

Request for Proposal (RFP):

Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Fixed Price per Meal Contract in the School Nutrition Programs

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RFP Submission: Completed proposals must be submitted no later than Monday, July 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. CST. Proposals shall be signed and submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Joint Food Service Proposal". An additional electronic copy may also be emailed to awise@ccsd66.org by the same deadline.

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Definitions

For purposes of this RFP, the following definitions, which are consistent with the federal Child Nutrition Programs' regulations, apply:

2 CFR 200 means the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards published by OMB. The part reference covers applicable: Acronyms and Definitions (subpart A), General Provisions (subpart B), Post Federal Award Requirements (subpart D), Cost Principles (subpart E), and Audit Requirements (subpart F). (NOTE: Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (subpart C) does not apply to the National School Lunch Program).

Afterschool care program means a program providing organized childcare services to enrolled school-age children afterschool hours for the purpose of care and supervision of children. Those programs shall be distinct from any extracurricular programs organized primarily for scholastic, cultural or athletic purposes.

Afterschool Snack Program (ASSP) is a component of the National School Lunch Program and is a federally assisted snack service that fills the afternoon hunger gap for school children. The snack service is administered at the Federal level by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service. At the state level, it is administered by state agencies, which operate the snack service through agreements with local school food authorities (SFAs). SFAs are ultimately responsible for the administration of the snack service.

A la Carte means any food or beverage sold by the school foodservice that is not part of a reimbursable meal.

Applicable credits shall have the meaning established in [2 CFR 200.406](#), applicable credits.

Awarded contract is the agreement between the SFA and Selected FSMC that submitted a winning proposal in response to the SFA's RFP. The awarded contract is used by the Selected FSMC to provide the SFA with the services outlined in the RFP.

Best and Final Offer (BAFO) is a process requested from one proposer or short-listed proposers from their best price(s) for a specific solicitation prior to determining contract award.

Breakfast means a meal which meets the meal requirements set out in [7 CFR 220.8](#), and which is served to a child in the morning hours. The meal shall be served at or close to the beginning of the child's day at school.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal program that provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults who are enrolled for care at participating childcare centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers. CACFP also provides reimbursements for meals served to children and youth participating in afterschool care programs, children residing in emergency shelters, and adults over the age of 60 or living with a disability and enrolled in day care facilities as outlined in [7 CFR 226](#).

Child means: (a) a student of high school grade or under as determined by the State educational agency, who is enrolled in an educational unit of high school grade or under as described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the definition of "School," including students who are mentally or physically disabled as defined by the State and who are participating in a school program established for the mentally or physically disabled; or (b) a person under 21 chronological years of age who is enrolled in an institution or center as described in paragraph (c) of the definition of "School;" or (c) For purposes of reimbursement for meal supplements served in afterschool care programs, an individual enrolled in an afterschool care program operated by an eligible school who is 12

years of age or under, or in the case of children of migrant workers and children with disabilities, not more than 15 years of age.

Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) are federally funded programs to ensure that children have access to nutrition meals and snacks in schools, summer programs, childcare centers and homes, and afterschool programs in accordance with [7 CFR 210-249](#).

Commodity School Program/ Food Distribution Program (FDP) means the Program under which participating schools operate a nonprofit lunch program in accordance with this part and receive donated food assistance in lieu of general cash assistance. Schools participating in the Commodity School Program shall also receive special cash and donated food assistance in accordance with [7 CFR 210.4\(c\)](#).

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows the nation's highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications. Instead, schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals based on their participation in other specific means-tested programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Contractor means a commercial enterprise, public or nonprofit private organization, or individual that enters into a contract with a School Food Authority (SFA).

Fixed meal price contract means a firm-fixed-price per meal that provides for payment of a fixed meal price that is not subject to any adjustment on the basis of a FSMC's cost experience in performing the contract.

Fixed meal price means an agreed upon amount that is fixed at the start of the contract.

Food Service Management Company (FSMC) means a commercial enterprise or a nonprofit organization which is or may be contracted with by the school food authority to manage any aspect of the school food service.

Food Service Management Company- Vended Meals (FSMC) contract means a commercial enterprise or a nonprofit organization which is or may be contracted with by the school food authority to manage any aspect of the school food service but prepares the meals in a facility not associated with the SFA and delivers the meals to the SFA site(s).

Free Lunch means a lunch served under the Program to a child from a household eligible for such benefits under [7 CFR 245](#) and for which neither the child nor any member of the household pays or is required to work.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is a grant, that must be applied for, to increase fresh fruit and fresh vegetable consumption during the school day in elementary schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Priority is given to elementary schools based on free and reduced eligibility.

Local Educational Agency (LEA) means a public board of education or other public or private nonprofit authority legally constituted within a State for either administrative control or direction of, or to perform a service function for, public or private nonprofit elementary schools or secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of a State, or for a combination of school districts or counties that is recognized in a State as an administrative agency for its public or private nonprofit elementary schools or secondary schools. The term also includes any other public or private nonprofit institution or agency having administrative control and direction of a public or private nonprofit elementary school or secondary school, including residential child care institutions, Bureau of Indian Affairs schools, and educational service agencies and consortia of those agencies, as well as the State educational agency in a State or territory in which the State educational agency is the sole educational agency for all public or private nonprofit schools.

National School Lunch Program means the Program under which participating schools operate a nonprofit lunch program in accordance with this part. General and special cash assistance and donated food assistance are made available to schools in accordance with [7 CFR 210](#).

Negotiation means a process of planning, reviewing, analyzing, and conferring used by two or more parties to reach a mutually acceptable agreement in a contracting relationship. They are conducted with more than one of the sources submitting proposals, and either a fixed- price or cost-reimbursable type contract is awarded, as appropriate.

Nonprofit school food service account means the restricted account in which all of the revenue from all food service operations conducted by the SFA principally for the benefit of school children is retained and used only for the operation or improvement of the nonprofit school food service. This account shall include, as appropriate, non-Federal funds used to support paid lunches as provided in [7 CFR 210.14\(e\)](#), and proceeds from nonprogram foods as provided in [7 CFR 210.14\(f\)](#).

Offeror is a commercial FSMC that submits a proposal in response to this RFP.

Reduced Price Lunch means a lunch served under the Program: (a) to a child from a household eligible for such benefits under [7 CFR 245](#); (b) for which the price is less than the school food authority designated full price of the lunch and which does not exceed the maximum allowable reduced price specified under [7 CFR 245](#); and (c) for which neither the child nor any member of the household is required to work.

School means:

- a) An educational unit of high school grade or under, recognized as part of the educational system in the State and operating under public or nonprofit private ownership in a single building or complex of buildings;
- b) any public or nonprofit private classes of preprimary grade when they are conducted in the aforementioned schools; or
- c) any public or nonprofit private residential child care institution, or distinct part of such institution, which operates principally for the care of children, and, if private, is licensed to provide residential child care services under the appropriate licensing code by the State or a subordinate level of government, except for residential summer camps which participate in the Summer Food Service Program for Children, Job Corps centers funded by the Department of Labor, and private foster homes. The term "residential child care institutions" includes, but is not limited to: homes for the mentally, emotionally or physically impaired, and unmarried mothers and their infants; group homes; halfway houses; orphanages; temporary shelters for abused children and for runaway children; long-term care facilities for chronically ill children; and juvenile detention centers. A long-term care facility is a hospital, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or distinct part thereof, which is intended for the care of children confined for 30 days or more.

School Breakfast Program (SBP) means the program authorized by section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 in accordance with [7 CFR 220](#).

School Food Authority (SFA) means the governing body which is responsible for the administration of one or more schools; and has the legal authority to operate the Program therein *or* be otherwise approved by FNS to operate the Program.

School in Severe Need means a school determined to be eligible for rates of reimbursement in excess of the prescribed National Average Payment Factors, based upon the criteria set forth in [220.9\(d\)](#).

School Nutrition Programs (SNP) are federally funded programs to ensure that school-based children have access to nutrition meals and snacks in accordance the NSLP, SBP, SMP, SSO, ASSP, FFVP, and FDP.

School week means the period of time used to determine compliance with the meal requirements in in [7 CFR 210.10](#) and [7 CFR 220.8](#). The period must be a normal school week of five consecutive days; however, to accommodate shortened weeks resulting from holidays and other scheduling needs, the period must be a minimum of three consecutive days and a maximum of seven consecutive days. Weeks in which school breakfasts are offered less than three times must be combined with either the previous or the coming week.

School Year means a period of 12 calendar months beginning July 1 of any year and ending June 30 of the following year.

Seamless Summer Option (SSO) combines features of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). This option reduces paperwork and administrative burden, making it easier for schools to feed children from low-income areas during the traditional summer vacation periods, for year-round schools, and long school vacation periods (generally exceeding two to three weeks). By enrolling in the Seamless Summer Option, schools will not only provide a service to children in their school but the community at large.

Selected FSMC is an offeror that submitted the successful proposal to this RFP and is awarded a contract as a result of this RFP.

Special Milk Program (SMP) provides milk to children in schools, childcare institutions, and summer camps that do not participate in other Federal child nutrition meal service programs in accordance with [7 CFR 215](#).

State Agency means (1) The State educational agency or (2) such other agency of the State as has been designated by the Governor or other appropriate executive or legislative authority of the State and approved by the Department to administer the Program in schools as described in paragraph (c) of the definition of *School* in this section. The “State Agency” or “State educational agency” for purposes of this document is the Illinois State Board of Education.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally funded, state-administered program. SFSP reimburses program operators who serve free healthy meals and snacks to children and teens in low-income areas as outlined in [7 CFR 225](#).

“RFP” or “Request for Proposal” means a type of solicitation document used for the formal procurement method of competitive proposals. The RFP identifies the goods and services needed and all significant evaluation factors. The RFP is publicized and is used to solicit proposals from a number of sources. Negotiations are conducted with more than one of the sources submitting proposals, and either a fixed- price or cost-reimbursable type contract is awarded, as appropriate. Competitive proposals may be used if conditions are not appropriate for the use of competitive sealed proposals.

Vended Meals means meals that are prepared by a contractor in a facility other than the SFA facility with the meals being delivered to the SFA site(s). The meals are delivered in a pre-packed (bulk)/ pre-plated (individual serving size) style.

Schedule of Events

Event Type	Event Date	Event Time
RFP Release Date (Public Notice/Direct Solicitation)	May 15, 2024	9:00 a.m.
Deadline for Pre-Proposal Conference questions	May 24, 2024	9:00 a.m.
*Pre-Proposal Conference and Site Visit	May 29, 2024	8:30 a.m. D63 9:30 a.m. D66
FSMC Presentations (if applicable)	NA	NA
Taste Testing / Site Visit (if applicable)	June 4, 2024	2:00 p.m. D66
Deadline for submission of Final Questions <i>No questions will be accepted after this date/time.</i>	June 12, 2024	9:00 a.m.
Answers to Questions Provided**	June 17, 2024	2:00 p.m.
Deadline for Submission of Proposal	July 1, 2024	10:00 a.m.
Proposals Opening	July 1, 2024	10:00 a.m.
Proposals Evaluation Completed by	July 2, 2024	2:00 p.m.
Negotiations***- Best and Final Offer Due by (if applicable)	July 3, 2024	2:00 p.m.
Approval of Winning Proposal (Board Meeting)	July 9, 2024 D63 July 10, 2024 D66	7:00 p.m. D63 6:30 p.m. D66
Notice of Intent to Award Sent to Selected FSMC	July 11, 2024	
Contract Signing	July 15, 2024	
Anticipated Start Date of Selected FSMC Contract	August 1, 2024	

* Reference instruction in the Pre- Proposal Conference and Site Visit of the RFP for additional instructions and requirements.

** Throughout the solicitation process, **all addenda/addendum/amendment(s), including all questions and answers, must be submitted to ISBE for review** and the SFA must receive notice the document(s) comply with Federal rules and regulations prior to distributing addenda/addendum/amendment(s) to all prospective proposers that received the original solicitation. Addenda/amendments must not be issued within a minimum of seven (7) working days of the time and date set for the solicitation opening.

*** Negotiations will only be conducted with offerors whose proposals receive evaluation scores that exceed a numerical value (i.e., "cut off" score) established in advance by the evaluation panel. The contract must not be finalized and awarded until the State agency (ISBE) reviews and approves any change in terms that result in a contract amendment. If deficiencies are noted, it may be necessary for the SFA to reopen negotiations. No contract may be executed by any party without prior written approval by the State agency (ISBE).

The SFA will use its best efforts to adhere to the Schedule of Events. However, the SFA reserves the right to amend the schedule, as it deems necessary, and will post a notice of said amendment.

SECTION 1:

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

- 1.1 Hereinafter, school food authority (SFA) shall refer to Center Cass School District 66 and Cass School District 63.
- 1.2 Hereinafter, The Food Service Management Company (FSMC) submitting a proposal will be referred to as the ***“Offeror”***, and the ***“awarded contract”*** will be between the winning Offeror (herein referred to as the ***“Selected FSMC”***)

1.3 **Description**

This RFP seeks "Proposals" from FSMCs willing to operate the SFA's food service program at facilities outlined in Exhibit A. The FSMC will provide onsite management and operational support for the SFA food program. Services include but are not limited to consulting, purchasing, receiving, storing, preparation, setting up cafeteria lines, counter service, cleanup, sanitation, training, hiring and supervising personnel, and presenting food in a way to create optimum student participation. The program will include the use of USDA Foods provided through the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Food Distribution Program.

Catering activities, if applicable, are outside of the fee structure on the awarded contract.

1.4 **Pre-proposal meeting and facility tour**

A meeting with interested FSMCs to review specifications, to clarify any questions, and for a walk through of the facilities with school officials will be held on Tuesday, May 29, at 8:30 a.m. CST at Cass School District 63, located at 8502 Bailey Road, Darien, Illinois, and at 9:30 a.m. CST at Center Cass School District 66, located at 699 Plainfield Road, Downers Grove, Illinois.

- **Pre-proposal meeting and facility tour:** all FSMCs that intend to respond to this RFP are encouraged to attend. Pre-Proposal Conference and Site Visit will occur during normal operating hours in order to provide Offerors optimal information needed to make a competitive proposal. Photography of equipment and spaces will be permitted.
- **Questions for Pre-Proposal Conference and Site Visit:** Submit, in writing, questions regarding the RFP by Tuesday, May 24, 2024, at 9:00 am CST to Andrew Wise via awise@ccsd66.org. SFA will acknowledge receipt of questions within 2 working/business days of receipt. Written responses to questions will be provided as outlined in section 1.6.
 - Questions from the floor at the Pre-Proposal Conference and Site Visit must also be presented in writing. These questions may or may not be answered at the Pre-Proposal Conference and Site Visit.
 - All questions will be answered in writing after the meeting and sent to all individuals that signed in at the Pre-Proposal Conference and Site Visit.
- **FSMC Presentations:** FSMC presentations will not be required. FSMC presentations may be requested.
 - If requested, presentations will be scheduled before the RFP submission date.
- **Required Taste Testing:** FSMC taste testing will be required. All FSMCs will have the same opportunity to present items for taste testing by members of the committee. FSMCs must prepare tasting samples off site and bring to the location of the testing at the host school at the location, date, and time shown below.

- Taste testing will be a meal that is compliant with the school nutrition program and as served to students, with the exception of serving milk, which is not necessary. Sample meal items should be inclusive of the same portion size and ingredients that will be served to the students, and items must be provided as the exact product and in the exact packaging that students will receive. Items must meet all nutritional requirements and meals should be served at the appropriate temperature but can be prepared offsite as well as onsite.
- Two entrees must be included in the taste testing, including one to be determined and one vegetarian option. A scratch made, home style meal can also be provided.
- A minimum of six samples of each tasting must be provided to accommodate the six members of the taste testing evaluation committee.
- Food will be evaluated on the following categories: (see the attached Exhibit K)
 - Menu
 - Entrees
 - Sides
 - Overall quality, taste, and presentation
- The taste testing is scheduled for June 4, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. and will be reviewed by members of the evaluation committee. The taste testing for both districts will be held at:

Prairieview Elementary School
699 Plainfield Road
Downers Grove, IL
- **Written communication:** Written communication will override any verbal communication between any FSMC and SFA.

1.5 **Proposal Submission**

- a. Submission of proposal deadline: 10:00 a.m. CST on Monday, July 1, 2024.

No consideration will be made for Proposal(s) received after this date and time listed above. The SFA reserves the right to retain all Proposals for a period of at least sixty (60) days and to reject any and all Proposal(s) or parts of a Proposal and to waive any informalities and/or irregularities contained with a Proposal.

- b. Proposals are to be submitted in a signed and sealed envelope marked "Joint Food Service Proposal". An additional electronic copy may also be emailed to awise@ccsd66.org by the same deadline. Two hard copies of the proposal must be submitted in the signed and sealed envelope.
- c. **Submission Instructions:** Deliver a complete proposal package in a sealed envelope labeled as follows:
 - RFP title
 - Envelope number (e.g., 1 of 3)
 - Date
 - Offeror's Name and Address

Submit one (1) original and one (1) copy of the complete Proposal package.

During the Proposal evaluation process, the scoring committee may need to clarify items in an Offeror's Proposal. As a result, Offeror's Proposal must include contact information for the person who will be representing the Offeror through the process. Offeror should at a minimum provide the proposal contract person's name, title, address, phone number, and email. Furthermore, Offeror may need to provide proof of authority of the person signing and submitting the Proposal. This will need to be available upon request from SFA. The Offeror is responsible for delivering the complete Proposal package in a sealed envelope along with the requisite copies to the correct location before the Proposal deadline.

- d. **Late Proposals:** Proposals submitted after the date and time specified will not be considered and will be returned, unopened to the appropriate Proposer. Post marks or dating of documents will be given no consideration in the case of late proposals.
- e. **Public Opening:** Public opening will be on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Center Cass School District 66, 699 Plainfield Road, Downers Grove, IL 60516.
- f. **In the event your company decides not to submit a proposal, it is requested that the RFP be returned on or before the submission deadline outlined above with a completed [Statement of No Proposal](#).**

1.6 **Written Inquiries**

All written communication should be directed to: Center Cass School District 66, 699 Plainfield Road, Downers Grove, IL 60516, attention Andrew Wise, Superintendent, preferably via email at awise@ccsd66.org.

Email is the preferred form of communication. (Note: School's email systems may have very restrictive security systems. If a response has not been received within two (2) business days, contact Superintendent Andrew Wise at 630-783-5100.

Any inquiries, disputes, or requests concerning interpretation, additional clarification, or additional information pertaining to the RFP must be made in writing and received by Wednesday, June 12, at 9:00 a.m. CST.

Routine procedural questions will be answered as promptly as practicable; examples of routine procedural could include clarification of the address for proposal submission, key dates and timelines, etc. Substantive questions will be compiled and both questions and answers provided to all Offerors prior to the RFP due date. Examples of substantive could include clarification of discrepancies or errors. A written response no later than Monday, June 17, at 2:00 p.m. CST, will be issued; a written addenda/addendum/amendment is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification, and additional information can be given. Once issued, all addenda shall become part of this RFP and must be acknowledged on the submitted proposal. All addenda/addendum/amendment(s) will be issued electronically to each Offeror known by the SFA who has requested a copy of the RFP.

If the SFA issues any changes to this RFP, acknowledgement of receipt of such changes must be made to the SFA in writing, signed by an individual authorized to legally bind the proposer, and included in the proposer's package. If changes to the RFP are not acknowledged, the SFA retains the right to reject the proposal as non-responsive. No addenda/addendum/amendment(s) will be issued within seven working days of the time and date set for the proposal due date. Should the SFA determine that clarification of the specifications/instructions is necessary within seven working days of the time and

date set for the proposal due date, the time and date set for the proposal due date will be delayed to allow the issuing an addenda/addendum/amendment.

All addenda/addendum/amendment(s), including all questions and answers, must be submitted to ISBE for review and the SFA must receive notice that the document(s) comply with Federal rules and regulations prior to distribution.

Before submitting a Proposal, it shall be the responsibility of each Offeror to contact Andrew Wise at awise@ccsd66.org prior to the Proposal due date to determine whether additional addenda/addendum/amendment(s) were issued.

- 1.7 The subject matter of this RFP is subject to legislative changes either by the federal or state government. If any such changes occur prior to contract award, then all proposers will have the opportunity to modify their proposals to reflect such changes. If any such changes occur after a contract award has been made, and to the extent permitted by law, the SFA (i) reserves the right to negotiate modifications to the Contract reflecting such legislative changes; and (ii) shall have no obligation to provide unsuccessful proposers with the opportunity to modify their proposals to reflect such legislative changes.

1.8 **Discussions**

By requesting of a copy of the RFP and subsequent submission of a Proposal, the Offeror agrees that during the period following issuance of the Proposal and prior to notification of intent and/or award of the awarded contract, Offeror will not discuss this procurement with any party except the designated contact person identified in this RFP. The SFA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals and to cancel this RFP when there are sound documented reasons to do so. The SFA shall not be held responsible for any expenses incurred in the preparation or subsequent presentation of the Offeror's response to this RFP.

The SFA reserves the right, at any time after opening and prior to award, to request any Offeror clarification, address technical questions, make site visits, review past performance, or seek or provide other information regarding Offeror's Proposal. This process may be used for such purposes as providing an opportunity for Offeror to clarify the Proposal in order to assure mutual understanding and/or aid in determinations of responsiveness or responsibility of Offeror. The SFA will not consider information received if the information materially alters the content of the Proposal or alters the type of goods and services Offeror is proposing to the SFA. An individual authorized to legally bind Offeror shall sign responses to any request for clarification.

The SFA reserves the right to contact provided references and other references to assist in Proposal evaluation, to verify information contained in the Proposal, and to discuss Offeror's qualifications including capabilities and performance under other contracts.

