTIONS

- a) **Bid modifications:** Bids cannot be modified after receipt of bids unless the School Nutrition Program issues in writing a minor irregularity that can be rectified by the Bidder within three business days. Care should be taken to ensure that information provided is accurate, complete, and consistent. Omission of any of the required information may subject the Bidder to disqualification. The School Nutrition Program reserves the right to request information or respond to inquiries for clarification purposes only.
- b) **Bid withdrawal:** Bidders may withdraw bids at any time up to the scheduled time for receipt of bids. Bidders desiring to withdraw their bid must submit the purpose for withdrawal in writing to the School Nutrition Program before the bid opening deadline (bid close date). Bidders may resubmit bids provided it is prior to the scheduled time for receipt of bids.
- c) **Addendum:** If clarification of the specifications/instructions is required the request shall be made in writing no later than the time and date specified on the Invitation for Bid Timeline. The School Nutrition Program will respond to the request in the form of an addendum issued to all potential bidders. No addendum will be issued within five working days of the date and time of bid opening.
- d) **Bid examination**
  - i) Bidders shall carefully examine all documents in the solicitation to obtain knowledge of existing conditions, limitations, and requirements. Failure to examine the documents will not relieve the Bidder of responsibility for same nor will extra payment or change order requests be considered for conditions which could have been determined by examining the solicitation.
  - ii) Bids will be considered as conclusive evidence of complete examination and understanding of the terms and conditions of the bid documents including the specifications and all requirements thereof of the IFB. It is understood that submission of a bid indicates full acceptance of the same by the parties submitting the bid. Furthermore, by submitting a bid the Bidder waives the right to claims for additional time or



monetary compensation for all work without limit required to complete the contract which could have been obtained by the Bidder through examination of all documents or raising a question regarding requirements prior to submitting a bid.

**e) Rejection or Disqualification of Bids**

- i) A bid that is incomplete, obscure, conditioned or contains additions not called for or irregularities of any kind, (including alterations or erasures), which are not initialed and dated, may be rejected as non-conforming.
- ii) The School Nutrition Program reserves the right to waive a bid's minor irregularities if rectified by Bidder within three business days of the School Nutrition Program's issuance of a written notice of such irregularities.
- iii) The School Nutrition Program reserves the right to disqualify bids upon evidence of collusion with intent to defraud or other illegal practices upon the part of the Bidder.
- iv) Issuance of this IFB in no way constitutes a commitment by the School Nutrition Program to award a contract. The School Nutrition Program reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, all bids submitted and/or to cancel this solicitation if it is determined to be in the best interest of the School Nutrition Program.
- v) Any Bidder who has demonstrated and documented poor performance during a current or previous agreement, within the last 5 years, with the School Nutrition Program may be considered a non-responsible Bidder and their bid may be rejected. The School Nutrition Program reserves the right to exercise this option as is deemed proper and/or necessary.
- vi) The School Nutrition Program reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or to accept any part of a bid without accepting the whole thereof, or to accept such bid as they deem to be in the best interest of the School Nutrition Program.

f) **Evidence of Financial Capabilities:** After the bid opening, Bidders must be prepared to present suitable evidence of their financial standing within three (3) business days after request by the School Nutrition Program. This evidence would include an income statement, balance sheet, and statement of cash flow accompanied by an auditor's report attesting to the accuracy of the financial statements.

g) **Offer Acceptance Period:** Bids received are an irrevocable offer for 60 days after the bid opening time and date.