Issuance of this RFP in no way constitutes a commitment by the SFA to award any contract or agreement. This RFP is designed to provide Offeror with the information necessary to prepare a competitive Proposal. It is not intended to be comprehensive, and each Offeror is responsible for determining all factors necessary for submission of a comprehensive Proposal. An RFP may be rejected for various reasons, including but not limited to any one of the following reasons:

- Offeror fails to deliver the Proposal by the due date and time.
- Offeror fails to respond to the SFA's request for information, documents, or references within the time specified.
- Offeror's response limits the rights of the SFA.

- Offeror's response materially changes a product or service requirement.
- Offeror fails to include information necessary to substantiate that it will be able to meet a product or service requirement. A response of "will comply" or merely repeating the requirement is not sufficient. Responses must indicate present capability; representations that future developments will satisfy the requirement are not sufficient.
- Offeror provides misleading or inaccurate responses.
- Offeror initiates unauthorized contact regarding the RFP with the SFA or employees/agents of the SFA.
- Offeror presents the information requested by this RFP in a format inconsistent with the instructions of the RFP.
- Offeror fails to include any signature, certification, authorization, stipulation, disclosure, guarantee or other item requested in this RFP.

1.9 **Negotiations**

Negotiations are conducted with offerors whose proposals receive evaluation scores that exceed a numerical value (i.e., cut-off score) established in advance by the SFA evaluation panel. This "cut-off" score is determined prior to opening any of the proposals. After the evaluations have been completed and all proposals are ranked, those proposals that meet or exceed the pre-established cut-off score are forwarded to the SFA individual or team responsible for negotiating with the offerors. Negotiations related to USDA foods terms **is not permitted**.

The SFA may engage in negotiations with final vendors who meet all RFP requirements. If applicable, contract negotiations will be conducted in a fair and equitable manner. As with all aspects of procurement, the negotiators must be well prepared. The SFA individual(s) evaluating the proposals will not be the same SFA individuals who conduct negotiations with offerors whose proposals receive scores above the prescribed cut-off. The SFA negotiators will inform all offerors of the terms and conditions of the negotiation, including which elements will not be negotiable and which elements can be negotiated.

If applicable: It is expected that the negotiation process will result in the selection of the successful offeror. However, if after negotiations, two or more offerors are still under consideration, the SFA will make a final selection, using an unbiased method; by asking the offerors to submit a Best and Final price. The Best and Final price is due by 2:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, to Andrew Wise at email via awise@ccsd66.org.

If applicable: The SFA will provide written notification to the successful offeror which clearly states that while the offeror has been successful, the proposed contract is subject to review by the State Agency (ISBE). This notice will also inform the successful offeror that if non-substantive changes are needed as a result of the State Agency (ISBE) review, an opportunity will be provided to amend the proposal.

If applicable: After negotiations are completed, any negotiated provision(s) that change the scope or require an amendment of terms to the proposed contract must be reviewed by the State Agency. These provision(s) may require revision before the contract is final. This can create situations where the offeror withdraws or modifies a final offer. In these cases, the SFA may need to reopen negotiations. In cases where the State Agency did not review the non-negotiable provisions of the contract, the entire contract should be reviewed and could be open for revision.

1.10 **Fair and Open Competition**

This RFP is intended to promote fair and open competition. If the language, specifications, terms, and conditions or any combination thereof restricts or limits the requirements in this RFP to a single source, it is the responsibility of the interested Offeror to notify the contact person identified in this RFP, in writing, so as to be received within five (5) business days after the date the RFP is issued by the SFA. The RFP may or may not be changed, but a review of such notification will be made prior to the award of Contract.

1.11 **Overly Responsive Proposal**

To ensure maximum open and free competition Offeror's Proposal must not be overly responsive. If Offeror's Proposal is deemed to be overly responsive, the Proposal may not be considered for evaluation for the Awarded Contract. When responding to this RFP, Offeror must confine its proposal to the requirements of this RFP.

Examples of overly responsive Proposals:

- Respondent offers a guarantee which was not requested in the original RFP,
- Respondent offers incentives over and beyond those required by the RFP document (such as scholarships or "free" equipment) to entice a SFA to select its Proposal for the Awarded Contract, or
- Respondent offers to provide discounts or supplement funding for Point of Sale (POS) equipment when POS equipment was not sought in the original RFP document. If such items were not required in the RFP document, then the offer would be considered overly responsive.

The Awarded Contract will be made to the highest-scoring, responsible Offeror that is both capable of providing the products and services described in this RFP and submits a responsive Proposal that can meet all specifications of the entire RFP. Goods, products, or services offered in a Proposal above and beyond what is requested in this RFP shall not be factored into the scoring evaluation. The Award Contract decision will be based on the criteria outlined in this RFP and not on any additional factors the respondent has chosen to add.

1.12 **Method of Award**

Proposals that are timely submitted and are not subject to disqualification will be reviewed in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in this RFP. The SFA scoring committee will review the Proposals using the evaluation criteria found in this RFP. In addition, the scoring committee will conduct a pre-award audit and check references.

The SFA will award each Proposal independent of other Proposals. As part of the evaluation process, the SFA may request samples of meals or other products and services.

1.13 **RFP Estimations**

Quantities reflected in this RFP are estimates based on the SFA's combined claims for the 2022-2023 School Year and projected increases or decreases based on the federal guidelines and anticipated student participation in the SFA's food service. These quantities are the best estimate of anticipated needs available at the time of publication of this RFP, but the accuracy of this estimate may be affected by numerous factors including but not limited to, budgetary adjustments, meal pricing, availability of federal funds or other subsidies, changing market forces, or unintentional errors or omissions. Actual needs may be greater or less than the estimated quantities provided.

2.1 Awarding the Contract

To be considered, Offeror must submit a complete response to this RFP ***using the format provided.*** Proposals determined to be overly responsive may be returned to Offeror and not considered for the Awarded Contract. Offerors should limit Proposal responses to what is required and requested in this RFP. No other documents submitted with the Proposal will affect the contract provisions contained herein, and there may be no modification to the contract language.

Award shall be made to the qualified and responsible Offeror who submits a timely and responsive Proposal to this RFP. A responsible Offeror shall have financial, technical, and other resources which indicate an ability to provide products and perform the services required by this RFP.

Offeror and/or their authorized representatives are expected to fully read this RFP and be fully acquainted with all the terms and conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting a Proposal; failure to do so will be at the Offeror's own risk. Failure or omission of Offeror to be familiar with existing conditions shall in no way relieve the company of obligation with respect to this RFP. The SFA is not liable for any cost incurred by the Offeror prior to the signing of the awarded contract by all parties. Paying the Selected FSMC from the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) funds is prohibited until the Awarded Contract is signed.

If additional information is required, contact Andrew Wise at email via awise@ccsd66.org.

2.2 Awarded Contract

This Awarded Contract is effective for a one-year period beginning August 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025 (the "Term"), with up to four (4) one- (1)-year renewals with mutual agreement between the SFA and the Selected FSMC.

The Awarded Contract between the SFA and the Selected FSMC shall be a combination of the specification, terms and conditions of the RFP; Selected FSMC Proposal, attachments to the Proposal and any written clarifications or changes made by SFA and in accordance with the provisions herein; see section *Exception and Deviations* for additional details.

Exceptions should be explicitly noted in Offeror's Proposal. Lack of exceptions listed on an Offeror's Proposal will be considered as acceptance of all of the specifications including terms and conditions and other requirements as presented in this RFP.

Any exceptions noted in Proposal will be evaluated after the due date and Proposal opening. No exceptions, addendums, amendments, or other changes will be allowed thereafter unless required by federal, state, or local regulations or needed to allow for program performance under the Awarded Contract. The only planned amendments will be the amendment to renew the Awarded Contract. This amendment will be presented to the contractor by the SFA at the time of renewal. Renewal of Awarded Contract does not constitute an offer by SFA for additional amendments of terms and conditions over and beyond the fees listed in the renewal amendment.

Any proposed terms and conditions listed in Offeror's Proposal may be considered by SFA. However, such proposed terms and conditions may render Proposal non-responsive and ineligible for evaluation of the Awarded Contract. Furthermore, any accepted proposed terms and conditions related to costs will be added to the overall costs proposed in Offeror's Proposal. This is the only way to fairly evaluate and compare exceptions to SFA's terms and conditions by an Offeror and another Offeror which accepted SFA's terms and conditions without exceptions.

In the event of an amendment to the Awarded Contract, both parties must mutually accept and sign the amendment, which will then be reviewed by ISBE before becoming effective. SFA must be the originator of the amendment. ***Amendment(s) presented by Selected FSMC will be denied.*** Awarded Contract, addendums, or amendments is limited to assuring compliance with federal and state procurement requirements.

2.3 **Termination**

SFA or Selected FSMC may terminate the whole or any part of the Awarded Contract, by written notice from the other party, in any one of the following circumstances:

- a. **Termination without cause:** Either the SFA or FSMC can terminate the Awarded Contract *without cause* with a sixty- (60) day written notification mailed certified or personally delivered to the other party.
- b. **Termination with cause:** Either party may terminate the Awarded Contract for cause upon sixty (60) days written notice mailed or personally delivered to the other party (Reference [7 CFR 210.16\(d\)](#)) except for the conditions for cause as follows:
 - If Selected FSMC fails to perform any duties or obligations within the time specified herein or any written extension thereof granted by SFA.
 - If Selected FSMC fails to make progress as to endanger performance of the Awarded Contract in accordance with its terms.
 - If either party fails to comply with any of the material terms and conditions of the Awarded Contract. Such termination shall become effective if notified party does not cure such failure within a period of ten (10) days after written notice of default.
 - If either party is declared insolvent or bankrupt.
 - Notwithstanding the provisions listed above, the SFA may immediately terminate the Awarded Contract with written notice to Selected FSMC for breach/neglect as determined by the SFA when considering such items as:
 1. failure to maintain and enforce required standards of sanitation,
 2. failure to maintain proper insurance coverage as outlined by the Awarded Contract,
 3. failure to provide required periodic information/statements, or
 4. failure to maintain quality of service at a level satisfactory to the SFA.

Upon termination, SFA may procure, upon such terms as it shall deem appropriate, services similar to those terminated. Selected FSMC shall continue performance of the Awarded Contract to the extent not terminated.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Contract, obligations of the SFA will cease immediately without penalty of further payment being required if sufficient funds for this Agreement are not appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly or a federal funding source, or such funds are otherwise not made available to the SFA for payments in accordance with this Contract.

Notwithstanding the notice period above, the SFA may immediately terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, upon notice to the FSMC if the SFA determines that the actions, or failure to act, of the FSMC, its agents, employees or subcontractors have caused, or reasonably could cause jeopardy to health, safety, or property; or if the SFA determines that the FSMC lacks the financial resources to perform under the Contract.

Neither the FSMC nor SFA shall be responsible for any losses resulting if the fulfillment of the terms of the Contract is delayed or prevented by wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires, floods, acts of God, or any other acts which could not have been prevented by the exercise of due diligence (“Act of God”) provided that the delayed party: (i) gives the other party prompt notice of such cause and (ii) uses its reasonable commercial efforts to promptly correct such failure or delay in performance. The SFA may cancel the Contract without penalty if the FSMC’s performance does not resume within 30 days of the FSMC’s interruption of services due to an Act of God.

2.4 **Nonperformance by Awarded FSMC**

If the FSMC fails to perform to the SFA’s satisfaction any material requirement of this Contract or is in violation of a material provision of this Contract, the SFA shall provide written notice to the FSMC requesting that the breach of noncompliance be remedied within sixty (60) days. If the breach or noncompliance is not remedied by the specified period of time, the SFA may either: (a) immediately terminate the Contract without additional written notice or, (b) enforce the terms and conditions of the Contract, and in either event seek any available legal or equitable remedies and damages. The SFA may finish the services by whatever method the SFA may deem expedient. Any damages incurred by the SFA as a result of any Contractor default shall be borne by the Contractor at its sole cost and expense, shall not be payable as part of the Contract amount, and shall be reimbursed to the SFA by the Contractor upon demand.

2.5 **Exceptions and Deviations**

The terms and conditions contained in this RFP will be included in the resulting Awarded Contract. SFA does not intend to make changes to those terms and conditions, unless necessary to clarify the scope of work and/or technical requirements. Failure to accept the terms and conditions may result in Offeror’s Proposal being deemed to be nonresponsive. Nonetheless, if an Offeror must take exception(s) to a specific term or condition, the Offeror shall provide the requested information for each exception in the following format and attaching it to the Offeror’s Proposal and labeling it as “*Offeror’s Exceptions and Deviations*”.

All exceptions must be approved by the SFA and reviewed and approved by ISBE prior to acceptance by the SFA. All exception(s) must be included with Offeror’s Proposal.

No exceptions or deviations will be considered after the due date of the Proposals unless allowable as described in the RFP. This includes amendments and addendums typically requested by FSMCs after the awarding of the contract which includes additional fee structures, clarifications, and FSMC’s terms and conditions. Only exceptions listed in Offeror’s Proposal will be considered for inclusion in the Awarded Contract

Format for submitting exceptions and deviations:

Offeror’s Exceptions and Deviations: Name of FSMC

No.	Section, Subsection, Exhibit, or other	Exception Taken	Reason for Exception	Proposed Language	Impact on Proposal Cost and/or Risk

Name of Offeror <i>First & Last</i>	Title of Offeror	
Authorized Signature	Date Signed <i>Mo./Day/Yr.</i>	
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2.6 **Renewal of Awarded Contract- Fixed Price Per Meal Rate(s)**

The only rates and fees that may be adjusted in subsequent Contract Terms are the fixed rates and fixed fees contained herein. Before any fixed rate or fee adjustments can be implemented as part of a Contract renewal agreement, the FSMC shall document to the SFA, through a written financial analysis, the need for such adjustments. Adjustment of all individual per meal fixed rates and applicable fees in subsequent Contract Terms must not exceed The Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers—Food Away from Home annual rate. Percentage increases cannot be applied to any previous Contract Term's total estimated or actual Contract cost. The calculation method regarding the determination of a la carte meal equivalents is outlined in the *Fees* section of this Contract.

Renewal of this Contract is contingent upon the fulfillment of all Contract provisions relating to USDA Foods (see section 7.2).

2.7 **Material Change(s)/ Contract Amendment(s)**

A material change is defined as a change that, had other bidders/proposers known of the change at the time of they submitted their responses, would have caused them to bid/propose differently. [2 CFR 200.324](#) identifies that when a contract modification changes the scope of a contract or increases the contract amount by more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (currently set at \$250,000), the SFA must make available upon request for review, procurement documents such as requests for proposals or invitations for bids, and/or independent cost estimates. The State Agency (ISBE) must then determine if the amendment is approved for a one-year renewal, or if a re-solicitation is required at the end of the current contract period. State or local acquisition thresholds may be more restrictive, and that the most restrictive threshold applies.

All amendments must be documented, reviewed, and approved by the State agency (ISBE) **prior to execution** ([7 CFR 210.16\(a\)\(10\)](#)) ensuring that the SFA has not made a material change to the contract and has incorporated all State agency required changes into the amendment. No modification or amendment to this contract shall become valid unless it is made in writing, signed by all parties, and receives **prior** approval by the State agency (ISBE). Regulations governing procurement in the NSLP, SBP, and SMP, require State agencies to review contracts (and supporting documentation) prior to the execution (i.e. prior to signature) of the contract to ensure that contracts containing unallowable terms and conditions and amendments that may be material in nature are removed prior to the contract being executed. Unallowable costs shall not be paid from the nonprofit food service account.

Some amendments to contracts that may be considered material and thus require a re-solicitation include:

- Adding other SFAs, or unaffiliated schools (to include new schools to be constructed within the SFA during the contract duration and potential contract renewals) not included in the original solicitation.
- Adding more Child Nutrition Programs not included in the original solicitation and contract.
- Changing a fixed price/meal fee for management and/or administration, or a fixed price/meal fee tied to a standard index, such as the Consumer Price index, without a price adjustment clause.

- Adding the requirement for the FSMC to cover the cost of labor, or to transition the cost of labor from the SFA to the FSMC without a provision in the original solicitation and contract that includes the labor transition with specifics for how this will occur.
- Adding requirements for the FSMC to purchase/invest in equipment, point of service system, or remodel/renovate facilities for the SFA that were not planned, specified, or included in the original solicitation and contract.
- Changing the value of a guaranteed return, or failure to achieve a breakeven status, or qualifying these by limits in relation to the value of the administrative/management fee(s).
 - Any guaranteed return promised by the FSMC must remain in the nonprofit food service account. If the contract contains such guarantees, the contract must also contain language that ensures that the FSMC bears responsibility for failure to meet those goals. Returns cannot be contingent upon multi-year contracts as FSMC contracts are for one year with the option for up to four one-year renewals. If the option for renewal is to be considered each year, the best practice is to specify in the original solicitation the SFAs expectations of the guarantee for each renewal year option, if changes in the guarantee will be allowed.

While this list is not exclusive of changes SFAs and FSMCs often consider during a contract renewal option, these changes are amendments to the contract, not a contract renewal. Therefore, State agency (ISBE) and SFA staff must take great caution not to approve contract amendments when these changes should be re-solicited. Contract renewals are extensions of the original contract based on the terms and conditions of the original solicitation; contract amendments that change the scope of the contract or exceed the value of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (valued at \$250,000), are subject to approval by the State agency (ISBE) or FNS (USDA).

FSMC developed contracts and/or amendments are never allowed.

SECTION 3:

GENERAL CONDITIONS

3.1 **ISBE Legal Disclaimer**

ISBE does not review or judge the fairness, advisability, or efficiency of fiscal implications of the contract. ISBE is not a party to any contractual relationship between the SFA and Selected FSMC. ISBE is not obligated, liable or responsible for any action or inaction taken by the SFA or Selected FSMC based on this template contract and subsequent changes and/or amendments to this RFP or subsequent Awarded Contract.

3.2 **No relief for errors or omissions**

Contracts shall be approved or authorized by the Board of Education of each respective school district as required by State law. The Board Attorney shall be consulted, as needed, regarding the legal requirements for purchases or contracts.

3.3 **Fully informed**

Submission of a proposal by a FSMC will be construed as an indication the FSMC is fully informed of and can offer the services satisfactorily in compliance with the specifications and conditions contained herein.

3.4 **Solicitation withdrawal or changes**

Withdraws or changes by a FSMC to the submitted proposal may be made prior to the close of proposal acceptance date. All modifications must have written acknowledgement by the SFA. The FSMC is bound by the proposal once the proposal is signed.

3.5 **Code of Conduct/ Ethics Procedures**

No prohibited source shall intentionally offer or make a gift that violates this SFA's policy.

Prohibited source means any person or entity who:

1. Is seeking official action by: (a) a Board member, or (b) an employee, or by the Board member or another employee directing that employee;
2. Does business or seeks to do business with: (a) a Board member, or (b) an employee, or with the Board member or another employee directing that employee;
3. Conducts activities regulated by: (a) a Board member, or (b) an employee or by the Board member or another employee directing that employee;
4. Has an interest that may be substantially affected by the performance or non-performance of the official duties of the Board member or employee;
5. Is registered or required to be registered with the Secretary of State under the Lobbyist Registration Act, except that an entity does not become a prohibited source merely because a registered lobbyist is one of its members or serves on its board of directors; or
6. Is an agent of, a spouse of, or an immediate family member living with a prohibited source.

Gift means any gratuity, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, or other tangible or intangible item having monetary value including but not limited to, cash, food and drink, and honoraria for speaking engagements related to or attributable to government employment or the official position of a Board member or employee.

3.6 **Protest Procedures**

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure fairness, transparency, and the proper resolution of concerns raised by interested parties regarding the award or execution of this contract. Challenges to the award or proposed awarded contract must be submitted in physical writing and delivered in person

to the Center Cass School District 66 Superintendent by noon within ten (10) business days of the notice to recommend awarding of contract that will be sent to all responders after ISBE approval of the proposed recommendation. Anyone failing to protest by the given date waives their right to protest the proposal. If the protesting party is not satisfied with the District Administration's decisions, the party may ask that their protest be considered by the School Board, if such a physical written request is received within five (5) business days from the Administration's decision. Protests must be submitted in a formal written format and include specific details outlining the grounds for the protest, supporting evidence, and the desired remedy sought.

Protests may be submitted based on the following grounds:

- Alleged violation of procurement regulations or laws.
- Lack of adherence to the terms and conditions outlined in the solicitation documents.
- Bias, unfair treatment, or conflict of interest during the procurement/evaluation process.
- Any other grounds that indicate irregularities or improprieties in the procurement/evaluation process that may affect fair competition or award decisions.

3.7 **Contract Bond Requirements**

The Superintendents shall manage the District's purchases and contracts in accordance with State law, the standards set forth in this policy, and other applicable School Board policies.

All purchases and contracts shall be entered into in accordance with applicable federal and State law. The Board Attorney shall be consulted as needed regarding the legal requirements for purchases or contracts. All contracts shall be approved or authorized by the Board.

All purchases and contracts should support a recognized District function or purpose as well as provide for good quality products and services at the lowest cost, with consideration for service, reliability, and delivery promptness, and in compliance with State law.

No purchase or contract shall be made or entered into as a result of favoritism, extravagance, fraud, or corruption.

When presenting a contract or purchase for Board approval, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that it complies with applicable federal and State law.

Any contract to purchase food with a bidder or offeror must comply with 105 ILCS 5/10-20.21(b-10).

Each contractor with the District is bound by each of the following: a. In accordance with 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9(f): (1) prohibit any of its employees who is or was found guilty of a criminal offense listed in 105 ILCS 5/1021.9(c) and 5/21B-80(c) to have direct, daily contact at a District school or school-related activity with one or more student(s); (2) prohibit any of the contractor's employees from having direct, daily contact with one or more students if the employee was found guilty of any offense in 5/21B-80(b) (certain drug offenses) until seven years following the end of the employee's sentence for the criminal offense; and (3) require each of its employees who will have direct, daily contact with student(s) to cooperate during the District's fingerprint-based criminal history records check on him or her. b. In accordance with 105 ILCS 5/22-94: (1) prohibit any of its employees from having direct contact with children or students if the contractor has not performed a sexual misconduct related employment history review (EHR) of the employee or if the District objects to the employee's assignment based on the employee's involvement in an instance of sexual misconduct as provided in 105 ILCS 5/22-94(j)(3), which the contractor is required to disclose; (2) discipline, up to and including termination or denial of employment, any employee who provides false information or willfully fails to disclose information

required by the EHR; (3) maintain all records of EHRs and provide the District access to such records upon request; and (4) refrain from entering into any agreements prohibited by 105 ILCS 5/2294(g). c. In accordance with 105 ILCS 5/24-5: (1) concerning each new employee of a contractor that provides services to students or in schools, provide the District with evidence of physical fitness to perform the duties assigned and freedom from communicable disease; and (2) require any new or existing employee who provides services to students or in schools to complete additional health examinations as required by the District and be subject to additional health examinations, including tuberculosis screening, as required by the Ill. Dept. of Public Health rules or order of a local health official.

Purchases made with federal or State awards must comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and 30 ILCS 708/, as applicable, and any terms of the award.

The Superintendent or designee shall: (1) execute the reporting and website posting mandates in State law concerning District contracts, and (2) monitor the discharge of contracts, contractors' performances, and the quality and value of services or products being provided.

3.8 Performance Bond Requirements

A performance bond in the amount of 20 percent of the annual total estimated contract cost may be required upon award. FSMC shall obtain bonds only from surety companies listed in the current Department of Treasury Circular 570.

3.9 The SFA reserves the right to investigate each proposer's ability to fulfill the terms of the contract.

3.10 All solicitations shall remain valid and subject to acceptance for a period of ninety (90) days after the solicitation opening date. Award of the Contract shall be made to the lowest responsive, responsible proposer as determined by the SFA, based on the criteria and specifications outlined in the RFP and further set forth in the Contract.

3.11 The meal rates and fees solicitation must be calculated based on the included sample menu(s) and on the projected annual units provided on the *Proposed Fixed Rates* form, both attached herein. Rates must be provided per unit. All other estimated line-item totals shall be computed by multiplying the projected annual units by the rate proposed per unit. Estimated totals **must** be carried out to the second decimal place and must not be rounded. In any case of errors in the extension of the estimated total(s), the actual unit rates shall govern.

3.12 All prospective proposers must completely inspect the facilities and equipment prior to the solicitation due date and prior to submitting a proposal, if pre-solicitation meeting/ facility tour is scheduled as per above. Failure to do so will not relieve the successful proposer from the necessity of furnishing and installing any material and equipment, performing any labor, or making any structural changes, without additional cost to the SFA, that may be required to carry out the intent of the resulting Contract.

3.13 No proposal will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person, firm, or corporation that is in arrears or is in default to the SFA upon any debt or contract, or is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to said SFA, or has failed to perform faithfully any previous contract with the SFA.

3.14 All completed solicitations and supporting documentation submitted shall be the property of the SFA.

3.15 Until a Contract is awarded, no proposer, prospective or otherwise, shall be provided access to any supporting solicitation documents received by the SFA. All supporting solicitation documents shall be held strictly confidential and shall be reviewed and evaluated solely by SFA employees. Such

documents shall not be released for distribution under the Freedom of Information Act until the Contract has been awarded. Violation of this clause by any proposer, prospective or otherwise, shall result in automatic disqualification of the proposer from being awarded the Contract. Violation of this clause by an SFA may result in (1) temporary withholding of cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by the SFA or other more severe enforcement action; (2) disallowing of both, use of funds and matching credit for all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance; (3) whole or partial suspension or termination of the SFA's program; (4) withholding of further awards for the program; or (5) other remedies that may be legally available. Actions that result in the violation of law will be referred to the appropriate local, State or Federal authority having jurisdiction.

3.16 **Additional administrative, contractual, or legal remedies per local Board policy**

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals when there are sound documented reasons to do so, to waive any technicalities in the proposal and to determine whether in the opinion of the Board that a proposer is not a responsible proposer and should be disregarded. In the event of pricing errors, the unit count(s) listed will prevail and be considered accurate.

SECTION 4:**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

- 4.1 The Selected FSMC shall operate in conformance with the SFA's Permanent Agreement/Policy Statement with ISBE for the selected program(s) listed below. Selected FSMC shall provide services sufficient to operate these program(s) in accordance with CNP and as required by this RFP and subsequent Awarded Contract.

The programs listed below shall be the same as those listed in the attachment sections of this RFP, which is part of the Awarded Contract.

Additional program(s) may be considered in the future. The SFA will conduct a cost analysis and submit the request to ISBE, prior to implementation, to rule out the possibility of material changes to the Awarded Contract. If a material change is ruled out, the SFA will issue an addendum with proposed fixed meal price(s) for the new program for the Selected FSMC to either accept or reject. The Selected FSMC may negotiate a higher fixed meal price(s), but any accepted fixed meal price(s) by the SFA must be below the range used in the cost analysis to negate the possibility of a material change to the Awarded Contract. The final signed amendment will be submitted to ISBE.

X National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

- ☐ Seamless Summer Option (SSO) lunch
- ☐ School Breakfast Program (SBP)
 - ☐ Seamless Summer Option (SSO) breakfast
- ☐ After School Snack Program (ASSP)
- ☐ Special Milk Program (SMP)

X A la Carte Sales

- ☐ Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)
- ☐ Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
 - ☐ CACFP- breakfast program
 - ☐ CACFP- lunch program
 - ☐ CACFP- at risk after school snack program
 - ☐ CACFP- at risk after school supper program
 - ☐ CACFP- a.m./p.m. snack program
- ☐ Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
 - ☐ SFSP - Breakfast
 - ☐ SFSP – Lunch
- ☐ Vending Machines
 - ☐ Adult/ Staff access only (to be billed and paid with Non-Child Nutrition Program funds)
 - ☐ Student access (to be billed through a la carte sales and all revenue accumulated to the nonprofit school food account)
- ☐ Catering (to be billed and paid with Non-Child Nutrition Program funds)

- 4.2 The projected number of full feeding days is approximately 174 student attendance days, with exceptions for early dismissal days per the 2024-25 school year calendar.
- 4.3 The food service provided shall be operated and maintained as a benefit to the SFA's students, faculty, and staff.
- 4.4 The food service shall be managed to promote maximum participation in the Child Nutrition Programs.
- 4.5 The Selected FSMC shall have the exclusive right to manage the Child Nutrition Programs at the sites specified in the schools/sites listed in the exhibit's sections of this RFP, which is part of the Awarded Contract.
- 4.6 The SFA may at any time during the Term of the Contract add or remove meal periods for programs covered by the Contract throughout the Contract Term and any Renewal Terms, unless the addition or removal of meal programs creates a material and/or substantive Contract change.
- 4.7 The SFA reserves the right to add or delete owned and operated schools covered by the Contract throughout the Contract Term and any Renewal Terms, unless the additional or removal of schools creates a material and/or substantive Contract change.
- 4.8 The SFA reserves the right to maintain, add, and/or remove present food and beverage vending machines in its facilities.
- 4.9 The Selected FSMC shall be an independent contractor and not an employee of the SFA. The employees of the FSMC shall be considered solely employees of the FSMC and shall not be considered employees or agents of the SFA in any fashion.
- 4.10 The Selected FSMC shall conduct the food service to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations of the Illinois State Board of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regarding Child Nutrition Programs.
- 4.11 The SFA shall be legally and financially responsible for the conduct of the food service and shall supervise the food service to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations of the Illinois State Board of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture regarding Child Nutrition Programs
- 4.12 **Additional Local Requirements**
A daily vegetarian menu option is required.

SECTION 5: SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 The SFA shall ensure the food service is in conformance with its *Permanent Agreement* and the *Policy Statement for all reimbursable meals*.
- 5.2 The SFA shall retain control of the CNP nonprofit food service account and overall financial responsibility for the CNP.
- 5.3 The SFA shall retain control of the quality, extent, and general nature of its food service.
- 5.4 The SFA shall establish all selling prices, including price adjustments, for all reimbursable and non-reimbursable meals/milk and non-program foods sales (including A la Carte, vending, adult meals, contract meals, and catering) prices. (Exception: Non-pricing programs need not establish a selling price for reimbursable meals/milk.)

5.5 **Monitoring**

The SFA shall monitor the food service operation of the Selected FSMC through periodic on-site SFA school building visits to ensure that the food service is in conformance with USDA program regulations. (Reference [7 CFR 210.16](#)) Further, if there is more than one school site, there is an additional requirement that the SFA conduct an on-site review of the counting and claiming system no later than February 1 of each year as required by [7 CFR 210.8](#).

The records necessary for the SFA to complete the required monitoring activities must be maintained by the Selected FSMC under this contract and must be made available to the Auditor General, USDA, the state agency, and the SFA upon request for the purpose of auditing, examination, and review. (Reference [7 CFR 210.23\(c\)](#), [7 CFR 210.8\(a\)\(5\)](#), [7 CFR 210.16](#), and [7 CFR 250.54\(b\)](#) and other applicable laws)

5.6 **FSMC Performance Monitoring**

When the SFA contracts with a Food Service Management Company (FSMC), the SFA must conduct performance monitoring of the FSMC contract through periodic on-site monitoring of the contracted requirements, as per [7 CFR 210.8\(a\)\(1\)](#), [7 CFR 210.16\(a\)\(3\)](#), and [7 CFR 250.54\(c\)](#).

SFA performance monitoring of the FSMC should encompass determining whether the food service operation is in conformance with the SFA-FSMC agreement to operate the Program in accordance with Program regulations. Contract language should also confirm the SFA's responsibility to implement internal controls as required under [7 CFR 210.8\(a\)](#) and to ensure resolution of Program review and audit findings. Monitoring also includes:

- Ensuring all contract provisions are being fulfilled, such as local health and sanitation requirements.
- Keeping records for menus, standardized recipes, production records, reimbursable meals served for all Programs operated, non-program revenues and expenses, and paid lunch equity calculations, if included.
- Invoicing has all required supporting documentation submitted to the SFA.
- Ensuring monthly invoice contains applicable USDA Food Credits.
- Monthly monitoring of USDA Foods allocated and received to ensure USDA foods are being maximized in daily menus and on track for a utilized goal and credit to the SFA of 100% by the end of the contract year.
- Monitoring functions may vary depending on the SFA-FSMC contract requirements

- 5.7 The SFA shall approve the menus and recipes for meals and other food to be served or sold to students to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations of the Illinois State Board of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture.
- 5.8 The SFA shall inform the Selected FSMC of any adjustments to menus and monitor implementation of adjustments.
- 5.9 The SFA shall approve all a la carte items and the prices charged for those items in advance of sale by the Selected FSMC.
- 5.10 The SFA shall retain signatory authority on the Illinois State Board of Education *Annual School Application for Participation in Child Nutrition, Illinois Free Breakfast and Lunch, and Food Distribution Programs*; the *Policy Statement for all reimbursable meals*; the *Permanent Agreement*; and the *Child Nutrition Program Monthly Claim for Reimbursement*.
- 5.11 The SFA shall establish internal controls which ensure the accuracy of meal counts prior to the submission of each *Monthly Claim for Reimbursement* including:
- On-Site reviews of the meal counting and claiming system,
 - Reviews of meal count data for each site,
 - Edit checks of meal count data against the product of the eligibility data times an attendance factor, and
 - A system for following up on those meal counts which suggests the likelihood of meal count problems
- 5.12 The SFA shall ensure USDA Foods received for use by the SFA and made available to the Selected FSMC are utilized within the specified Term (or any Renewal Terms) of the Contract in the SFA's food service operation for the preparation and service of meals and for other allowable uses in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, 7 CFR 250.
- 5.13 The SFA, in partnership with the Selected FSMC, shall maintain and post, in a publicly visible location, all reports on the most recent food safety inspection, and provide a copy of the food safety inspection reports to a member of the public upon request.
- 5.14 The SFA shall ensure all state and local regulations are met by the Selected FSMC preparing or serving meals at SFA facilities.
- 5.15 The SFA shall establish and the Selected FSMC shall participate in the formation, establishment, and periodic meetings of the SFA advisory board composed of students, teachers, and parents to assist in menu planning. (Reference 7 CFR 210.16(a)(8)).
- 5.16 **Substitutions and Meal Modifications**
The SFA shall be responsible for receiving medical statements regarding students' disabilities and/or special dietary needs and shall ensure the Selected FSMC complies with all special dietary accommodation requirements. Substitutions and modifications are made on a case-by-case basis and must be supported by a written statement of the need for substitutes that includes the recommended alternate foods, unless otherwise exempted by the Food and Nutrition Service, USDA. In the case of a student with disabilities, the statement must be signed by a State Licensed Healthcare Professional.

For students without disabilities, the substitution must be consistent with the meal pattern requirements for the meal to be reimbursable.

5.17 **Free and Reduced-Price Meals Policy**

- a. The SFA shall be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the free and reduced-price meals eligibility roster.
- b. The SFA shall be responsible for the development and distribution of the parent letter, and Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals, Direct Certification and determination of eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. The Selected FSMC may act as an agent for the SFA related to these responsibilities.
- c. The SFA shall be responsible for conducting any hearings related to determinations regarding eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.
- d. The SFA shall be responsible for verifying Applications for Free and Reduced Price Meals as required by USDA regulations.

5.18 The SFA shall be responsible for resolution of program reviews and audit findings.

5.19 **Professional Standards for School Nutrition Programs Personnel**

The SFA employed Food Service Director must ensure that all personnel, including the Selected FSMC employees, providing services for the school meal programs have met the required professional standards for state and local nutrition programs personnel pursuant to 7 CFR 210.30. Therefore, the SFA must require the Selected FSMC to provide annual documentation to the SFA showing the training hours and topics completed by all employees that meet this requirement.

SECTION 6:**SELECTED FSMC RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 6.1 The Selected FSMC shall always provide its services (including but not limited to the designations outlined in section 11.2) hereunder in accordance with generally accepted standards of care and best practices in the industry.
- 6.2 The Selected FSMC shall provide the specified meal types and services in the schools/sites listed in the exhibit sections of this RFP, which is part of the Awarded Contract.
- 6.3 The Selected FSMC shall serve meals on such days and at such times as requested by the SFA.
- 6.4 The Selected FSMC shall serve reimbursable meals and/or milk to children by their designated eligibility status by the SFA.
- 6.5 The Selected FSMC shall implement an *accurate point of service* count using the counting system submitted by the SFA in its application to participate in the CNP and reviewed by ISBE in the annual contract between the SFA and ISBE for the programs listed within, as required under USDA regulations. Such a counting system must eliminate the potential for the overt identification of free and reduced-price eligible students under USDA Regulation 7 CFR 245.8.
- 6.6 In order for the Selected FSMC to offer a la carte sales food service, the Selected FSMC must offer free, reduced price, and full price reimbursable meals to all eligible children.
- 6.7 The Selected FSMC shall sell on the premises only those foods and beverages authorized by the SFA and only at the times and places designated by the SFA.
- 6.8 The Selected FSMC shall implement the collection procedures as specified by the SFA and approved by the Illinois State Board of Education.
- 6.9 The FSMC shall implement the *Offer versus Serve* provision at the food service sites specified by the SFA listed in the exhibit sections of this RFP.
- 6.10 The Selected FSMC shall adhere to the 21-day cycle menu(s) and portion sizes specified by the SFA in the exhibit sections of this RFP for the first 21 days of meal service. Thereafter, changes in the menu(s) may be made with prior approval of the SFA who shall ensure all foods and beverages are of equivalent or better quality and variety as the foods and beverages required for the first 21 days of meal service. The meals must meet the USDA Meal Pattern as designated herein by the SFA for each Term of the Contract, if applicable. Meals must adhere to all calorie ranges and meet the nutrition standards for the Child Nutrition Programs for the age/grade groups of school children as required by the USDA Meal Pattern. Any changes made by the Selected FSMC after the first initial menu cycle for the applicable Child Nutrition Program may be made only with the approval of the SFA. The SFA shall approve the menus no later than two weeks prior to service. (Reference 7 CFR 210.16(b)(1)).
- 6.11 The serving sizes provided by the SFA on the 21-day cycle menu(s) specified by the SFA in the exhibit sections of this RFP are, in most cases based on the required minimum serving sizes as required by the USDA Meal Pattern. If the serving sizes for the food items indicated on the menu(s) do not meet the required average daily calorie ranges per five-day week and the nutrient standards as required by the USDA Meal Pattern, the Selected FSMC must adjust the serving sizes and/or provide additional food

items as necessary to meet the required calorie ranges and nutrient standards while meeting all USDA Meal Pattern requirements and without significantly altering the 21-day cycle menu(s).

- 6.12 The Selected FSMC shall be responsible for providing meals and menus appropriate for the age of the students served and acceptable to students evidenced by a minimum of plate waste and participation levels in the Child Nutrition Programs, as applicable.
- 6.13 **Infant Meals**
When applicable, the Selected FSMC shall provide Infant Meals compliant with applicable meals pattern components and other nutritional requirements as required by the USDA or other designated Federal agency.
- 6.14 The SFA shall establish and the Selected FSMC shall participate in the formation, establishment, and periodic meetings of the SFA advisory board composed of students, teachers, and parents to assist in menu planning. (Reference 7 CFR 210.16(a)(8)).
- 6.15 The Selected FSMC shall promote efforts to increase Child Nutrition Program participation in all the sites listed within this RFP.
- 6.16 The Selected FSMC shall adhere to and assist in the implementation, enforcement, and evaluation of all nutrition-related requirements in the SFA's Local Wellness Policy as listed in the exhibit section of this RFP. The Selected FSMC shall remain informed of increasing industry standards and assist the SFA in modifying its Local Wellness Policy to reflect the highest current nutrition-related standards.
- 6.17 The Selected FSMC shall cooperate with the SFA in promoting nutrition education and coordinating the SFA's food service with classroom instruction.
- 6.18 The Selected FSMC shall use SFA facilities for preparation of food to be served.
- 6.19 **Substitutions and Meal Modifications**
The Selected FSMC is required to make modifications or substitutions to food components of the meal pattern for students with disabilities in accordance with 7 C.F.R. § 15b when the disability restricts their diet and is permitted to make substitutions for students without disabilities when they are unable to eat regular meals because of cultural, religious, or ethical preferences. Refer to the requirements outlined in Section 5.
- 6.20 The Selected FSMC be responsible for depositing daily all monies received in the SFA's nonprofit food service account. All acceptable internal control procedures must be followed in accordance with SFA internal financial practices.
- 6.21 The Selected FSMC shall comply with all local and state food safety and sanitation requirements.
- 6.22 It will be the joint responsibility of the SFA and the Selected FSMC to protect the anonymity of all children receiving free or reduced-price meals, and methods for ensuring anonymity shall be jointly agreed upon; provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to relieve the Selected FSMC of its independent obligation to protect the anonymity of all children receiving free or reduced-price meals and to provide the required quality and extent of goods and services hereunder.

- 6.23 The Selected FSMC may provide additional food services such as banquets, parties, and refreshments for meetings as requested by the SFA. USDA Foods shall not be used for these special functions unless the SFA's students will be primary beneficiaries
- 6.24 The Selected FSMC shall administer training, conduct new hire orientation, manage compliance and sanitation licensure processes, promote continuous learning environment and ensure delivery of professional development for food service staff. Training shall include, but not limited to, Civil Rights, professional standards regulations, POS system, how to operate kitchen equipment, food safety and sanitation.
- 6.25 **Professional Standards for School Nutrition Programs Personnel**
In accordance with Professional Standards for State and Local School Nutrition Programs Personnel as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The Selected FSMC must follow regulations as described in this section of the RFP which govern the professional standards of its employees and/or employees of the SFA working under the terms and conditions of the Awarded Contract. (Reference 21 CFR 210.30). For these employees, FNS proposed minimum educational requirements for new school nutrition program directors only, based on an LEA size/student enrollment (LEAs with 2,499 students or less, LEAs with 2,500-9,999 students, LEAs with 10,000-24,999 students, and LEAs with 25,000 or more students).
- Selected FSMC must provide documentation to show compliance with annual training standards. This documentation shall include at a minimum training hours and topics completed by FSMC staff.
- Selected FSMC must provide evidence that the FSMC staff has the knowledge and skill to supply safe and nutritious meals that meet meal requirements.
- 6.26 **Food Supplier Data.** Food supplier data shall be submitted to the SFA at the time of the proposal, to the best of the FSMC's ability, and updated annually thereafter during the term of the contract. The FSMC shall submit the updated food supplier data. The data required under this Section shall include the name and address of each supplier, distributor, processor, and producer involved in the provision of the products that the proposer is to supply.