**VII. ORDERING INFORMATION**

- a) **Quantities:** The quantities given are the approximate amounts expected to be ordered during the contract period. Inclusion of an item on the bid form does not necessarily constitute an offer to buy nor does it obligate the CCSD SNP to purchase any quantity of the product. It is hereby agreed and understood that the District has the right to increase /reduce the quantities ordered in conjunction with this request based on budgetary restriction, the receipt of government commodities, or unanticipated usage. However, CCSD will only purchase the quantity actually needed

- b) **Orders:** Bidder shall provide all acceptable ordering methods (email worksheet, online ordering, etc...) as well as any login or passwords needed to place orders. A designated SNP employee shall submit weekly orders.
- c) **Credit:** A credit or replacement will be issued for damaged or unacceptable items. All such transactions are to be worked out with each designee. Replacement of damaged or unacceptable items will be made upon a mutually agreed time.
- d) **Inspection:** Upon delivery of product(s), the item(s) will be inspected by a school nutrition manager, and if found to be defective or failing in any way to meet specifications as indicated, the item(s) may be rejected or returned. Problems found with products due to concealed damage will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
- e) **Substitution Clause:** Shipments of items with specifications other than those listed on the bid shall be rejected or returned to the vendor at the vendor's expense unless prior arrangements have been made with the Director of School Nutrition. Substitutions may be made only with prior approval of the Director of School Nutrition. All substitutions must be of equal or greater quality. In no case will an item be accepted if the quality is lower than stated in the bid. Substitutions are to be priced at the same cost as the original awarded item.

#### VIII. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACT

The contract between the School Nutrition Program and the vendor shall not be amended or modified, nor shall any of its terms be waived, except in writing and executed and agreed upon by both parties.

#### IX. ASSIGNMENT

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

#### X. INDEPENDENT VENDOR AND INDEMNITY

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



**XI. TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

- a) Notwithstanding any delay in the preparation and execution of the formal contract agreement, the Vendor shall be prepared, upon written notice of bid award, to commence delivery of goods pursuant to the award on “Start Date” shown on the Invitation for Bid Timeline.
- b) The Vendor must comply with the time of performance.

**XII. FORCE MAJEURE**

If Clarke County School Nutrition, in its reasonable discretion, determines that the Force Majeure Event is likely to delay Vendor’s performance for more than thirty (30) days, the School Nutrition Program reserves the right to cancel the agreement between the parties. In that event, neither party shall have any further liability to the other, subject only to the School Nutrition Program’s obligation to pay the Vendor for work already completed by the Vendor and the Vendor’s warranty for work already completed.

**XIII. EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE**

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

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

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

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

#### **XIV. EXCEPTIONS**

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

- (a) the number and title of each section of this IFB that the Bidder takes exception to;
- (b) the specific sentence within such section that the Bidder takes exception to; and
- (c) any alternate provision proposed by the Bidder. See Attachment H

#### **XVII. QUALITY**

Successful Bidder shall fully warrant all products furnished under the terms of this contract, against poor and inferior quality. All products delivered will be of first quality, premium grade with a minimum **7-day shelf life**. While under warranty, successful Bidder shall replace any damaged or inferior product in a timely manner to minimize the disruption of the School Nutrition Program's operations.

The District is committed to offering seasonal menu items and purchasing from local and other Georgia farmers whenever possible. Bidders should make an effort to procure and offer Georgia grown produce to schools and indicate these products on price lists and invoices.

#### **XVIII. GIFTS AND GRATUITIES**

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

#### **XIX. SEVERABILITY**

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

#### **XX. WAIVER AND REJECTION RIGHTS**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the solicitation, the school district reserves the right to:

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

**XXI. RELEASE FROM CONTRACT**

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

**XXII. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT [Appendix II to 2 CFR200(f)]**

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.

**XXIII. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS (2 CFR 200.323)**

The School Nutrition Program and its vendors 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.

**XXIV. CONTRACT WORK HOURS/SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708)**

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 vendor 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.



**ATTACHMENT A**

**CONTRACT SIGNATURE PAGE**

This agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ by and between the Clarke County School Nutrition Program and \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called VENDOR.

The School Nutrition Program and VENDOR, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, agrees as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. PRODUCTS**

VENDOR shall provide all products as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents. Vendor shall supply and deliver fresh produce to the School Nutrition Program’s schools designated, if applicable to this solicitation.

**ARTICLE 2. CONTRACT TIME**

The fresh produce products shall be in accordance with this Agreement, and are to be completed as specified in IFB.