SECTION 7:**FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM**

- 7.1 Any USDA Foods and/or Department of Defense (“DOD”) received for use by the SFA and made available to the Selected FSMC shall be utilized within the specified Term of the Contract in the SFA’s food service operation for the preparation and service of meals and for other allowable uses in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, 7 CFR 250.
- 7.2 The Selected FSMC shall accept and use USDA Foods in as large a quantity as may be efficiently utilized in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs subject to approval of the SFA. The SFA and Selected FSMC must order USDA Foods within the appropriate designated ISBE Food Distribution Systems in quantities sufficient to receive and credit the SFA for USDA Foods maximizing the SFA’s annual USDA Foods entitlement amount. The FSMC should have provided a minimum credit total of 85% of the SFA’s annual USDA Foods entitlement amount three (3) months prior to the annual contract end date with the expectation of 100% USDA Foods entitlement credit by the end of the annual contract term. If the Selected FSMC utilizes more than 100% of entitlement, all additional/bonus entitlement must also be credited by the end of the annual contract term. If the SFA has not received a minimum credit total of 85% three (3) months prior to the annual contract end date the Selected FSMC must submit a corrective action plan on how the Selected FSMC will reach the expected 100% USDA Foods entitlement credit to the SFA by the end of the annual contract term. This corrective action plan will be submitted to ISBE for review and determination of compliance. If determined not in compliance a mandatory rebid may be required.
- 7.3 The Selected FSMC shall manage all USDA Foods to ensure the USDA Foods are utilized in the SFA’s food service.
- 7.4 The Selected FSMC shall utilize all USDA ground beef, ground pork, and processed end products received in the SFA’s food service. Commercially purchased foods shall not be substituted for these foods.
- 7.5 The Selected FSMC shall utilize all other USDA Foods or substitute commercially purchased foods of the same generic identity, of U.S. origin, and of equal or better quality than the USDA Foods as determined by the SFA, in the SFA’s food service.
- 7.6 The Selected FSMC shall credit the SFA’s monthly bill/invoice the current market value, as issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, of all USDA Foods received during each Contract Term. The Selected FSMC must credit the SFA for all USDA Foods received for use in the SFA’s food service each Contract Term whether the USDA Foods have been used or not. Such credit shall be issued in full prior to the expiration of each Contract Term. The Selected FSMC may not hold deliveries to prevent receipt during the Contract Term. USDA Foods requested and allocated for the Contract Term must be receipted in full prior to the expiration of each Contract Term.
- 7.7 Credit issued by the Selected FSMC to the SFA for USDA Foods received during each Contract Term and used in the SFA’s food service shall be recorded on the monthly bill/invoice as a separate line-item entry and shall be clearly identified and labeled. Attached to the invoice shall be a detailed list identifying each received USDA Foods item used in the SFA’s food service and each USDA Foods item credit issued for unused USDA Foods, along with the current market value as issued by the Illinois State Board of Education.

- 7.8 The current market value of USDA Foods is based on the prices issued by the Illinois State Board of Education in compliance with 7 CFR 250.58(e).
- 7.9 The SFA shall ensure the method and timing of crediting does not cause its cash resources to exceed limits established in 7 CFR 210.9(b)(2).
- 7.10 At the end of each Contract Term and upon expiration or termination of the Contract, a reconciliation shall be conducted by the SFA to ensure and verify correct and proper credit has been received for the full value of all USDA Foods received by the Selected FSMC during each Contract Term for use in the SFA's food service.
- 7.11 The SFA shall verify receipt of USDA Foods shipments through its electronic records or by contacting the Illinois State Board of Education or processor as applicable.
- 7.12 The SFA reserves the right to conduct USDA Foods credit audits throughout each Contract Term to ensure compliance with federal regulations in accordance with 7 CFR 210 and 250.
- 7.13 The Selected FSMC may store and inventory USDA Foods together with commercial foods purchased for use in the SFA's food service. The Selected FSMC must meet all storage and inventory management requirements outlined in 7 CFR 250. USDA ground beef, ground pork, and processed end products shall be stored in a manner that ensures usage in the SFA's food service.
- 7.14 The Selected FSMC must accept liability for any negligence on their part that results in any loss, damage, out of condition, or improper use of USDA Foods not yet credited to the SFA and shall credit the SFA either monthly or through a fiscal year-end reconciliation.
- 7.15 The SFA and the Selected FSMC shall consult and agree on end products to be produced from USDA Foods during each Contract Term. If the SFA and FSMC cannot agree on end products, the Selected FSMC shall utilize the USDA Foods in the form furnished by the USDA.
- 7.16 The SFA shall have processing contracts in place when a commercial facility processes or repackages USDA Foods. The Selected FSMC shall pay all related processing fees and costs. The SFA shall not be responsible for any costs associated with processing USDA Foods. The National Processing Agreement and the State Processing Agreement must be used as the basis for the processing agreement as determined by the Illinois State Board of Education. The terms and conditions of the processing contract must comply with 7 CFR 250. In accordance with 7 CFR 250.51(a), the Selected FSMC must credit the SFA for the full value of all USDA Foods received for use in the SFA's meal service in a school year or fiscal year (including both entitlement and bonus foods). This includes crediting for the value of USDA Foods contained in processed end products (per 7.19 below). Such credit shall be issued in full prior to the expiration of each Contract Term USDA Foods diverted for the Contract Term must be credited in full prior to the expiration of each Contract Term whether the processed end products have been used or not. Unused diverted pounds credited to the SFA by the FSMC will be removed from the SFA's processor account(s) and placed in the State of Illinois' processor account(s).
- 7.17 The Selected FSMC shall not enter into subcontracts for further processing of USDA Foods.
- 7.18 The selected FSMC shall be responsible for all delivery and freight/handling costs associated with USDA Foods. The selected FSMC shall be responsible for all storage and warehousing costs associated with USDA Foods. Estimated annual delivery, freight/handling costs will be \$6.70 per case ordered for school

year 2024-2025. USDA food entitlement value for school year 2023-2024 was \$33,448.74 for Center Cass School District 66, and \$21,720.66 for Cass School District 63. Estimated USDA foods entitlement value for school year 2024-2025 is \$14,973.12 Center Cass School District 66 and \$12,280.68 for Cass School District 63.

- 7.19 If the SFA is responsible for all storage and warehouse costs associated with USDA Foods as designated in 7.18 above, then the SFA shall provide reimbursement to the Selected FSMC for USDA Foods that are lost, damaged, or become out-of-condition due to the SFA's own negligence and for which the Selected FSMC has already credited the SFA.
- 7.20 ***In the event the Illinois State Board of Education pays the delivery fees of the USDA foods, this monthly cost savings must be returned to the SFA as a line-item credit on the applicable monthly invoice.***
- 7.21 If the Selected FSMC acts as an intermediary between a processor and the SFA, the Selected FSMC shall credit the SFA for the value of USDA Foods contained in the processed end products at the USDA Foods processing agreement value unless the processor is providing such credit directly to the SFA. Such credit shall be issued to the SFA on the monthly bill/invoice as a separate line-item entry and shall be clearly identified and labeled.
- 7.22 The Selected FSMC shall have records maintained and available to substantiate the receipt, use, storage, and inventory of USDA Foods. The Selected FSMC must submit to the SFA monthly inventory reports showing all transactions for processed and/or non-processed USDA Foods.
- 7.23 The SFA, Illinois State Board of Education, Comptroller General, and U.S. Department of Agriculture, or their duly authorized representatives, may perform on-site reviews of the Selected FSMC's food service operation, including the review of records, to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Contract and federal regulations (7 CFR 210 and 250).
- 7.24 The Selected FSMC must return all unused USDA ground beef products, ground pork products, and processed end products to the SFA upon termination, expiration, or non-renewal of the Contract.
- 7.25 At the discretion of the SFA, the Selected FSMC may be required to return other unused USDA Foods to the SFA upon termination, expiration, or non-renewal of the Contract.
- 7.26 The SFA shall retain title to all USDA Foods provided to the Selected FSMC for use in the SFA's food service.
- 7.27 The proposed rate per meal must be calculated as if no USDA Foods were available.

SECTION 8:

PURCHASES/ BUY AMERICAN

- 8.1 If the Selected FSMC is procuring goods or services which are being charged to the SFA under the Awarded Contract (e.g., equipment), the Selected FSMC is acting as an agent for the SFA and must follow the same procurement rules under which the SFA must operate and that the Selected FSMC may not serve as a vendor. Any rebates, discounts, or commissions associated in any manner with purchases must be returned to the nonprofit school food service account. Only net costs may be charged to the SFA.
- 8.2 Any purchase of food must meet the USDA Meal Pattern requirements and the Minimum Food Specifications listed in the Exhibit Sections of this RFP.

8.3 **Written Procurement Procedures**

The Selected FSMC must follow written procurement procedures established by the SFA when making purchases on behalf of the SFA. These written procedures must be compliant with federal, state, and local government procurement rules and regulations. Written procurement procedures will need to be kept on file at the SFA. These written procurement procedures will need to be made available during the SFA's procurement review along with all procurement records.

When making purchases on behalf of the SFA, the Selected FSMC may substitute its own procurement procedures. In this event, the Selected FSMC must provide a copy of its procurement procedures to the SFA for approval by the SFA and procurement record requirements. Selected FSMC procurement procedures when used must be compliant with SFA's procurement procedures as well as be compliant with federal, state, and local government procurement rules and regulations.

- 8.4 The Selected FSMC shall retain title of all purchased food and nonfood items.

8.5 **Buy American Provision**

The Selected FSMC shall comply with the *Buy American Provision* for contracts that involve the purchase of applicable goods and services sold through Child Nutrition Programs the SFA participates, USDA Regulation 7 CFR 250. The Buy American provision requirements as stated in section 104(d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-336) added a provision, Section 12(n) to the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) (42 USC 1760(n)), requiring SFAs to purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products, including foods or food products. 7 CFR 250.17(e).

This Buy American provision supports the mission of the Child Nutrition Programs, which is to serve children nutritious meals and support American agriculture. The Buy American provision applies to SFAs located in the 48 contiguous United States and is one of the procurement standards these SFAs must comply with when purchasing commercial food products served in the school meals programs.

Section 12(n) of the NSLA defines:

"domestic commodity or product" as an agricultural commodity that is produced in the U.S. and a food product that is processed in the U.S. substantially using agricultural commodities produced in the U.S. Report language accompanying the legislation noted that

"substantially" means over 51% from American products. Therefore, over 51% of the final processed product (by weight or volume) must consist of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically.

Thus, for foods that are unprocessed, agricultural commodities must be domestic, and for foods that are processed, they must be processed domestically using domestic agricultural food components that are comprised of over 51% domestically grown items, by weight or volume as determined by the SFA.

For the purpose of the Awarded Contract the requirement means that applicable goods and services procured on behalf of or by SFAs for use in the Child Nutrition Programs using nonprofit food service account funds, the product's food component is considered the agricultural commodity. FNS defines food component as one of the food groups, which comprises reimbursable meals.

The food components are meats/meat alternates, grains, vegetables, fruits, and fluid milk. Please refer to 7 CFR 210.2 for full definitions. Any product processed by a winning vendor must contain over 51% of the product's food component, by weight or volume, from U.S. origin. This definition of domestic product serves both the needs of schools and American agriculture. Products from Guam, American Samoa, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Mariana Islands are considered domestic products under this provision as these products are from the territories of the U.S.

The Offeror by signing the Offeror's Proposal is certifying meals sold through the SFA's nutrition program are prepared and processed in the U.S. and contains over 51% of its agricultural food component, by weight or volume, from the U.S.

If requested by the SFA, state, or federal government, the Selected FSMC will supply evidence supporting compliance with the Buy American provision. Additional clarification regarding the Buy American Provision can be found in *USDA Memo Compliance with and Enforcement of the Buy American Provision in the National School Lunch Program* SP 38-2017 dated 06/30/17.

In the event a domestic product is not available, the Selected FSMC must:

- Requests consideration from SFA (written documentation require) on the use of domestic alternative foods before approving an exception.
- Document the use of a non-domestic food exception when competition reveals the cost of domestic is significantly higher than non-domestic food.
- Document the use of a non-domestic alternative food due to the domestic food not produced or manufactured in sufficient and reasonable available quantities of a satisfactory quality.

- 8.6 The Selected FSMC shall purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products which are either an agricultural commodity produced in the United States, or a food product processed in the United States substantially using agricultural commodities produced in the United States (U.S.).
- 8.7 The Selected FSMC shall not substitute commercially purchased foods for USDA ground beef, ground pork, and processed end products received.
- 8.8 The Selected FSMC may substitute commercially purchased foods for all other USDA Foods received. All commercially purchased food substitutes must be of the same generic identity as the USDA Foods received, of U.S. origin, and of equal or better quality than the USDA Foods as determined by the SFA.
- 8.9 The SFA shall ensure commercially purchased foods used in place of USDA Foods received are of the same generic identity as the USDA Foods received, of U.S. origin, and of equal or better quality than the USDA Foods as determined by the SFA.
- 8.10 The Selected FSMC shall certify the percentage of U.S. content in the products supplied to the SFA.

- 8.11 The Selected FSMC shall provide Nutrition Facts labels and any other documentation requested by the SFA to ensure compliance with U.S. content requirements.
- 8.12 For the duration of the Contract and all subsequent renewal Terms, as applicable, the Selected FSMC shall purchase foods and beverages that are equivalent or better in quality and variety as those items required in the 21-day cycle menu, per the requirements outlined above and the food specifications contained herein.
- 8.13 **Locally grown and locally raised unprocessed agricultural products**
Products grown or sourced locally, including the Midwest, should be utilized and served whenever feasible. As much as possible, foods should include unprocessed or minimally processed fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, dairy, and grains. Allowable processing methods include cutting, chopping, grinding, pureeing, freezing, canning, and drying. Examples of allowable foods include, raw fruits, raw vegetables, 100% juice, whole, cut, and/or ground meat and poultry, fluid milk, cheese, yogurt, pastas and rice.

SECTION 9: USE OF FACILITIES, INVENTORY, EQUIPMENT AND STORAGE

9.1 The Selected FSMC shall maintain adequate storage procedures, inventory, and control of USDA Foods in conformance with the SFA's agreement with the ISBE.

9.2 **Facilities**

- a. The SFA shall make available without any cost or charge to the Selected FSMC, the areas and premises agreeable to both parties in which the Selected FSMC shall render its services.
- b. The Selected FSMC shall not use the SFA's facilities to produce food, meals, or services for other organizations or otherwise use the facilities of the SFA for any reason other than those specifically provided for in the Contract without the express written consent of the SFA.
- c. The Selected FSMC shall provide the SFA with one set of keys for all food service areas secured with locks.
- d. The SFA shall return facilities and equipment to the Selected FSMC in the same condition as received when the SFA uses the facilities for extra-curricular activities.
- e. The SFA shall provide sanitary toilet facilities for the Selected FSMC employees.
- f. The Selected FSMC is responsible and liable for any physical, personal, property damages caused by any subcontractors or staff used by the FSMC for the purposes of this Contract
- g. The SFA reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to use its facilities to sell or dispense any food or beverage before or after regularly scheduled lunch or breakfast periods provided such use does not interfere with the operation of the Child Nutrition Programs.
- h. The SFA shall have access, with or without notice to the Selected FSMC, to all SFA facilities used by the Selected FSMC for inspection and audit purposes.

9.3 **Inventory**

- a. Prior to the start of initial operations, the Selected FSMC and the SFA will take a beginning inventory of all usable food, supplies, and USDA Foods on the premises. The Selected FSMC will utilize such inventory at a value determined by invoice. On termination of the contract, the Selected FSMC and the SFA will take a similar inventory. If the value of the ending inventory is greater than the beginning inventory, the difference shall be added to the Selected FSMC's Cost of Business and if lesser, the difference shall be subtracted from the Selected FSMC's Cost of Business. It is understood that all usable food, supplies, and USDA Foods on the SFA's premises are the property of the SFA and not on loan from the Selected FSMC. The Selected FSMC shall **never** remove any usable food, supplies, or USDA Foods from SFA premises, regardless of ownership, without authorization from SFA. Any missing usable food, supplies, or USDA Foods will be deducted from the Selected FSMC invoice. Any remaining balance will be billed to the Selected FSMC. Supplies include but are not limited to the following: manuals of any kind, menus, small wares, equipment, and office supplies of any kind, furniture, and records of any kind.
- b. In section II, "Designation of Program Expenses to be completed by SFA", Section 12 of this RFP, if SFA designates itself under column II (SFA) as the responsible party for described item; "Equipment—Expendable" (e.g., trays, tableware, glassware, utensils, silverware, kitchen utensils,

and other operating items necessary for the food service operation), the SFA will replace expendable equipment and replace, repair, and maintain nonexpendable equipment except when damages result from the use of less than reasonable care by the employees of the Selected FSMC. Otherwise, if the Selected FSMC is designated in column I (Selected FSMC) with this responsibility, then the Selected FSMC shall maintain this inventory at the inventory level as specified by the SFA.

- c. The Selected FSMC shall maintain the inventory of silverware, tableware, kitchen utensils, and other operating items necessary for the food service operation and at the inventory level as specified by the SFA.

9.4 **Equipment**

- a. The SFA shall furnish and install any equipment and make any structural changes needed to comply with federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.
- b. The Selected FSMC and SFA shall inventory the equipment and supplies owned by the SFA at the beginning of the school year and the end of the school year, including but not limited to flatware, trays, tableware, glassware, and kitchen utensils. The Selected FSMC will be responsible for correcting any discrepancies and any equipment repairs that are not the result of normal wear and tear within 30 days of the end-of-the-school-year inventory.
- c. The SFA shall repair and service equipment except when damages result from the use of less-than-reasonable care by the FSMC employees or agents as determined by the SFA. When damage results from less-than-reasonable care on the part of any FSMC employees or agents, it will be the FSMCs responsibility to repair and service the damaged equipment, incurring all applicable fees and costs, within a reasonable timeframe to ensure no disruption in service.
- d. The Selected FSMC shall provide, at no cost to the SFA, complete maintenance, repair, and replacement services for all FSMC-owned property and equipment.
- e. The Selected FSMC shall maintain the inventory of expendable equipment necessary for the food service and at the inventory level as specified by the SFA.
- f. The Selected FSMC and/or its employees or agents shall not remove equipment or property of the SFA from the SFA's premises including, but not limited to, food preparation and/or serving equipment without the permission of the SFA.
- g. The SFA must give prior approval and have final authority for the purchase of equipment used for the storage, preparation, serving, and/or delivery of school meals.
- h. The Selected FSMC shall provide written notification to the SFA of any equipment belonging to the Selected FSMC within ten days of its placement on SFA premises.
- i. The Selected FSMC shall retain title to all FSMC-owned property and equipment when placed in service.
- j. The SFA shall not be legally responsible for loss or damage to equipment and/or vehicles owned by the Selected FSMC and located on SFA premises.
- k. The Selected FSMC shall surrender all SFA owned equipment and furnishings in good repair and condition to the SFA upon termination of the Contract, reasonable wear and tear excepted. An

inventory file must be presented to the SFA with proof of purchase that the items were in fact purchased by the Selected FSMC. If the Selected FSMC cannot provide an inventory and receipt of purchase, the items will stay as property of the SFA.

- l. The SFA shall be legally responsible for any losses of USDA Foods which may arise due to equipment malfunction or loss of electrical power not within the control of the Selected FSMC.
- m. Upon expiration or termination of the Contract, it shall be the Selected FSMC's responsibility to remove all Selected FSMC-owned property and equipment within a timely manner and without damage to SFA facilities.
- n. The SFA shall retain title to all SFA-owned property and equipment when placed in service. If the property and/or equipment is amortized through the Selected FSMC and the Contract expires or is terminated, the SFA can return the property to the Selected FSMC for full release of the unpaid balance or continue to make payments in accordance with amortization schedules.

9.5 **Acquisition of Equipment, Marketing Materials or Supplies for the Food Service Program**

- a. The following provisions will apply to Selected FSMC acquisition of equipment, marketing materials, or other supplies for the food service program, as applicable:
 - The Selected FSMC will not be required to purchase equipment, marketing materials, or other supplies for the food service program. All equipment is currently owned by the SFAs and is listed in Exhibit F, with the exception of point of service machines provided by the current vendor and milk coolers that are provided by the milk distributor.
 - The Selected FSMC may provide marketing materials for the food service program. The FSMC awarded the Contract shall be responsible for providing, as applicable, all marketing materials as deemed necessary to meet the terms of this contract.
 - The Selected FSMC shall be subject to the same procurement requirements to which the SFA is subject in any procurement action. The Selected FSMC may not serve as a vendor or supplier when procuring on behalf of the SFA's food service. The SFA shall reimburse the Selected FSMC its actual costs, net of all discounts, rebates and other applicable credits accruing to or received by the Selected FSMC or any assignee under the contract when the equipment, marketing materials, or other supplies were purchased, which shall be charged to the SFA as an operating expense of the food service program. Any such purchases shall be free of Selected FSMC logos; only manufacturer logos are acceptable. Ownership of the equipment, marketing materials, or other supplies will vest in the SFA upon full and final payment to the Selected FSMC. Upon such payment, the Selected FSMC shall deliver a bill of sale evidencing transfer of title to the equipment to the SFA. Purchases made by the Selected FSMC that are part of and/or included in the fixed meal price, administration fee, or management fee are excluded from this subsection of the RFP and as a result, such purchases may contain FSMC logos.
 - If the Awarded Contract expires or is terminated prior to the complete repayment of the equipment, the SFA shall, on the expiration date, or within five days after receipt by either party of any notice of termination under the awarded contract, reimburse the Selected FSMC the unpaid portion of the equipment.
- b. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this contract, the Selected FSMC will defend, indemnify, and hold the SFA harmless from and against all claims, liability, loss and expense, including reasonable collection expenses, attorneys' fees and court costs that may rise because of the sole negligence, misconduct, or other fault of the Selected FSMC, its agents or employees in the performance of its obligations under this contract, except to the extent any such claims or actions

result from the negligence of the SFA, its employees or agents. This clause shall survive termination of the Awarded Contract.

- c. The SFA and the Selected FSMC shall work together to ensure a financially sound operation.

SECTION 10:**FOOD SAFETY AND SANITATION**

- 10.1 The SFA shall comply with food safety inspection requirements as prescribed by USDA for its facilities and shall ensure that all state and local regulations are being met by the Selected FSMC preparing or serving meals at any SFA facility.
- 10.2 The Selected FSMC shall maintain state and/or local health certifications for any facility outside the SFA in which it proposes to prepare meals and shall maintain this health certification for the duration of the Awarded Contract as required under USDA Regulations 7 CFR 210.16(c) and shall comply with food safety inspection requirements as prescribed by USDA for its facilities and shall ensure that all state and local regulations are being met in its facilities.
- 10.3 **The Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act:** The Selected FSMC must adhere to The Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act (410 ILCS 625) which includes the requirements of all food service area employees or food handlers that work with open/unpackaged foods, food service equipment or utensils, or any food contact surfaces to receive an approved food handler training.
- 10.4 The Selected FSMC shall place garbage and trash in containers as specified by the SFA and place them in designated areas.
- 10.5 The SFA shall remove all garbage and trash from the designated areas.
- 10.6 The Selected FSMC shall clean the kitchen areas for each site listed in Exhibit A School/Site Data Listing including, but not limited to, sinks, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, ovens, warming units, counters tables, chairs, flatware, and utensils.
- 10.7 The Selected FSMC shall operate and care for all equipment and food service areas in a clean, safe, and healthy condition in accordance with standards acceptable to the SFA and comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and rules of federal, state, and local authorities.
- 10.8 The SFA shall clean grease traps, walls, floors, light fixtures, window coverings, and ducts and hoods above the filter line.
- 10.9 The SFA shall provide pest control services as needed.
- 10.10 The SFA shall clean the dining/cafeteria area, including tables, chairs, and floors after the meal service.
- 10.11 The SFA, the Illinois State Board of Education, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture reserve the right to inspect the Selected FSMC's preparation and storage facilities and transporting vehicles prior to award of Contract and without notice at any time during each Contract Term, including the right to be present during preparation and delivery of meals.
- 10.12 The Selected FSMC must provide meals when requested for periodic inspection by the local or state health department or an independent agency to determine the bacterial levels in the meals served.

SECTION 11:

EMPLOYEES

- 11.1 The Selected FSMC shall provide staff to manage the SFA's food service operations and supervise all employees.
- 11.2 The Selected FSMC shall be responsible for supervising and training personnel, including SFA-employed staff. Supervision activities include employee and labor relations, personnel development, and hiring and termination of Selected FSMC management staff, except the site manager. The Selected FSMC shall also be responsible for the hiring and termination of non-management staff who are employees of the Selected FSMC.
- 11.3 The Selected FSMC shall comply with all wage and hours of employment regulations and requirements of federal, state and local law.

The Selected FSMC must comply with the State of Illinois Minimum Wage Law (820 ILCS 105/1-15) and the hourly minimum wage rates as amended by Public Act 101-0001 (together the "Minimum Wage") at all times during the Term of the Contract or any Renewal Term.

The Selected FSMC must: (i) pay its employees, as defined and required by the Illinois Minimum Wage Law, no less than the Minimum Wage for work performed under the Contract; and (ii) require any subcontractors, sublicensees, or subtenants, to pay their employees no less than the Minimum Wage for work performed under the Contract.

- 11.4 **Illinois Fixed Minimum Wage Billback:**
Supplemental billing related to the Illinois Mandated Fixed Minimum wage **will not** be allowable during any applicable Renewal Term. The Selected FSMC will take full responsibility of all applicable Minimum Wage Laws and submit a proposal accordingly.
- 11.5 The Selected FSMC shall pay all FSMC employees in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act and any other applicable statutes.
- 11.6 The Selected FSMC and SFA recognize that one of the most important elements of a successful food service program is the staff employed to administer the food service program. The FSMC shall be responsible for the employment of all staff necessary for the safe, timely, and efficient distribution of meals to students and members of the SFA staff.
- 11.7 The Selected FSMC shall instruct its employees to abide by the policies, rules, and regulations, with respect to use of SFA premises, as established by the SFA and furnished in writing to the Selected FSMC.
- 11.8 The Selected FSMC shall provide the SFA with a list of its personnel policies and employee handbook.
- 11.9 The Selected FSMC shall not send to any school building or school property any employee or agent who would be prohibited from being employed by the SFA due to a conviction of a crime listed in 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9(c) and 105 ILCS 5/21B-80 or who is listed in the Illinois Sex Offender Registry or the Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry. The Selected FSMC shall make every employee who will be sent to any school building or school property and who will have direct, daily contact with pupils available to the SFA for submitting to a fingerprint-based criminal history records check pursuant

to 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9. The check shall occur before any employee or agent is sent to any school building or school property. The Selected FSMC will reimburse the SFA for the costs of the checks. The SFA must provide a copy of the report to the individual employee but is not authorized to release it to the Selected FSMC. The FSMC may not assign any employee to perform work for SFA in a position involving direct daily contact with pupils if the SFA objects to the assignment pursuant to this paragraph.

- 11.10 The FSMC will certify that it has performed employment history reviews as required by 105 ILCS 5/22-94 for its employees that will have direct contact with children or students either at the time of the initial hiring of the employee or prior to the assignment of an existing employee to perform work at the SFA's school buildings or property. The FSMC shall maintain records documenting employment history reviews for all employees and, upon request, shall provide the SFA access to the records pertaining to that employee.

Prior to assigning an employee to perform work for an SFA involving direct contact with children or students, the FSMC shall inform the SFA of any instance known the FSMC in which the employee:

- a. Has been the subject of a sexual misconduct allegation unless a subsequent investigation resulted in a finding that the allegation was false, unfounded, or unsubstantiated;
- b. Has ever been discharged, been asked to resign from, resigned from, or otherwise been separated from any employment; been removed from a substitute list; been disciplined by an employer; or had an employment contract not renewed due to an adjudication or finding of sexual misconduct or while an allegation of sexual misconduct was pending or under investigation, unless the investigation resulted in a finding that the allegation was false, unfounded, or unsubstantiated; or
- c. Has ever had a license or certificate suspended, surrendered, or revoked due to an adjudication or finding of sexual misconduct or while an allegation of sexual misconduct was pending or under investigation, unless the investigation resulted in a finding that the allegation was false, unfounded, or unsubstantiated.

- 11.11 For each FSMC employee, at its own expense, the Selected FSMC shall perform checks of the Statewide Sex Offender Database, as authorized by the Sex Offender Community Notification Law (730 ILCS 152/101 *et seq.*), and the Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database, as authorized by the Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law (730 ILCS 154/75–105), at least once for every five years the employee remains employed by the FSMC. All results must be provided to the SFA.

- 11.12 The SFA shall include a current schedule of employees, positions, assigned locations, hours of work, wages and benefits (as applicable) on Exhibit G which must be used for proposal calculation purposes at a minimum initial Contract Term cost to the Selected FSMC of (insert the total estimated labor cost from Exhibit G), plus the cost of applicable salaried management.

The Selected FSMC shall not provide a full-time on-site Food Service Director. The Food Service Director provided to the SFA may be shared with other SFA(s). The Selected FSMC's Food Service Director must comply with the minimum hiring standards established in 7 CFR 210.30(b) and the Program Manager must comply with the education and training standards established in 7 CFR 210.30(c).

- 11.13 The Selected FSMC shall maintain the same minimum level of employee positions, hours, wages, and benefits as stipulated in this RFP throughout the entire Contract Term, as applicable, unless a reduction

in the required levels is authorized by the SFA. The Selected FSMC shall provide the SFA with written notice of any increases in employee positions, hours, wages, and benefits.

- 11.14 In the event a reduction in employee positions, hours, wages, and/or benefits occurs, and such reduction is authorized by the SFA, the Selected FSMC shall credit the SFA's monthly bill/invoice for the exact dollar amount related to the cost of the labor reduction as indicated in this RFP for the remainder of the Contract Term and all subsequent Contract Terms, as applicable, including the value of any subsequent and future increases in employee wages and benefits. Such credits shall be termed a Labor Reduction Fee.
- 11.15 The Selected FSMC must ensure that the employees' hours listed are not used for catering or special functions.
- 11.16 The Selected FSMC shall ensure that, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/24-5, not more than 90 days preceding the time of presentation of the Contract to the school board, all individuals who have direct, daily contact with pupils performing services on the Selected FSMC's behalf in or for schools shall have evidence of physical fitness to perform duties assigned and are free from communicable diseases, and may be subject to additional health examinations, including screening for tuberculosis, prior to performing any such services in or for schools, and shall ensure that all such individuals comply with all requirements established by the Illinois Department of Public Health, any controlling State mandate (including Executive Orders) or any local rule of the SFA. FSMC shall provide the SFA with evidence of physical fitness to perform duties assigned and freedom from communicable disease.
- 11.17 Upon written request of the SFA, the Selected FSMC will remove any Selected FSMC employee who violates health requirements or conducts himself/herself in a manner which is detrimental to the physical, mental, or moral well-being of students or staff, or otherwise violates SFA policies, procedures, and practices.
- 11.18 In the event of the removal or suspension of any employee, the Selected FSMC shall immediately restructure its staff without disruption in service.
- 11.19 All food service personnel assigned to each school shall be instructed on the use of all emergency valves, switches, and fire and safety devices in the kitchen and cafeteria areas.
- 11.20 The use of student workers or students enrolled in vocational classes in the food service shall be mutually agreed upon by the parties and shall be in compliance with local policy as well as all applicable state and federal laws including but not limited to the federal Fair Labor Standards Act [29 USC 212], the Illinois Child Labor Law [820 ILCS 205-1-22], the Illinois Vocational Education Act [105 ILCS 435/1 et seq.], and their implementing rules and regulations.
- 11.21 The Selected FSMC shall provide daily, on-site supervisory personnel dedicated solely to the SFA, for the overall food service. The SFA retains final approval authority for the Selected FSMC's local management position(s).
- 11.22 The Selected FSMC shall conduct civil rights training for all food service employees, including front-line staff, on an annual basis. Civil rights training must include:
- Collection and use of data,
 - Effective public notification systems,
 - Complaint procedures,
 - Compliance review techniques,

- Resolution of noncompliance,
- Requirements for reasonable accommodation of persons with disabilities,
- Requirements for language assistance,
- Conflict resolution, and
- Customer service.

11.23 Professional Standards for School Nutrition Programs Personnel: Personnel providing services for the school meal programs must have the required USDA Professional Standards for State and Local School Nutrition Programs Personnel annual training. Therefore, the Selected FSMC is required to provide documentation showing the training hours and topics completed by all food service-related personnel.

The proposed standards for SFA employees are summarized in the following:

Summary of Required Minimum Continuing education/ Training Standards for ALL LEA/SFA Sizes

New and Current Directors	<p>Annually, at least 12 hours of continuing education/ training.</p> <p>Includes topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative practices (including training in application, certification, verification, meal counting, and meal claiming procedures). • Any specific topics required by FNS, as needed, to address Program integrity or other critical issues. <p>This required continuing education/training is in addition to the food safety training required in the first year of employment.</p>
New and Current Managers	<p>Annually, at least 10 hours of continuing education/training.</p> <p>Includes topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative practices (including training in application, certification, verification, meal counting, and meal claiming procedures). • The identification of reimbursable meals at the point of service. • Nutrition, health and safety standards. • Any specific topics required by FNS, as needed, to address Program integrity or other critical issues.
New and Current Staff (other than the director and managers) that work an average of at least 20 hours per week	<p>Annually, at least six hours of continuing education/training.</p> <p>Includes topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free and reduced price eligibility. • Application, certification, and verification procedures. • The identification of reimbursable meals at the point of service. • Nutrition, health and safety standards. • Any specific topics required by FNS, as needed, to address Program integrity or other critical issues.
New and Current Part-Time Staff (working less than 20 hours per week)	<p>Each year, at least 4 hours of annual continuing education/training (regardless of number of part-time hours).</p>

SECTION 12:**DESIGNATION OF PROGRAM EXPENSE**

- 12.1 The Selected FSMC guarantees to the SFA that the solicitation meal rates and fees for each reimbursable school meal and a la carte equivalent shall include the expenses designated under Column I. The Selected FSMC shall be responsible for negotiating/paying all employees' fringe benefits, employee expenses, and accrued vacation and sick pay for staff on their payroll.
- 12.2 The SFA shall pay those expenses designated under Column II.

Description	Column I (Selected FSMC)	Column II (SFA)
Labor		
On site Managers and/or Supervisors	Y	N
Full time Workers	Y	N
Part time Workers	Y	N
Driver	Y	N
Employee Benefits		
Life Insurance	Y	N
Medical/Dental Insurance	Y	N
Retirement Plans	Y	N
Social Security	Y	N
Vacation	Y	N
Sick Leave	Y	N
Holiday Pay	Y	N
Tuition Reimbursement	Y	N
Labor Relations	Y	N
Unemployment Compensation	Y	N
Workers Compensation	Y	N
Processing and Payment of Payroll	Y	N
Food		
Commercial Foods	Y	N
USDA Foods	Y	N
Deliver Charges	Y	N
Freight/ Handling Costs	Y	N
Storage/Warehouse	Y	N
Other Expenses		
Accounting		
Bank Charges	Y	N
Data Processing	Y	N
Recordkeeping	Y	N
Processing and Payment of Invoices	Y	N

Description	Column I (Selected FSMC)	Column II (SFA)
Equipment— Nonexpendable over \$5,000, or lower local threshold per unit and expected to last over one year		
Original Purchase	Y	Y
Routine Maintenance	Y	Y
Major Repairs	Y	Y
Replacement	Y	Y
Equipment—Expendable (e.g., trays, tableware, glassware, utensils)		
Original Purchase	Y	Y
Replacement	Y	Y
Cleaning/Janitorial Supplies	N	Y
Insurance		
Liability Insurance	Y	N
Insurance on Supplies/Inventory	Y	N
Laundry and Linen	Y	N
Employee Uniforms	Y	N
Office Materials	Y	N
Paper/Disposable Supplies	Y	N
Pest Control	N	Y
Postage	Y	N
Printing	Y	N
Product Testing	Y	N
Promotional/Marketing Materials	Y	N
Taxes and License	Y	N
Telephone		
Local	Y	Y
Long Distance	Y	Y
Medium of Exchange for Point of Service Counts	Y	Y
Training	Y	N
Transportation of Meals	Y	N
Trash Removal		
From Kitchen	N	Y
From School Premises	N	Y
Travel		
Required	Y	N
Requested	Y	N
Utilities	N	Y
Vehicles	Y	N

SECTION 13:**INVOICING AND PAYMENT TERMS**

- 13.1 All proposals must be calculated based on the menu(s), food specifications, USDA Meal Pattern and Nutritional Standards and on the projected annual units provided on the *Proposed Fixed Meal Rates* form, all attached herein. All proposals shall be submitted using the *Proposed Fixed Meal Rates* form. All rates must be written in ink or typed in the blank space(s) provided and the estimated totals must be carried out to the second decimal place and must not be rounded.
- 13.2 The proposed rate(s) must be calculated net of applicable discounts, rebates, and credits received by the Selected FSMC and must not include the use of USDA Foods or any alternate pricing structure.
- 13.3 The Selected FSMC shall comply with the rules, regulations, policies, and instructions of the State of Illinois, ISBE and USDA and any additions or amendments thereto, including USDA regulations 7 CFR 210, 215 (SMP), 220 (SBP), 225 (SFSP), 226 (CACFP), 245, 250, and 2 CFR 200, as applicable.
- 13.4 The Selected FSMC shall invoice SFA at the end of each month. No advanced payments are allowed to be paid to the Selected FSMC.
- 13.5 The SFA shall pay the Selected FSMC the fixed meal rate(s) and any applicable fixed management fee(s) within 30 days of submission of an invoice and for each monthly period of program operation.
- 13.6 No payment will be made to the Selected FSMC for meals that are spoiled or unwholesome at the time of delivery, do not meet detailed specifications as developed by the SFA for each food component in the meal pattern, or do not otherwise meet the requirements of this RFP.
- 13.7 Only fixed meal price(s) described in this RFP and resulting Awarded Contract will be paid.
- 13.8 All fixed meal price(s) invoiced to SFA shall contain sufficient details to ensure contract fixed meal price(s) are being adhered too. This level of invoicing detail is important to support transparency in the payments to Select FSMC by the SFA and requests made by internal SFA staff, state, and federal auditors including possible open records requests. The Selected FSMC cannot claim any reimbursable costs invoiced to SFA are proprietary.
- 13.9 SFA reserves the right to request additional details for any item on an invoice which groups more than one item together for payment.
- 13.10 Upon termination of the Awarded Contract, all outstanding amounts shall immediately become due and payable.
- 13.11 **A la Carte Equivalency Factor**
- a. For the purposes of this Contract, a la carte shall be inclusive of all foods and beverages sold to students that do not constitute a component of a reimbursable meal plus all foods and beverages sold to adults during any and all meal services provided within the scope of this Contract.
 - b. The Selected FSMC and SFA shall determine a la carte meal equivalents by the following calculation method: Dividing all a la carte revenue by the a la carte equivalency factor. This factor is determined by taking the sum of the Federal and State free lunch reimbursement rates plus the value of USDA entitlement and bonus donated foods, Planned Assistance Level (PAL), established in July 2023. The a la carte equivalency factor to be utilized for the initial 2024–2025 Contract Term is \$4.755.

- c. In Contract renewal Terms, the a la carte equivalency factor will be changed annually to reflect the change in the sum of the reimbursement rates and PAL as stated above. The rates used will be those established in July of the preceding fiscal year and be published annually by the Illinois State Board of Education Nutrition Department.
- 13.12 The Selected FSMC shall credit the SFA's monthly bill/invoice the current market value of all USDA Foods as designated herein. Credit issued by the Selected FSMC to the SFA for USDA Foods received during each Contract Term and used in the SFA's food service shall be recorded on the monthly bill/invoice as a separate line-item entry and shall be clearly identified and labeled. Attached to the invoice shall be a detailed list identifying each received USDA Foods item used in the SFA's food service and each USDA Foods item credit issued for unused USDA Foods, along with the current market value as issued by the Illinois State Board of Education. Prior to the expiration of each Contract Term, the SFA shall be credited in full for all USDA Foods received.
- 13.13 The SFA shall ensure the method and timing of crediting does not cause its cash resources to exceed the limits established in 7 CFR 210.9(b)(2).
- 13.14 The Selected FSMC must submit all invoices pertaining to the SFA nonprofit food service within 30 days of the last day of each month or the final day of the program.
- 13.15 The Selected FSMC shall submit separate billing for special functions conducted outside of the nonprofit school food service account.
- 13.16 The fixed meal rate for meals must be calculated as if no USDA Foods were available.
- 13.17 When applicable, the Selected FSMC shall invoice each SFA outlined in this solicitation directly for the meals specific to their operation as per the terms outlined in this RFP at the rates listed in the Awarded Contract.

SECTION 14:**REVENUE**

- 14.1 The SFA shall receive all revenue from the food service and food service areas, including but not limited to all state and federal reimbursements, Child nutrition Program grants, sales from student meals, adult meals, vending machines and a la carte.
- 14.2 The food service revenue shall be used only for the SFA's nonprofit food service.
- 14.3 The food service revenue shall flow through the SFA's chart of accounts.
- 14.4 The Selected FSMC will annually provide SFA with information on food costs and revenues for reimbursable meals and for non-program foods to determine compliance with program requirements for revenue from non-program foods.
- 14.5 All goods, services, or monies received as the result of any equipment or USDA Foods rebate shall be credited to the SFA's nonprofit food service account.
- 14.6 If reimbursement is denied as a direct result of the failure of the Selected FSMC to comply with the provisions of this Contract, the Selected FSMC shall assume responsibility for the amount denied.

SECTION 15:**LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND TAXES**

- 15.1 Throughout the Term of the Contract and each renewal Term, the Selected FSMC shall obtain and maintain all applicable licenses, permits, and health certifications required by federal, state, and local law. The approximate prior annual cost for licenses/permits was estimated to be \$2,248.
- 15.2 The Selected FSMC shall have state or local health certification for any facility outside the SFA in which it proposes to prepare meals, if applicable, and must maintain this health certification for each Contract Term.
- 15.3 The Selected FSMC shall be responsible for paying all applicable taxes and fees, including (but not limited to) excise tax, state and local income tax, payroll and withholding taxes, for Selected FSMC employees; the Selected FSMC shall hold the SFA harmless for all claims arising from payment of such taxes and fees.
- 15.4 The SFA is a tax-exempt organization. Federal excise tax does not apply to the SFA and State of Illinois Sales Tax does not apply. The amounts to be paid to the Selected FSMC are inclusive of all other taxes that may be levied, including without limitation sales, use, nonresident, value-added, excise, and similar taxes levied or imposed upon the work. The Selected FSMC shall be responsible for any taxes levied or imposed upon the Selected FSMC's income or business privileges.
- 15.5 The Selected FSMC and all affiliates shall collect and remit Illinois Use Tax on all sales of tangible personal property in the State of Illinois in accordance with Section 10-20.21(b) of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-20.21 [b]) and the Illinois Use Tax Act (35 ILCS 105/1 *et seq.*). The Selected FSMC certifies that it is not barred from submitting a proposal or entering into this Contract under Section 10-20.21(b) of the School Code and that the SFA may declare this Contract void if this certification is false.
- 15.6 The Selected FSMC shall comply with all SFA building rules and regulations.