**ARTICLE 3. CONTRACT PRICE**

The School Nutrition Program shall pay VENDOR for delivery of specified goods in accordance with VENDOR’S bid, which is attached hereto. The School Nutrition Program shall pay VENDOR net 30 days from date of delivery unless other terms of payment are agreed upon.

**ARTICLE 4. INVOICE PROCEDURES**

Invoices for payment with appropriate supporting documents shall be sent to the following address:

Clarke County School District  
School Nutrition Program  
Attn: Kyra Elder, Bookkeeper  
145 Paradise Boulevard  
Athens, GA 30607

**ARTICLE 5. VENDOR’S REPRESENTATIONS**

In order to prompt the School Nutrition Program to enter into this Agreement, VENDOR makes the following representations:

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

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



**ARTICLE 6. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

The Contract Documents, which comprise the entire agreement between the School Nutrition Program/SFA and VENDOR concerning the work, consist of the following:

- Transmittal Page
- Standard Terms and Conditions
- Special Terms and Conditions
- Attachment A: Contract Signature Page
- Attachment B: Specifications & Quote Sheet
- Attachment C: Vendor Bid Form
- Attachment D: School Delivery Sites
- Attachment E: Lobbying Certificate Disclosure
- Attachment F: Debarment, Suspended and Ineligible Status
- Attachment G: Bid Exception Form
- Attachment H: Anti-Collusion Affidavit
- Attachment I: Vendor Affidavit (E-Verify)

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, School Nutrition Program and VENDOR have signed this Agreement. One counterpart each has been delivered to School Nutrition Program and VENDOR.

This Agreement will be effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of School Nutrition Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of School Nutrition Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Vendor Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Company Representative

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Company Representative

\_\_\_\_\_ Date



**ATTACHMENT C  
VENDOR BID FORM**

Notice to Bidders:

It is essential that the submitted Bid comply with all the requirements contained in this IFB. The undersigned Bidder agrees, if this bid is accepted, to enter into an agreement with the Clarke County School Nutrition Program on the form included in the Contract Documents to perform and furnish all products as specified or indicated in the contract documents.

This Bid is submitted to: Clarke County School District School Nutrition Program

This Bid is submitted on this date:

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This Bid is valid for sixty (60) days from the date of the public opening of the bids.

Communications and questions regarding this bid are to be directed to:

Receipt of Addenda:

In submitting this Bid, Bidder represents that they have received and examined the following Addenda:

Addendum 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Checklist for Bidder:

The following documents are attached to and made part of the Bid (check all that applies):

Lobbying Certificate     Specifications     Debarment Status Form     Anti-Collusion Affidavit

Vendor Bid Form     Contract Signature Page     Bid Exception Form

Bid Pricing

Unless items are specifically excluded in the Bid, the Clarke County School Nutrition Program shall deem the Bid to be complete and shall not be charged any costs above and beyond the Bid amount as set forth by the Bidder herein.

**Total Bid Price: \$** \_\_\_\_\_



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

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Company Type (check one):

Sole Proprietorship     Partnership     Corporation     Joint Venture     LLC

Bidder attests that:

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

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

Federal ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Signature\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatory's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatory's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness's Signature\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* For Corporations: The bid must be signed by the President or Vice President and the signature must be attested by the Corporate Secretary or Treasurer.