SECTION 16:**RECORDKEEPING**

- 16.1 The Selected FSMC shall maintain such records (supported by invoices, receipts, or other evidence) as the SFA will need to meet monthly and annual reporting responsibilities and shall submit monthly operating statements in a format approved by the SFA no later than the tenth calendar day succeeding the month in which services were rendered. Participation records, including claim information by eligibility category, shall be submitted no later than the fifth working day succeeding the month in which services were rendered. The SFA shall perform edit checks on the participation records provided by the Selected FSMC prior to the preparation and submission of the claim for reimbursement.
- 16.2 Selected FSMC will submit meal count records in a timely manner to facilitate claims submission by SFA no later than the tenth calendar day succeeding the month in which services were rendered. SFA will perform edit checks on the meal count records provided by Selected FSMC prior to the preparation and submission of the claim for reimbursement. Selected FSMC shall provide SFA with a year-end statement.
- 16.3 The FSMC shall have records maintained and available to demonstrate compliance with the requirements relating to USDA Foods. Such records shall include the following:
- The receipt, use, storage, and inventory of USDA Foods;
 - Monthly inventory reports showing all transactions for processed and non-processed USDA Foods; and
 - Documentation of credits issued to the SFA for USDA Foods received.
- 16.4 All books and records of the Selected FSMC pertaining to the Awarded Contract shall be made available, upon demand, in an easily accessible manner for a period of three years after the final claim for reimbursement for the fiscal year to which they pertain. The books and records shall be made available for audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions by the SFA, state or federal representatives, or auditors. SFA shall pay the cost of such audits, except when such audit finds uncredited revenue, or improperly charged costs. Under such circumstances, Selected FSMC shall promptly reimburse SFA for revenue not credited, or costs improperly charged and for the cost of such audit. If audit findings regarding the Selected FSMC's records have not been resolved within the three-year record retention period, the records must be retained beyond the three-year period for as long as required for the resolution of the issues raised by the audit. Reference 7 CFR 210.9(b)(17), and the following record retention and access requirements found in 2 CFR 200: Retention requirements for records, 2 CFR 200.334; Requests for transfer of records, 2 CFR 200.335; Methods for collection, transmission and storage of information, 2 CFR 200.336; Access to records, 2 CFR 200.337; and Restrictions on public access to records, 2 CFR 200.338.
- 16.5 Upon expiration or termination of the Contract, the Selected FSMC will surrender to SFA all records pertaining to the operation of the food service, including food and non-food inventory records, menus, production records, product invoices, claim documentation and financial reports to the SFA within 30 days of the Contract expiration or termination.
- 16.6 The SFA shall retain all records relating to the initial Contract and all subsequent Contract renewal Terms for a period of three years either from the date the final Contract renewal Term has expired, receipt of final payment under the Contract is recorded, or after the SFA submits the final *Monthly Claim for Reimbursement* for the final fiscal year of the Contract, whichever occurs last.

- 16.7 All records must be available for the period of time specified above for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions by representatives of the SFA, the Illinois State Board of Education, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the Auditor General, and other governmental entities with monitoring authority at any reasonable time and place. If audit findings have not been resolved, the records shall be retained beyond the specified period as long as required for the resolution of the issues raised by the audit.
- 16.8 The Selected FSMC shall not remove federally required records from SFA premises.

SECTION 17:**GENERAL CONTRACT TERMS**

- 17.1 No provision of this Contract shall be assigned or subcontracted without prior written consent of the SFA.
- 17.2 This solicitation/Contract, exhibits, and attachments constitute the entire agreement between the SFA and Selected FSMC and may not be changed, extended orally, or altered by course of conduct. No other contracts will be signed by the SFA.
- 17.3 Each party to this Contract represents and warrants to the other that: (a) it has the right, power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Contract and (b) it has taken all requisite action (corporate, statutory or otherwise) to approve execution, delivery and performance of this Contract, and (c) this Contract constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation upon itself in accordance with its terms.
- 17.4 Any silence, absence, or omission from the Contract specifications concerning any point shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail, and all materials, workmanship, and services rendered shall be of a quality that would normally be specified by the SFA.
- 17.5 No course of dealing or failure of the SFA to enforce strictly any term, right, or condition of this Contract shall be construed as a waiver of such term, right, or condition. No express waiver of any term, right, or condition of this Contract shall operate as a waiver of any other term, right, or condition.
- 17.6 Payments on any claim shall not prevent the SFA from making claim for adjustment on any item found not to have been in accordance with the provisions of this Contract.
- 17.7 It is further agreed between the SFA and Selected FSMC that the exhibits, attachments, and clauses attached and designated are hereby in all respects made a part of this Contract.
- 17.8 Assurance of Civil Rights Compliance**
- i. The Selected FSMC and local agency hereby agrees that it will comply with:
 - ii. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.);
 - iii. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.);
 - iv. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794);
 - v. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.);
 - vi. 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);
 - vii. Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency." (August 11, 2000);
 - viii. All provisions required by the implementing regulations of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) (7 CFR 15 et seq.);
 - ix. Department of Justice Enforcement Guidelines (28 CFR Parts 35, 42 and 50.3);
 - x. 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.

- xi. 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 (not all bases apply to all programs).

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 incorporating this assurance into this Agreement, the Selected FSMC and local agency 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 Selected FSMC and local agency, its successors, transferees and assignees as long as it receives assistance or retains possession of any assistance from USDA.

In addition, the FSMC agrees to comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act and take affirmative steps to provide equal employment opportunity for all persons. Specifically, the FSMC agrees to the following:

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

In the event of the FSMC's non-compliance with the provisions of this Equal Employment Opportunity Clause, the Illinois Human Rights Act (Act) or the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Human Rights, the FSMC may be declared ineligible for future contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations, and the contract may be canceled or voided in whole or in part, and other sanctions or penalties may be imposed or remedies invoked as provided by statute or regulation. During the performance of this contract, the FSMC agrees as follows:

1) That he or she will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, sexual orientation, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service; and, further, that he or she will examine all job classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify any underutilization.

2) That, if he or she hires additional employees in order to perform this contract or any portion of this contract, he or she will determine the availability (in accordance with the Department's Rules and Regulations) of minorities and women in the areas from which he or she may reasonably recruit and he or she will hire for each job classification for which employees are hired in a way that minorities and women are not underutilized.

3) That, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by him or her or on his or her behalf, he or she will state that all applicants will be afforded equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, sexual orientation, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service.

4) That he or she will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which he or she has or is bound by a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, a notice advising the labor organization or representative of the FSMC's obligations under the Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations. If any labor organization or representative fails or refuses to cooperate with the FSMC in his or her efforts to comply with the Act and Rules and Regulations, the FSMC will promptly notify the Department and the contracting agency and will recruit employees from other sources when necessary to fulfill its obligations under the contract.

5) That he or she will submit reports as required by the Department's Rules and Regulations, furnish all relevant information as may from time to time be requested by the Department or the contracting agency, and in all respects comply with the Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.

6) That he or she will permit access to all relevant books, records, accounts and work sites by personnel of the contracting agency and the Department for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.

7) That he or she will include verbatim or by reference the provisions of this clause in every subcontract awarded under which any portion of the contract obligations are undertaken or assumed, so that the provisions will be binding upon the subcontractor. In the same manner as with other provisions of this contract, the FSMC will be liable for compliance with applicable provisions of this clause by subcontractors; and further it will promptly notify the contracting agency and the Department in the event any subcontractor fails or refuses to comply with the provisions. In addition, the FSMC will not utilize any subcontractor declared by the Illinois Human Rights Commission to be ineligible for contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations.

17.9 The Selected FSMC shall comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C.874) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR 3).

17.10 The Selected FSMC shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR 5).

- 17.11 The Selected FSMC shall comply with 2 CFR 200.321 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms. Compliance with this regulation requires Selected FSMC and SFA to do the following with contracting:
- a. The Selected FSMC and SFA must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.
 - b. 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.
- 17.12 If this Contract is in excess of \$100,000, the SFA and Selected FSMC shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations, including but not limited to:
- The Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*), the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1311–1330, § 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR. 1.1 *et seq.*);
 - *Certificate Regarding Lobbying* pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352 (Appendix A: 7 CFR 3018); and
 - *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities* pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352 (Appendix A: 7 CFR 3018).
- 17.13 The Selected FSMC certifies compliance with:
- Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94–163, 89 Stat. 871);
 - The Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR 5); and
 - Executive Order 11246, entitled *Equal Employment Opportunity*, as amended by Executive Order 11375 and Department of Labor Regulation (41 C.F.R. 60).
- 17.14 The Selected FSMC is subject to the provisions of the Stevens Amendment Section 2209d of Title 7 of the United States Code due to the use of federal funds for the food service program. All announcements and other materials publicizing this program must include statements as to the amount and proportion of federal funding involved.
- 17.15 The Illinois State Board of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture are not parties to this Contract and are not obligated, liable, or responsible for any action or inaction by the SFA or the Selected FSMC. The SFA has full responsibility for ensuring the terms of the Contract are fulfilled.
- 17.16 To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Selected FSMC agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the SFA and its respective agents, officers and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, liabilities, injuries (personal or bodily), property damage, causes of action, losses, costs, expenses, damages, or penalties, including, without limitation, reasonable defense costs, and

reasonable legal fees, arising or resulting from, or occasioned by or in connection with (i) any bodily injury or property damage resulting or arising from any act or omission to act (whether negligent, willful, wrongful, or otherwise) by the Selected FSMC, its subcontractors, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable; (ii) failure by the Selected FSMC or its subcontractors to comply with any Laws applicable to the performance of the Services; (iii) any breach of this Contract, including, without limitation, any representation or warranty provided by the Selected FSMC herein; (iv) any employment actions of any nature or kind including but not limited to, workers compensation, or labor action brought by the Selected FSMC's employees; or (v) any identity breach or infringement of any copyright, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property right.

- 17.17 In order for the SFA to respond timely and appropriately to the requirements of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [5 ILCS 140], the Selected FSMC must review all documents required to be provided under this Contract and the exemptions for release under FOIA and, if exemptions are allowed, provide the SFA a redacted copy for release under FOIA, along with the original. The redacted copy shall be marked as "REDACTED", and the Selected FSMC shall reference the specific grounds under FOIA or other law or rule supporting the specific redaction request to exempt certain information. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the SFA may not necessarily be allowed to release *just* the redacted versions. Redactions based on personal privacy and preliminary drafts, by law, must be sent to the State of Illinois Public Access Counselor before a denial to a FOIA request can be made. The SFA will abide by the decisions of the Public Access Counselor.
- 17.18 Each Party, including its agents and subcontractors, to this Contract may have or gain access to confidential and proprietary data or information of the other Party including, without limitation, other technical information (including functional and technical specifications, designs, drawings, analysis, research, processes, computer programs, methods, ideas, "know how," and the like), business information (sales and marketing research, materials, plans, accounting and financial information, personnel records, and the like), all student data and information, and other information designated as confidential expressly or by the circumstances in which it is provided ("Confidential Information"). No Confidential Information collected, maintained, or used in the course of performance of the Contract shall be disseminated except as authorized by law and with the written consent of the disclosing Party, either during the Term of the Contract or thereafter. To the extent permitted by law the recipient must return any and all Confidential Information used in the course of the performance of the Contract, in whatever form it is maintained, promptly upon termination of the Contract, or earlier at the request of the disclosing Party or notify the disclosing Party in writing of its destruction, if destruction is permitted by the disclosing Party. Confidential Information does not include data or information lawfully in the recipient's possession prior to its acquisition from the disclosing Party; received by the recipient from a third party who was free to disclose it; publicly known through no breach of confidentiality obligation by the recipient; or independently developed by the recipient without the use or benefit of the disclosing Party's Confidential Information.
- 17.19 **Student Records.** The Contractor will comply with the relevant requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232g), the Illinois School Student Records Act (ISSRA) (105 ILCS 10/1 et seq.), and the Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA) (105 ILCS 85/1) regarding the confidentiality of student "education records" as defined in FERPA, "school student records" as defined in ISSRA, and "covered information" as defined in SOPPA. Any use of information contained in student education records to be released must be approved by the SFA. To protect the confidentiality of student education records, the Contractor will limit access to student education records to those employees who reasonably need access to them in order to perform their responsibilities under this Contract. Any student records in the Contractor's possession shall be returned to the SFA when no longer needed for the purposes for which they were provided, or at the SFA's written request, they

shall be permanently destroyed, and the Contractor shall provide written confirmation to the SFA upon the destruction of student records.

17.20 Trade Secrets and Proprietary Information

- a. As a result of federal, state, and local open records laws and regulations, during the term of the Awarded Contract, the Selected FSMC must provide the SFA access certain proprietary materials as deemed by the Selected FSMC. These recodes include menus, recipes, signage, food service surveys and studies, management guidelines and procedures, operating manuals, software (both owned by and licensed by the Selected FSMC), and similar compilations regularly used in Selected FSMC's business operations resulting from the Awarded Contract.

So long as no conflict exists with federal, state, and local open records laws and regulations, the SFA will endeavor not to disclose any of the Selected FSMC's trade secrets or other confidential information, directly or indirectly, during or after the term of the Awarded Contract. The SFA shall not photocopy or otherwise duplicate any such material without the prior written consent of the Selected FSMC. All trade secrets and other confidential information shall remain the exclusive property of the Selected FSMC and shall be returned to the Selected FSMC immediately upon termination of the Awarded Contract. The SFA shall not use any confusingly similar names, marks, systems, insignia, symbols, procedures, and methods.


Without limiting the foregoing and except for software provided by the SFA, the SFA agrees that all software associated with the operation of the food service, including without limitation, menu systems, food production systems, accounting systems, and other software, are owned by or licensed to the Selected FSMC and not the SFA. Furthermore, the SFA's access or use of such software shall not create any right, title interest, or copyright in such software, and the SFA shall not retain such software beyond the termination of the Awarded Contract.

- b. Any discovery, invention, software, or programs paid for by the SFA shall be the property of the SFA to which the state agency and USDA shall have unrestricted rights including copyrights.


17.21 Nondiscrimination: Both the SFA and the Selected FSMC agree to the following requirements as outlined in the following USDA Nondiscrimination Statement.

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

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

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf> , from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant

Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
 2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
 3. **email:**
program.intake@usda.gov
- **Spanish Translations**  of the new Nondiscrimination Statement for SNAP, SNAP-Ed, FDPIR, and all other FNS nutrition assistance programs (e.g., CACFP, CSFP, FDD, NSLP, SFSP, WIC) are being updated. Please check the U.S. Department of Agriculture website for updates: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cr/fns-nondiscrimination-statement>. Questions can be sent to sm.fn.crd-web@usda.gov.

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SECTION 18:**INSURANCE**

- 18.1 The Selected FSMC shall maintain the insurance coverage set forth below for each accident provided by insurance companies authorized to do business in the state of Illinois. A Certificate of Insurance of the Selected FSMC's insurance coverage indicating these amounts must be submitted at the time of the Awarded Contract. The insurance requirement below is set by SFA local policy.

Selected FSMC shall name the SFA, its individual Board members, employees and agents as additional insureds on a primary and noncontributory basis on all insurance required hereunder, with the exception being Worker's Compensation insurance. The FSMC shall keep in force at all times during the performance of the Awarded Contract insurance as provided herein. The FSMC shall not commence work under the Contract until all required insurance has been obtained, approved, and certificate of approval provided to the FSA. Additionally, stating that such policies will not be canceled, transferred, non-renewed, modified, or terminated without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the FSA.

All insurance shall be in the form and substance and issued by companies satisfactory to the FSA, with at least the following limits of coverage and with deductibles approved by owner:

- Worker's Compensation - Worker's Compensation insurance with limits as prescribed by the laws of the state of Illinois and employer's liability insurance with minimum limits of \$500,000.
- Comprehensive General Liability Insurance - FSMC shall maintain comprehensive general all-risk liability insurance, including Contractual Liability insurance covering the liability of the FSMC under the "Hold Harmless and Indemnification" provision herein, and "explosion, collapse and underground" insurance in at least the following limits:

Bodily Injury, including Accidental Death:

Each occurrence \$1,000,000

Aggregate \$2,000,000

Property Damage Liability:

Each occurrence \$1,000,000

Aggregate \$2,000,000

Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance:

FSMC shall maintain comprehensive automobile liability insurance covering all vehicles incident to the FSMC's work, whether at the site or elsewhere, with the following limits:

Bodily injury:

Each person \$1,000,000

Each occurrence \$1,000,000

Property Damage:

Each occurrence \$1,000,000

- In addition to the minimum limits stated above, the FSMC shall carry an umbrella policy with at least a \$5,000,000 limit.

SECTION 19: MEAL PATTERN AND NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS

Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs as of April 2023



	Breakfast Meal Pattern			Lunch Meal Pattern		
	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Meal Pattern	Amount of Food^a Per Week (Minimum Per Day)					
Fruits (cups) ^{b,c}	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)	2½ (½)	2½ (½)	5 (1)
Vegetables (cups) ^{b,c}	0	0	0	3¼ (¾)	3¼ (¾)	5 (1)
Dark green ^d	0	0	0	½	½	½
Red/Orange ^d	0	0	0	¾	¾	1¼
Beans/Peas (Legumes) ^d	0	0	0	½	½	½
Starchy ^d	0	0	0	½	½	½
Other ^{d,e}	0	0	0	½	½	¾
Additional Veg to Reach Total ^f	0	0	0	1	1	1½
Grains (oz eq) ^g	7-10 (1)	8-10 (1)	9-10 (1)	8-9 (1)	8-10 (1)	10-12 (2)
Meats/Meat Alternates (oz eq)	0 ^h	0 ^h	0 ^h	8-10 (1)	9-10 (1)	10-12 (2)
Fluid milk (cups) ⁱ	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)
Other Specifications: Daily Amount Based on the Average for a 5-Day Week						
Min-max calories (kcal) ^{j,k}	350-500	400-550	450-600	550-650	600-700	750-850
Saturated fat (% of total calories)	< 10	< 10	< 10	< 10	< 10	< 10
Sodium (mg) ^l	≤ 540	≤ 600	≤ 640	≤ 1,110	≤ 1,225	≤ 1,280
Trans fat	Nutrition label or manufacturer specifications must indicate zero grams of trans fat per serving.					

- Food items included in each food group and subgroup and amount equivalents. Minimum creditable serving of fruit and vegetables is ½ cup. Minimum creditable serving of grain and meat/meat alternate is 0.25 oz eq.
- One-quarter cup of dried fruit counts as ½ cup of fruit; 1 cup of leafy greens counts as ½ cup of vegetables. No more than half of the fruit or vegetable offerings may be in the form of juice. All juice must be 100% full-strength.
- At breakfast, schools must offer 1 cup of fruit daily and 5 cups of fruit weekly. Vegetables may be substituted for fruits, but the first 2 cups per week of any substitution must be from the dark green, red/orange, beans/peas (legumes), or "other vegetable" subgroups as defined in §210.10(c)(2)(iii).
- Larger amounts of these vegetables may be served.
- This category consists of "Other vegetables" as defined in §210.10(c)(2)(iii)(E). For the purposes of the NSLP, the "Other vegetables" requirement may be met with any additional amounts from the dark green, red/orange, and beans/peas (legumes) vegetable subgroups as defined in §210.10(c)(2)(iii).
- Any vegetable subgroup may be offered to meet the total weekly vegetable requirement.
- At least 80 percent of grains offered weekly must meet the whole grain-rich criteria specified in FNS guidance, and the remaining grain items offered must be enriched.
- There is no separate meat/meat alternate component in the SBP. In SBP, schools may substitute 1 oz eq of meat/meat alternate for 1 oz eq of grains after the minimum daily grains requirement is met.
- All fluid milk must be fat-free (skim) or low fat (1% fat or less). Milk may be flavored or unflavored, provided that unflavored milk is offered at each meal service.
- The average daily amount of calories for a 5-day school week must be within the range (at least the minimum and no more than the maximum values).
- Discretionary sources of calories (solid fats and added sugars) may be added to the meal pattern if within the specifications for calories, saturated fat, trans fat, and sodium. Foods of minimal nutritional value and fluid milk with fat content greater than 1 percent milk fat are not allowed.
- Beginning July 1, 2023 (SY 2023-2024) Sodium Interim Target 1A will take effect for the NSLP.

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Vegetable Subgroups

Listed below are samples of commonly eaten vegetables found in each of the required vegetable subgroups. The list is not all-inclusive.

<p>Dark Green Vegetables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ bok choy ▪ broccoli ▪ collard greens ▪ dark green leafy lettuce ▪ kale ▪ mesclun ▪ mustard greens ▪ romaine lettuce ▪ spinach ▪ turnip greens ▪ watercress 	<p>Beans and Peas*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ black beans ▪ black-eyed peas (mature, dry) ▪ garbanzo beans (chickpeas) ▪ kidney beans ▪ lentils ▪ navy beans ▪ pinto beans ▪ soy beans ▪ split peas ▪ white beans
<p>Starchy Vegetables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cassava ▪ corn ▪ fresh cowpeas, field peas, or black-eyed peas (not dry) ▪ green bananas ▪ green peas ▪ green lima beans ▪ plantains ▪ potatoes ▪ taro ▪ water chestnuts 	<p>Other Vegetables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ artichokes ▪ asparagus ▪ avocado ▪ bean sprouts ▪ beets ▪ Brussels sprouts ▪ cabbage ▪ cauliflower ▪ celery ▪ cucumbers ▪ eggplant ▪ green beans
<p>Red & Orange Vegetables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ acorn squash ▪ butternut squash ▪ carrots ▪ hubbard squash ▪ pumpkin ▪ red peppers ▪ sweet potatoes ▪ tomatoes ▪ tomato juice 	<p>Other Vegetables (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ green peppers ▪ iceberg (head) lettuce ▪ mushrooms ▪ okra ▪ onions ▪ parsnips ▪ turnips ▪ wax beans ▪ zucchini

*For more information on Beans and Peas, refer to <http://www.choosemyplate.gov/food-groups/vegetables-beans-peas.html>

EXHIBIT A: GRAIN REQUIREMENT FOR CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS^{1,2}

Color Key: Footnote 5 = Blue, Footnote 3 or 4 = Red

Some of the following foods, or their accompaniments, may contain more sugar, salt, and/or fat than others. This should be a consideration when deciding how often to serve them.

GROUP A	Ounce Equivalent (Oz Eq) for Group A	Minimum Serving Size for Group A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breading-Type Coating Bread Sticks (<i>hard</i>) Chow Mein Noodles Savory Crackers (<i>saltines and snack crackers</i>) Croutons Pretzels, (<i>hard</i>) Stuffing, (<i>dry</i>) Note: weights apply to bread in stuffing. 	1 oz eq = 22 gm or 0.8 oz ¾ oz eq = 17 gm or 0.6 oz ½ oz eq = 11 gm or 0.4 oz ¼ oz eq = 6 gm or 0.2 oz	1 serving = 20 gm or 0.7 oz ¾ serving = 15 gm or 0.5 oz ½ serving = 10 gm or 0.4 oz ¼ serving = 5 gm or 0.2 oz
GROUP B	Oz Eq for Group B	Minimum Serving Size for Group B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bagels Batter type Coating Biscuits Breads – all (i.e. <i>white, wheat, whole wheat, French, Italian</i>) Buns (<i>hamburger and hot dog</i>) Sweet Crackers⁵ (<i>graham crackers – all shapes, animal crackers</i>) Egg Roll Skins English Muffins Pita Bread Pizza Crust Pretzels (<i>soft</i>) Rolls Tortillas Tortilla Chips Taco Shells 	1 oz eq = 28 gm or 1.0 oz ¾ oz eq = 21 gm or 0.75 oz ½ oz eq = 14 gm or 0.5 oz ¼ oz eq = 7 gm or 0.25 oz	1 serving = 25 gm or 0.9 oz ¾ serving = 19 gm or 0.7 oz ½ serving = 13 gm or 0.5 oz ¼ serving = 6 gm or 0.2 oz
GROUP C	Oz Eq for Group C	Minimum Serving Size for Group C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cookies³ (<i>plain – includes vanilla wafers</i>) Cornbread Corn Muffins Croissants Pancakes Pie Crust (<i>dessert pies³, cobbler³, fruit turnover⁴, and meat/meat alternate pies</i>) Waffles 	1 oz eq = 34 gm or 1.2 oz ¾ oz eq = 26 gm or 0.9 oz ½ oz eq = 17 gm or 0.6 oz ¼ oz eq = 9 gm or 0.3 oz	1 serving = 31 gm or 1.1 oz ¾ serving = 23 gm or 0.8 oz ½ serving = 16 gm or 0.6 oz ¼ serving = 8 gm or 0.3 oz
GROUP D	Oz Eq for Group D	Minimum Serving Size for Group D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doughnuts⁴ (<i>cake and yeast raised, unfrosted</i>) Cereal bars, breakfast bars, granola bars⁴ (<i>plain</i>) Muffins (<i>all, except corn</i>) Quick Breads Sweet Roll, Sticky Buns, Cinnamon Rolls, Danish Pastries, Caramel Rolls⁴ (<i>unfrosted</i>) Toaster Pastry⁴ (<i>unfrosted</i>) 	1 oz eq = 55 gm or 2.0 oz ¾ oz eq = 42 gm or 1.5 oz ½ oz eq = 28 gm or 1.0 oz ¼ oz eq = 14 gm or 0.5 oz	1 serving = 50 gm or 1.8 oz ¾ serving = 38 gm or 1.3 oz ½ serving = 25 gm or 0.9 oz ¼ serving = 13 gm or 0.5 oz

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GROUP E	Oz Eq for Group E	Minimum Serving Size for Group E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cereal bars, breakfast bars, granola bars⁴ (with nuts, dried fruit, and/or chocolate pieces) Cookies³ (with nuts, raisins, chocolate pieces and/or fruit purees) Doughnuts⁴ (cake and yeast raised, frosted or glazed) French Toast Sweet Roll, Sticky Buns, Cinnamon Rolls, Danish Pastries, Caramel Rolls⁴ (frosted) Toaster Pastry⁴ (frosted) 	1 oz eq = 69 gm or 2.4 oz ¼ oz eq = 52 gm or 1.8 oz ½ oz eq = 35 gm or 1.2 oz ¾ oz eq = 18 gm or 0.6 oz	1 serving = 63 gm or 2.2 oz ¼ serving = 47 gm or 1.7 oz ½ serving = 31 gm or 1.1 oz ¾ serving = 16 gm or 0.6 oz
GROUP F	Oz Eq for Group F	Minimum Serving Size for Group F
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cake³ (plain, unfrosted) Coffee Cake⁴ 	1 oz eq = 82 gm or 2.9 oz ¼ oz eq = 62 gm or 2.2 oz ½ oz eq = 41 gm or 1.5 oz ¾ oz eq = 21 gm or 0.7 oz	1 serving = 75 gm or 2.7 oz ¼ serving = 56 gm or 2 oz ½ serving = 38 gm or 1.3 oz ¾ serving = 19 gm or 0.7 oz
GROUP G	Oz Eq for Group G	Minimum Serving Size for Group G
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brownies³ (plain) Cake³ (all varieties, frosted) 	1 oz eq = 125 gm or 4.4 oz ¼ oz eq = 94 gm or 3.3 oz ½ oz eq = 63 gm or 2.2 oz ¾ oz eq = 32 gm or 1.1 oz	1 serving = 115 gm or 4 oz ¼ serving = 86 gm or 3 oz ½ serving = 58 gm or 2 oz ¾ serving = 29 gm or 1 oz
GROUP H	Oz Eq for Group H	Minimum Serving Size for Group H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cereal Grains (barley, quinoa, etc.) Breakfast Cereals (cooked)^{6,7} Bulgur or cracked wheat Corn Grits Macaroni (all shapes) Noodles (all varieties) Pasta (all shapes) Ravioli (noodle only) Rice 	1 oz eq = ½ cup cooked or 1 ounce (28 gm) dry	1 serving = ½ c cooked or 25 gm or 0.9 oz dry ¼ serving = ¼ c cooked or 19 gm or 0.7 oz dry ½ serving = ¼ c cooked or 13 gm or 0.5 oz dry ¾ serving = 2 T cooked or 6 gm or 0.2 oz dry
GROUP I	Oz Eq for Group I	Minimum Serving Size for Group I
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ready to eat breakfast cereal (cold, dry)^{6,7} 	1 oz eq = 1 cup or 1 ounce for flakes and rounds 1 oz eq = 1.25 cups or 1 ounce for puffed cereal 1 oz eq = ¼ cup or 1 ounce for granola	1 serving = ¼ c or 1 oz, whichever is less ½ serving = ½ c or 0.5 oz, whichever is less

¹In the NSLP and SBP (grades K-12), at least eighty percent of the weekly grains offered must meet the whole grain-rich criteria and the remaining grain items offered must be made from whole-grain flour, whole-grain meal, corn masa, masa harina, hominy, enriched flour, enriched meal, bran, germ, or be an enriched product, such as enriched bread, or a fortified cereal. Please note: State agencies have the discretion to set stricter requirements than the minimum nutrition standards for school meals. For additional guidance, please contact your State agency. For all other Child Nutrition Programs, grains must be made from whole-grain flour, whole-grain meal, corn masa, masa harina, hominy, enriched flour, enriched meal, bran, germ, or be an enriched product, such as enriched bread, or a fortified cereal. Under the CACFP child and adult meal patterns, and in the NSLP/SBP preschool meals, at least one grains serving per day must meet whole grain-rich criteria.

²For the NSLP and SBP (grades K-12), grain quantities are determined using ounce equivalents (oz eq). All other Child Nutrition Programs determine grain quantities using grains/breads servings. Beginning Oct. 1, 2021, grain quantities in the CACFP and NSLP/SBP infant and preschool meals will be determined using oz eq. Some of the following grains may contain more sugar, salt, and/or fat than others. This should be a consideration when deciding how often to serve them.

³Allowed in NSLP (up to 2.0 oz eq grain-based dessert per week in grades K-12) as specified in §210.10 and at snack service in SFSP. Considered a grain-based dessert and cannot count towards the grain component in CACFP or NSLP/SBP preschool meals as specified in §§226.20(a)(4) and 210.10.

⁴Allowable in NSLP (up to 2.0 oz eq grain-based dessert per week for grades K-12) as specified in §210.10. May count towards the grain component in SBP (grades K-12) and at snack and breakfast meals in SFSP. Considered a grain-based dessert and cannot count towards the grain component in the CACFP and NSLP/SBP preschool meals as specified in §§226.20(a)(4) and 210.10.

⁵Allowed in NSLP (up to 2.0 oz eq grain-based dessert per week in grades K-12) as specified in §210.10. May count towards the grain component in SBP (grades K-12), CACFP, NSLP/SBP preschool meals, and SFSP.

⁶Refer to program regulations for the appropriate serving size for supplements served to children aged 1 through 5 in the NSLP; breakfast served in the SBP, and meals served to children ages 1 through 5 in the CACFP. Breakfast cereals are traditionally served as a breakfast menu item but may be served in meals other than breakfast.

⁷In the NSLP and SBP, cereals must list a whole grain as the first ingredient and be fortified, or if the cereal is 100 percent whole grain, fortification is not required. For CACFP and SFSP, cereals must be whole-grain, enriched, or fortified; cereals served in CACFP and NSLP/SBP preschool meals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce.

SECTION 20:**EVALUATION CRITERIA****Information on Evaluation Team/ Scoring Committee**

The SFA Evaluation Team/Scoring Committee will include the following six individuals, with three representatives from each school district. Each are involved to varying degrees with the food service programs in each district, with the respective superintendents of each district acting as the co-leader of the committees. Members are listed alphabetically as follows:

Member Name	School District	Job Title
Mark Cross	Cass School District 63	Superintendent
Sean Rhoads	Center Cass School District 66	Director of Student Services
Jessica Sage	Center Cass School District 66	Community Relations & Communications
Amy Underhill	Cass School District 63	Administrative Assistant
Gayle Wilson	Cass School District 63	Administrative Assistant
Andrew Wise	Center Cass School District 66	Superintendent

Ancillary Materials

Evaluation/scoring sheets/forms, as applicable, can be found in Exhibit K, attached.

Scoring System

Summary of evaluation criteria: the criteria listed will be used to evaluate the proposals, and their weights (scores), must be carefully prepared and included in the RFP. These criteria must be followed and documented in evaluating the proposals. Negotiations will then be conducted with those who exceed a pre-determined "cut-off" score.

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Weight</u>
1. Cost/Financial Proposal	25 Points
2. Promotion of health and well-being of students (state mandated)	20 Points
3. Menu variety, food quality, and taste testing	20 Points
4. Transparency of food ingredients and nutrition content	20 Points
5. K-8 school district references	10 Points
6. Hormone and pest practices (state mandated)	2 Points
7. Local food products (state mandated)	1 Point
8. Animal welfare (state mandated)	1 Point
9. Contracting with Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms (state mandated)	1 Point

TOTAL POINTS: 100/100

The maximum possible points are listed next to each criterion. Evaluation and scoring of proposals will be based on the assignment of points by the scoring committee and totaled for a final average team score which will be used for awarding the contract. Only responsive Proposals will be considered for evaluation. For a Proposal to be considered responsive, the Offeror will need to read the entire RFP and provide documentation and information required by all sections of the RFP including attachments. The scoring committee will evaluate all qualifying proposals. The scoring committee will evaluate documentation and

information requested throughout the RFP and recommend contract award using this documentation and information including the following evaluation criteria as described below:

- **Cost/Financial Proposal**

25 Maximum Points

Minimum requirements for proposal evaluation:

- Completion and clarity of proposal
- Fixed Cost Price Summary. Proposal with the most competitive financial package proposed will receive the highest number of points. Other FSMCs receive points equal to the lowest total proposed value divided by their total proposed value multiplied by (insert maximum quantity points). Do not round.
- Financial package includes completion of all required documents and any other information requested in this RFP

Documents required for evaluation of criteria

- Offeror must submit all required documents listed in this RFP and any other documentation that would affect final end of year outcomes.
- Proposal must include a detailed staffing plan.
- Proposal must include a two (2) year SFA food service revenue and expenditure operating statement budget projection.

- **Promotion of health and well-being of students**

20 Maximum Points

Minimum requirements for proposal evaluation:

- Quality of the program and menu items that appeal to our student population
- Demonstrate ability to meet dietary restrictions, provide vegetarian options, and transparency with ingredients and nutrition information
- Menus and recipes indicating a variety of nutritious and creative options that include freshly prepared food items and dietary alternatives

Documents required for evaluation of criteria

- Description of philosophy for menu selection, ingredient selection, and food quality
- Provide examples of menus and dietary alternatives
- Provide examples or show how ingredients and nutrition information will be readily available to parents

- **Menu variety, food quality, and taste testing**

20 Maximum Points

Minimum requirements for proposal evaluation:

- Provide a sample 21-day menu for meals that meet the Meal Pattern and Nutritional Requirements
- Provide a potential list of a la carte items
- Provide a list of current food vendors utilized
- Participation in the taste testing scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. CST.

Documents required for evaluation of criteria

- Menus, ala carte items, and current food vendors provided.
- Completion of taste testing with evaluation based on Exhibit K

● **Transparency of food ingredients and nutrition content** **20 Maximum Points**

Minimum requirements for proposal evaluation:

- Provide food ingredients and nutrition content for the 21 day menu.

Documents required for evaluation of criteria

- Listing of food ingredients and nutrition content for the 21 day menu.

● **K-8 school district references** **10 Maximum Points**

Minimum requirements for proposal evaluation:

- Provide a list of at least five (5) references from public school districts, or organizations of a comparable size, scope, and level of services provided.

Documents required for evaluation of criteria

- List of at least five (5) references from public school districts, or organizations of a comparable size, scope, and level of services provided.

● **Hormone and pest practices** **2 Maximum Points**

Minimum requirements for proposal evaluation:

- Proposer shall procure products that are free from or minimize hormones and pesticides during production

Documents required for evaluation of criteria

- Company policies/procedures with regard to minimizing hormones and pesticides in food production
- Provide list of suppliers with evidentiary support of hormone and pest practices

● **Local food products** **1 Maximum Point**

Minimum requirements for proposal evaluation:

- List of food suppliers with products grown in the Midwest without an impact to cost when available and feasible to do so

Documents required for evaluation of criteria

- Provide a list of local vendors utilized with products purchased

● **Animal welfare** **1 Maximum Point**

Minimum requirements for proposal evaluation:

- Proposer shall use products where the humane treatment of animals is evident and indicate how this is documented.

Documents required for evaluation of criteria

- Provide documentation of current animal welfare practices policy

- **Contracting with Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms** **1 Maximum Point**

Minimum requirements for proposal evaluation:

- Proposer shall commit to providing opportunities to promote the success of small and minority business, and women's business enterprises.

Documents required for evaluation of criteria

- Documents listing the companies with whom the proposer does business that are small, minority-owned, or women-owned.

SECTION 21:**Proposed Fixed Meal Rates**

The SFA shall insert the Projected Annual Units and the Offeror shall insert their rate per unit. The SFA will verify and complete the estimated total for each meal type and calculate the total estimated amount of proposal. The Offeror shall not plead misunderstanding or deception because of such estimate of quantities, or of the character, location, or other conditions pertaining to the solicitation and/or Contract.

PER MEAL PRICES MUST BE A FIXED PRICE PER MEAL RATE AND
CALCULATED AS IF NO USDA COMMODITIES WILL BE RECEIVED

	Projected Annual Units	Rate Per Unit	Estimated Total**
<u>School Nutrition Programs (SNP)/ Seamless Summer Option (SSO)</u>			
Center Cass SD 66 Reimbursable Lunches with Milk*	<u>41,517</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cass SD 63 Reimbursable Lunches with Milk*	<u>34,102</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Center Cass SD 66 A la Carte Equivalents Fee	<u>8,193</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cass SD 63 A la Carte Equivalents Fee	<u>6,715</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Estimated Amount of Proposal** \$ <u> </u>			

*Solicitation rates for SNP reimbursable Lunch and A la carte equivalency fee must be the same.

**All totals must be carried out to the second decimal place and must not be rounded.

Name of Offeror

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

By submission of this proposal, the Offeror certifies that, in the event the Offeror receives an award under this solicitation, the Offeror shall operate in accordance with all applicable current program regulations. This agreement shall be in effect for the period specified, not to exceed one year, and may be renewed by mutual agreement for four additional one-year Contract Terms.

Date

Signature of Offeror

Title

SECTION 22: Independent Price Determination Certificate

Both the School Food Authority (SFA) and the Food Service Management Company (Offeror) shall execute this Independent Price Determination Certificate.

Name of Food Service Management Company	Name of School Food Authority

By submission of this offer, the Offeror certifies, and in the case of a joint offer, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement:

- The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other Offeror or with any competitor.
- Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this offer have not been knowingly disclosed to the Offeror and will not knowingly be disclosed by the Offeror prior to opening in the case of an advertised procurement or prior to award in the case of a negotiated procurement, directly or indirectly to any other Offeror for the purpose of restricting competition.
- No attempt has been made or will be made by the Offeror to induce any person or firm to submit or not submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

Each person signing this offer on behalf of the Offeror certifies that:

- He or she is the person in the Offeror's organization responsible within the organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein and has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to sections a through c above; or
- He or she is not the person in other Offeror's organization responsible within the organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein, but that he or she has been authorized in writing to act as agent for the persons responsible for such decision in certifying that such persons have not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to sections a through c above, and as their agent does hereby certify; and he or she has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to the above.

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE , this Offeror, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees are not currently under investigation by any government agency and have not in the last three years been convicted of or found liable for any act prohibited by state or federal law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract, accepts as follows:		
Signature of Food Service Management Company's Authorized Representative Ø	Title	Date Signed <i>Mo./Day/Yr.</i>
IN ACCEPTING THIS OFFER , the SFA certifies that no representative of the SFA has taken any action that may have jeopardized the independence of the offer referred above.		
Signature of School Food Authority Ø	Title	Date Signed <i>Mo./Day/Yr.</i>

NOTE: Accepting an Offeror's offer does not constitute award of the contract.

SECTION 23:**Proposal Agreement****FSMC****Complete section below.**

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY OFFERS to provide the services of an FSMC as specified in this proposal for the period of August 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. This agreement shall be in effect for the period specified, not to exceed one year, and may be renewed by mutual agreement for four additional one-year Contract Terms.

I understand that the SFA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and that this proposal may not be withdrawn during a period of sixty (60) days from the time of opening of the proposal.

FURTHERMORE, I CERTIFY that, consistent with section 3 of this RFP, I have not exchanged any gratuities, favors, nor anything of monetary value with the SFA, and this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any other Offeror submitting a proposal for the same type of service, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide to all terms and conditions of this RFP and certify that I am authorized to sign the RFP for the Offeror.

FSMC Name			
FSMC Street Address	City	State	Zip
Signature of Authorized Representative □		Date Signed <i>Mo./Day/Yr.</i>	
Printed Name <i>First and Last</i>	Title		
Email Address	Phone <i>Area Code/No.</i>	FAX <i>Area Code/No.</i>	

SFA**Complete section below.****Awarding of the Contract**

SFA by signing below is awarding the contract for this RFP to the Offeror of this proposal, herein referred to as "Selected FSMC". This proposal, all sections of the proposal, all terms and conditions, addendums, including any additional addendums mutually agreed to by both the SFA and Offeror will be incorporated into this Awarded Contract.

The undersigned hereby accepts Offeror's services of an FSMC as specified in this proposal for the period of August 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. This agreement shall be in effect for the period specified, not to exceed one year, and may be renewed by mutual agreement for four additional one-year Contract Terms.

FURTHERMORE, I CERTIFY that, consistent with section 3 of this RFP, I have not received any gratuities, favors, nor anything of monetary value with the FSMC, and this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any other Offeror submitting a proposal for the same type of service, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide to all term and conditions of this RFP and certify that I am authorized to sign the RFP for the SFA.

SFA Name			
SFA Street Address	City	State	Zip
Signature of Authorized Representative □		Date Signed <i>Mo./Day/Yr.</i>	

Printed Name <i>First and Last</i>	Title	
Email Address	Phone <i>Area Code/No.</i>	FAX <i>Area Code/No.</i>

SECTION 24:	SOLICITATION CERTIFICATIONS
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Bid-Rigging Certification

_____, a duly
(Agent)

authorized agent of _____,
(Contractor)

do hereby certify that neither _____,
(Contractor)

nor any individual presently affiliated with _____
(Contractor)

_____, has been barred from bidding on a public contract as a
result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 (bid-rigging) or Section 33E-4 (bid rotating)
of the Illinois Criminal Code, contained in Chapter 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes.

Authorized Agent

Contractor

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify on behalf of the bidder to be true and complete in every respect:

- 1) I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
- 2) I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
- 3) Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
- 4) For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who;
 - has been requested to submit a bid in response to this invitation for bids;
 - could potentially submit a bid in response to this invitation for bids, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience;
- 5) The bidder discloses that [check one of the following, as applicable]:
 - ___(a) the bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with, any competitor;
 - ___(b) the bidder has entered into consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with one or more competitors regarding this invitation for bids, and the supplier/bidder discloses, in the attached document(s), complete details thereof, including the names of the competitors and the nature of, and reasons for, such consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements;
- 6) Without limiting the generality of paragraphs (5)(a) or (5)(b) above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement by or on behalf of the bidder with any competitor regarding:
 - prices;
 - methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - the intention or decision to submit, or not to submit, a bid; or
 - the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications of the invitation for bids; except as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph (5)(b) above;
- 7) In addition, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor by or on behalf of the bidder regarding the quality, quantity, specifications or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this invitation for bids relates, except as specifically authorized by the procuring authority or as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph (5)(b) above;
- 8) The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, knowingly disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening, or of the awarding of the contract, whichever comes first, unless otherwise required by law or as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph (5)(b) above; and,
- 9) I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this certification is found not to be true and complete in every respect.