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



**ATTACHMENT D**

<b>School Name</b>	<b>School Address</b>	<b>Cafeteria Phone Number</b>
Alps Road Elem.	205 Alps Rd. Athens, GA 30606	706-357-5245
Early Learning Center East	280 Gaines School Rd. Athens, GA 30605	706-357-5335
Early Learning Center West	440-2 Dearing Ext. Athens, GA 30606	706-357-5245
Barnett Shoals Elem.	3220 Barnett Shoals Rd. Athens, GA 30605	706-357-5335
Barrow Elem.	100 Pinecrest Dr. Athens, GA 30605	706-357-5242
Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle	1600 Tallassee Rd. Athens, GA 30606	706-357-5264
Cedar Shoals High	1300 Cedar Shoals Dr. Athens, GA 30605	706-357-5305
Chase Street Elem.	757 N. Chase St. Athens, GA 30601	706-357-5241
Clarke Central High	350 S. Milledge Ave Athens, GA 30605	706-546-7721 ext 17230
Clarke Middle	1235 Baxter St. Athens, GA 30606	706-546-7721 ext 23230
Cleveland Road Elem.	1700 Cleveland Rd. Bogart, GA 30622	706-546-7721 ext 42230
Coile Middle	110 Old Elberton Rd. Athens, GA 30601	706-357-5322
Fowler Drive Elem.	400 Fowler Dr. Athens, GA 30601	706-357-5331
Gaines Elem.	900 Gaines School Rd. Athens, GA 30605	706-357-5342
Hilsman Middle	870 Gaines School Rd. Athens, GA 30605	706-357-5386
Howard B. Stroud Elem.	715 Fourth St. Athens, GA 30601	706-357-5252
J. J. Harris Elem.	2300 Danielsville Rd. Athens, GA 30601	706-546-7721 ext. 45230
Oglethorpe Ave. Elem.	1150 Oglethorpe Ave. Athens, GA 30606	706-357-5253
Timothy Road Elem.	1900 Timothy Rd. Athens, GA 30606	706-549-0109
Whit Davis Elem.	1450 Whit Davis Rd. Athens, GA 30605	706-357-5259
Whitehead Road Elem.	555 Quail Wood Dr. Athens, GA 30606	706-357-5260
Winterville Elem.	305 Cherokee Rd. Winterville, GA 30683	706-546-7721 ext. 68230





**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether sub awardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State, and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the sub awardee, e.g., the first sub awardee of the prime is the 1<sup>st</sup> tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Sub awardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.  
  
(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

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**ATTACHMENT F**

**This form is available electronically.** OMB Control No. 0505-0027 Expiration Date: 04/30/2022



**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion**

**AD-1048**

**Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

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

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

***(Read instructions on page two before completing certification.)***

- A. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency;
- B. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

ORGANIZATION NAME	PR/AWARD NUMBER OR PROJECT NAME
NAME(S) AND TITLE(S) OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE(S)	
SIGNATURE(S)	DATE

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

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

*To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint (<https://www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer>) 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.*

*Instructions for Certification*

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



**ATTACHMENT G  
BID EXCEPTION FORM**

<b>Vendor Name:</b>	<b>Invitation for Bid (IFB) for: School System: Type:</b>	<b>Date of Submittal:</b>
Number and Title of each section of IFB that Bidder takes exception	Number and Title :  Section:	Number and Title :  Section:
Specific Sentence within each section	Sentence:	Sentence:
Alternate Provisions proposed by Bidder	Alternate:	Alternate:
Vendor's Authorization Signature:		
Vendor's Authorization printed name:		
Vendor's Title:		



**ATTACHMENT H**  
**ANTI-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY/CITY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, of lawful age, being first sworn on oath say, that he/she is the agent authorized by the bidder to submit the attached bid. Affiant further states that the bidder has not been a party to any collusion among bidders in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding; or with any state official or employees to quantity, quality, or price in the prospective contract, or any other terms of said prospective official concerning exchange of money or other thing of value for special consideration in the letting of contract; that the bidder/vendor had not paid, given or donated, or agreed to pay, give or donate to any officer or employee either directly or indirectly in the procuring of the award of a contact pursuant to this bid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

Subscribed and sworn before me this of \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Notary Public (or Clerk or Judge) \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



**ATTACHMENT I**

**VENDOR AFFIDAVIT**

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned vendor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(1), stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf

of Clarke County School District has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned vendor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned vendor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with sub vendors who present an affidavit to the vendor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Vendor hereby attests that its federal

work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

E-verify Number (4 to 6 digit number) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Authorization \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Vendor \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 in \_\_\_\_\_ (city), \_\_\_\_\_ (state).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME

ON THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_