Signature of Authorized Agent	Date
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Printed Name _____

Title _____

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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY, AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LOWER
TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, Debarment and Suspension, 2 CFR part 3485, including Subpart C Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions (also see federal guidance at 2 CFR part 180). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Illinois State Board of Education.

BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.

CERTIFICATION

The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this Certification, that:

- (1) Neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency;
- (2) It will provide immediate written notice to whom this Certification is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances;
- (3) It shall not knowingly enter 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;
- (4) It will include the 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;
- (5) The certifications herein are a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into; and
- (6) 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 Certification.

_____ <i>Organization Name</i>	_____ <i>PR/Award Number or Project Name</i>
_____ <i>Name of Authorized Representative</i>	_____ <i>Title</i>
_____ <i>Original Signature of Authorized Representative</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this Certification, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certifications set out herein.
2. 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 all available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 3 above, 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 all available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
4. The terms *covered transaction*, *debarred*, *suspended*, *ineligible*, *lower tier covered transaction*, *participant*, *person*, *primary covered transaction*, *principal*, *proposal*, and *voluntarily excluded*, as used herein, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549 and Executive Order 12689. You may contact the person to which this Certification is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. 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 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 "GSA Government-Wide System for Award Management Exclusions" (SAM Exclusions) at <http://www.sam.gov>.
6. 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 herein. 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.

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CERTIFICATE REGARDING LOBBYING

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

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit ISBE 85-37, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

Organization Name

PR/Award Number or Project Name

Name of Authorized Representative

Title

Original Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

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DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Directions: Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. (See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

1. TYPE OF FEDERAL ACTION

☐ a. Contract ☐ b. Grant ☐ c. Cooperative agreement ☐ d. Loan ☐ e. Loan guarantee ☐ f. Loan insurance

2. STATUS OF FEDERAL ACTION

☐ a. Bid/offer/application ☐ b. Initial award ☐ c. Post-award

3. REPORT TYPE

☐ a. Initial filing ☐ b. Material change ☐ For material change only: _____ Year _____ Quarter _____ Date of last report

4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF REPORTING ENTITY

☐ Prime ☐ Subawardee, Tier _____, if known _____ Congressional District, if known

5. IF REPORTING ENTITY IN NO. 4 IS SUBAWARDEE, ENTER NAME AND ADDRESS OF PRIME

_____ Congressional District, if known

6. FEDERAL DEPARTMENT/AGENCY

7. FEDERAL PROGRAM NAME/DESCRIPTION

_____ CFDA Number, if applicable

8. FEDERAL ACTION NUMBER, if known

9. AWARD AMOUNT, if known

\$ _____

10a. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LOBBYING ENTITY
(If individual, last name, first name, MI)

b. INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING SERVICES
(Including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI)

(Attach Continuation Sheet(s) ISBE 85-37A, if necessary)

11. AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

\$ _____ ☐ Actual ☐ Planned

12. FORM OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ a. Cash ☐ b. In-kind; specify: nature _____ value _____

13. TYPE OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ a. Retainer ☐ b. One-time fee ☐ c. Commission
☐ d. Contingent fee ☐ e. Deferred ☐ f. Other, specify _____

14. Brief description of services performed or to be performed and date(s) of service, including officer(s), employee(s), or member(s) contacted, for payment indicated in item 11.

15. ☐ YES ☐ NO CONTINUATION SHEET(S), ISBE 85-37A ATTACHED

16. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. Section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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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.
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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 subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
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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; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001".
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10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the lobbying entity 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).
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**CONTINUATION SHEET
DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**

REPORTING ENTITY

LIST OF REQUIRED RFP EXHIBITS

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	A-3: School/ Site Meal Service Information	X
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	B-2: Meal Choices and Additional Offerings	X
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I	School District/Operation Calendar	X
J	Local Wellness Policy	X
K	Taste Testing and/or Site Evaluation Form, if applicable	X
L	Collective Bargaining Agreement, if applicable	NA

Exhibit A-1: School/Site Data Form

Cass School District 63

To be completed by the SFA - Check all applicable boxes															
Data based on School Year (2023-24)															
Site or School Name	Breakfast			Lunch			Adult/Staff Meals	After-school Snack	SSO	SMP	FFVP	SFSP	CACFP	Catering	Vending
	Meal	Offer Versus Serve	A la Carte sales	Meal	Offer Versus Serve	A La Carte Sales									
Concord Elementary School				X	X		X								
Cass Junior High School				X	X	X	X								

Center Cass School District 66

To be completed by the SFA - Check all applicable boxes															
Data based on School Year (2023-24)															
Site or School Name	Breakfast			Lunch			Adult/Staff Meals	After-school Snack	SSO	SMP	FFVP	SFSP	CACFP	Catering	Vending
	Meal	Offer Versus Serve	A la Carte sales	Meal	Offer Versus Serve	A La Carte Sales									
Elizabeth Ide Elementary School				X			X								
Prairieview Elementary School				X			X								
Lakeview Junior High School				X		X	X								

Exhibit A-2: School/ Site Average Daily Participation

[Cass School District 63 - 2022-2023 Average Daily Participation](#)

[Center Cass School District 66 - 2022-2023 Average Daily Participation](#)

Cass School District 63

[1] List grade groups that have access to meal service.

[2] Enter yes or no for each location.

[3] If other is selected detail here: We work in conjunction with Center Cass District 66 and we receive daily deliveries of food but we do also prepare

Center Cass School District 66

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[2] Enter yes or no for each location.
[3] If other is selected detail here: We work in conjunction with Cass School District 63 and we receive daily deliveries of food but we do also prepare some of our lunches on site.

Exhibit A-4: Current and Projected Enrollment

Cass School District 63

School/ Site Name	Current Enrollment	Projected Enrollment		
	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
Concord Elementary (Cass SD 63)	410	410	400	405
Cass Junior High (Cass SD 63)	330	325	330	335

Center Cass School District 66

School/ Site Name	Current Enrollment	Projected Enrollment		
	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
Elizabeth Ide Elementary School	373	377	375	390
Prairiveiew Elementary School	366	383	395	373
Lakeview Junior High School	365	347	338	366

Exhibit B-1: 21-Day Cycle Menu (s)

For Grade Groups: Kindergarten - 8th Grade					
	Dark Green	Red/Orange	Beans/Peas	Starchy	Other
	1 Item	2 Item	3 Item	4 Item	5 Item
M/MA	2 oz. Baked Chicken	2 oz. Fish Sticks	2 oz. Cheese Pizza	2 oz. Chicken Tenders	2 oz. Chicken Quesadilla
G	1 oz. Brown Rice	1 oz. ead Dinner Roll/ Breading	2 oz. WG Pizza Crust	1 oz. WG Breading	2 oz. Tortilla
F	1/2 c. Fresh Apple	1/2 c. Peaches	1/2 c. Orange Slices	1/2 c. Strawberries	1/2 c. Pineapple Chunks
V	3/4 c. 1/2 cup Carrot Sticks	3/4 c. 1/2 cup Potato Rounds	3/4 c. 1 cup Romaine	3/4 c. 1/2 cup Mashed Potatoes	3/4 c. 1/2 cup T Bean Salad
V	1/4 cup Celery Sticks	1/4 cup Baby Carrots	1/4 cup Corn	1/4 cup Cucumbers	1/4 cup Salsa
Condiment	FF Ranch	Tarter Sauce	FF Dressing	BBQ Sauce	
	6 Item	7 Item	8 Item	9 Item	10 Item
M/MA	2 oz. Meat Balls	2 oz. Chicken Nuggets	2 oz. Hamburger	2 oz. Grilled Chicken	2 oz. Grilled Cheese
G	2 oz. WG Spaghetti	1 oz. WG Breading	2 oz. Bun	1 oz. Tortilla	2 oz. Bread Slices
F	1/2 c. Mixed Berries	1/2 c. Grapes	1/2 c. Fruit Cocktail	1/2 c. Cantaloupe Wedges	1/2 c. 1/2 cup Diced Pears
V	3/4 c. 1 cup Spinach Salad	3/4 c. 1/2 cup French Fries	3/4 c. 1/2 cup Sweet Pot. Fries	3/4 c. 1/2 cup Parsnips	3/4 c. 1/2 cup Baked Beans
V	1/4 cup Tomato Sauce	1/4 cup Green Beans	1/4 cup pickles	1/4 cup Green Beans	1/4 cup Butternut Squash
Condiment	FF Dressing	BBQ Sauce	Ketchup	Cesar Dressing	
	11 Item	12 Item	13 Item	14 Item	15 Item
M/MA	2 oz. Ground Beef (Sloppy Joe)	2 oz. Beef Crumbles (Chili)	2 oz. Grilled Chicken	2 oz. Hot Ham and Cheese	2 oz. Ground Beef & Cheese
G	2 oz. Bun	1 oz. Oyster Crackers	2 oz. Bun	2 oz. Bread Slices	2 oz. Lasagna Noodles
F	1/2 c. Watermelon	1/2 c. Mixed Fruit	1/2 c. 1/2 cup Apple Slices	1/2 c. Orange Wedges	1/2 c. Applesauce
V	3/4 c. 1/2 cup Potato Salad	3/4 c. 1/4 cup Variety Beans	3/4 c. 1/2 cup Sweet Potato	3/4 c. 1/4 cup Hummus	3/4 c. 1 cup Romaine
V	1/4 cup Coleslaw	1/2 cup Carrot Coins	1/4 cup Broccoli	1/2 cup Sliced Celery	1/4 cup Tomato Sauce
Condiment		BBQ Sauce	BBQ Sauce		FF Dressing
	16 Item	17 Item	18 Item	19 Item	20 Item
M/MA	2 oz. Ground Turkey & Cheese	2 oz. Teriyaki Chicken	2 oz. Pulled Pork (BBQ)	2 oz. Meatloaf	2 oz. Turkey and Cheese
G	2 oz. Ziti Noodles	1 oz. Brown Rice	2 oz. Bun	1 oz. Dinner Roll	2 oz. Pita Bread
F	1/2 c. Sliced Peaches	1/2 c. Pineapple Chunks	1/2 c. Cinnamon Apples	1/2 c. Diced Pears	1/2 c. Sliced Kiwi
V	3/4 c. 1/4 cup Tomato Sauce	3/4 c. 1/2 cup Broccoli	3/4 c. 1 cup Spinach Salad	3/4 c. 1/2 cup Baked Beans	3/4 c. 1/2 cup Sweet Potato Fries
V	1/2 cup Corn	1/4 cup Cauliflower	1/4 cup Cherry Tomatoes	1/4 cup Mashed Potatoes	1/4 cup Green Beans
Condiment			FF Dressing		Mustard
	21 Item	The contractor must adhere to each 21-day cycle menu for the first 21 days of meal service. In most cases, the serving sizes provided on the 21-day cycle menu(s) are based on the required minimum serving sizes stated in the USDA Meal Pattern. If the serving sizes for the food items indicated on the menu(s) do not meet the required average daily calorie range and nutrient standards as stated in the USDA Meal Patterns, the contractor awarded the contract is required to adjust serving sizes and/or provide additional food items as necessary to meet the calorie range and nutrient standards without significantly altering the 21-day cycle menu(s). Prior to submitting a bid/proposal, it is the contractor's responsibility to conduct a nutritional analysis of the menu(s) based on the products/brands to be served in order to determine if serving size adjustments and/or additional food items will be necessary. The contractor's bid/proposal should take into consideration this determination.			
M/MA	2 oz. Beef & Cheese	G= GRAIN, M/MA= MEAT/MEAT ALTERNATIVE, F=FRUIT, V=VEGETABLE			
G	2 oz. Taco Shells				
F	1/2 c. Mandarin Oranges				
V	3/4 c. 3/4 cup Romaine				
V	1/8 cup Diced Tomatoes	1 cup milk choice served daily			
Condiment	1/4 cup Corn				

Exhibit B-2: Meal Choices and Options

Cass School District 63

School/Site Name	Breakfast				Lunch				
	Minimum # of Meal Entrée Choices	Minimum # of Fruit Choices	Minimum # of Vegetable Choices	A la Carte Offering	Minimum # of Meal Entrée Choices	Minimum # of Fruit Choices	Minimum # of Vegetable Choices	A la Carte Offering	Daily Salad Bar Offered
Cass Junior High (Cass SD 63)					4	2	2	No	No
Cass Junior High (Cass SD 63)					6	2	2	Yes	Yes

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School/Site Name	Breakfast				Lunch				
	Minimum # of Meal Entrée Choices	Minimum # of Fruit Choices	Minimum # of Vegetable Choices	A la Carte Offering	Minimum # of Meal Entrée Choices	Minimum # of Fruit Choices	Minimum # of Vegetable Choices	A la Carte Offering	Daily Salad Bar Offered
Elizabeth Ide Elementary School					4	2	2	No	No
Prairiveiew Elementary School					6	2	2	Yes	No
Lakeview Junior High School					6	2	2	Yes	No

Exhibit B-3: A la Carte Price List

Cass School District 63

To be determined.

Center Cass School District 66

To be determined.

Exhibit D: School Year 2022-2023 Sponsor Claims for Reimbursement

[Cass School District 63 - 2022-2023 Sponsor Claims for Reimbursement](#)

[Center Cass School District 66 - 2022-2023 Sponsor Claims for Reimbursement](#)

Exhibit F: FSMC Equipment List

Cass School District 63

[District Kitchen Equipment Inventory](#)

[District Kitchen Equipment Photos](#)

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[District Kitchen Equipment Inventory](#)

[Elizabeth Ide Kitchen Equipment Photos](#)

[Prairieview Kitchen Equipment Photos](#)

[Lakeview Kitchen Equipment Photos](#)

Exhibit G: Minimum Operational Labor and Benefits

Cass School District 63 for 2024-25

Minimum Staffing and Pay rates for school year 2023-2024													
				Insert Annual numbers					Place an X to indicate				
School/Site	Job Title	Hourly Rate (\$) ²	Daily Hours	Annual Work Days ³	Annual Paid Sick Days	Annual Paid Holidays	Annual Paid Vacation Days	Total Annual Wage (\$)	Medical Insurance	Dental	Vision	SFA Employee	FSMC Employee
District	Food Service Director	Shared position with other SFAs is Allowable						TBD					X
Concord Elementary	Lead	\$ 16.11	6	178	5	4		\$ 18,075.42	Family	x	x		
Concord Elementary	FSW	\$ 15.42	5	178	5	4		\$ 14,417.70					
Cass Junior High	Lead	\$ 17.50	6.5	178	5	4		\$ 21,271.25	Family	x	x		
Cass Junior High	FSW	\$ 15.37	6.5	178	5	4		\$ 18,682.24	Family	x	x		
Driver	Driver	\$ 18.00	3	178	5	4		\$ 10,098.00					
Admin	Production Manager	\$ 19.70	4	178	5	4		\$ 14,735.60					
		\$ -						\$ -					
		\$ -						\$ -					
		\$ -						\$ -					
		\$ -						\$ -					
		\$ -						\$ -					
		\$ -						\$ -					
Total Minimum Estimated Labor:									\$	97,280.21			

1. Use actual rates for the SFA.
2. Do not include hourly rates for SFA assigned employees. Only include hourly rates for employees that the FSMC will be required to employ.
3. Annual work days to include all meal service days for regular school year, summer programs, meal preparation days, closing days

Center Cass School District 66 for 2024-25

Minimum Staffing and Pay rates for school year 2023-2024													
				Insert Annual numbers					Place an X to indicate				
School/Site	Job Title	Hourly Rate (\$) ²	Daily Hours	Annual Work Days ³	Annual Paid Sick Days	Annual Paid Holidays	Annual Paid Vacation Days	Total Annual Wage (\$)	Medical Insurance	Dental	Vision	SFA Employee	FSMC Employee
District	Food Service Director	Shared position with other SFAs is Allowable						TBD					X
Elizabeth Ids ES	Lead	\$ 15.91	5	178	5	4		\$ 14,875.85					
Elizabeth Ids ES	FSW	\$ 15.91	4	178	5	4		\$ 11,900.68					
Prairieview ES	Lead	\$ 16.07	7	178	5	4		\$ 21,035.63	Employee +1	x	x		
Prairieview ES	FSW	\$ 15.00	4	178	5	4		\$ 11,220.00					
Lakeview Jr	Lead	\$ 15.00	6	178	5	4		\$ 16,830.00	Family	x	x		
Lakeview Jr	FSW	\$ 15.95	5	178	5	4		\$ 14,913.25					
Driver	Driver	\$ 18.00	3	178	5	4		\$ 10,098.00					
Admin	Production Manager	\$ 19.70	4	178	5	4		\$ 14,735.60					
		\$ -						\$ -					
		\$ -						\$ -					
		\$ -						\$ -					
		\$ -						\$ -					
Total Minimum Estimated Labor:									\$	115,609.01			

1. Use actual rates for the SFA.
2. Do not include hourly rates for SFA assigned employees. Only include hourly rates for employees that the FSMC will be required to employ.
3. Annual work days to include all meal service days for regular school year, summer programs, meal preparation days, closing days

Exhibit H-1: Projected Operational In-School Revenue

Cass School District 63

Data based on School Year 2022-23						
Breakfast Programs						
	No. Meals		Price		Total	
Elementary Full Price	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
Middle School Full Price	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
High School Full Price	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
Reduced Price	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
Subtotal Breakfast	0					\$0.00
Lunch Program						
Elementary Full Price	11,956	X	\$	3.50	=	\$41,846.00
Middle School Full Price	6,992	X	\$	3.50	=	\$24,472.00
High School Full Price	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
Reduced Price	581	X	\$	0.40	=	\$232.40
Subtotal Lunch	19,529					\$66,550.40
After School Care Snack Program						
Full Price	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
Reduced Price	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
Adult	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
Subtotal Snacks	0					\$0.00
Special Functions						
Catering			\$	-		
Other						
SMP Revenue			\$	-		
A la Carte, <i>if applicable</i> . Includes sales from adults, staff, smart snacks, milk cartons, extra entrees, second meals, etc			\$	34,406.45		
Vending Machine Sales Total Revenue			\$	-		
Other, please detaille (Adult Sales)			\$	49.00		
Total In-School Revenue ➤						\$101,005.85

Exhibit H-1: Projected Operational In-School Revenue

Center Cass School District 66

Data based on School Year 2022-23

Data based on School Year 2022-23						
Breakfast Programs	No. Meals		Price			Total
Elementary Full Price	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
Middle School Full Price	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
High School Full Price	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
Reduced Price	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
Subtotal Breakfast	0					\$0.00
Lunch Program						
Elementary Full Price	19,651	X	\$	2.95	=	\$57,970.45
Middle School Full Price	9,223	X	\$	2.95	=	\$27,207.85
High School Full Price	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
Reduced Price	566	X	\$	0.40	=	\$226.40
Subtotal Lunch	29,440					\$85,404.70
After School Care Snack Program						
Full Price	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
Reduced Price	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
Adult	0	X	\$	-	=	\$0.00
Subtotal Snacks	0					\$0.00
Special Functions						
Catering			\$	-		
Other						
SMP Revenue			\$	-		
A la Carte, if applicable . Includes sales from adults, staff, smart snacks, milk cartons, extra entrees, second meals, etc			\$	38,960.05		
Vending Machine Sales Total Revenue			\$	-		
Other, please detaile (Adult Sales)						
Total In-School Revenue ➤						\$124,364.75

Exhibit H-2: Projected Operational Federal and State Reimbursement Revenue

Cass School District 63

Data based on School Year 2022-23

Federal	No. Meals		Federal Reimbursement Rate		Total
Breakfast Program					
Free	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Free, Severe Need	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Reduced Price	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Reduced Price Severe Need	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Full Price	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Total Breakfast	0				\$0.00
Lunch Program					
Free	14,584	X	\$ 4.33	=	\$63,148.72
Reduced Price	581	X	\$ 3.93	=	\$2,283.33
Full Price	18,948	X	\$ 0.77	=	\$14,589.96
Total Lunch	34,113				\$80,022.01
After School Care Snack Program					
Free	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Reduced Price	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Full Price	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Total Snacks	0				\$0.00
Special Milk Program, If applicable					
Special Milk Program	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Total Special Milk Program					\$0.00
Summer Food Service Program If applicable					
Breakfast	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Lunch/Supper	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Snacks	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Total SFSP	0				\$0.00
Child and Adult Care Food Program If applicable					
ARAS Snack	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
ARAS Supper	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
AM/PM Snack	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Total CACFP	0				\$0.00
Total Federal Reimbursement ➤					\$80,022.01

State	No. Meals		State Reimbursement Rate		Total
Illinois Free Match					
Free Lunch	14,584	X	\$ 0.02	=	\$291.68
Free Breakfast	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Total State Reimbursement ➤					\$291.68

Exhibit H-2: Projected Operational Federal and State Reimbursement Revenue

Center Cass School District 66

Data based on School Year 2022-23

Federal	No. Meals		Federal Reimbursement Rate		Total
Breakfast Program					
Free	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Free, Severe Need	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Reduced Price	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Reduced Price Severe Need	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Full Price	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Total Breakfast	0				\$0.00
Lunch Program					
Free	11,839	X	\$ 4.41	=	\$52,209.99
Reduced Price	555	X	\$ 4.01	=	\$2,225.55
Full Price	28,215	X	\$ 0.85	=	\$23,982.75
Total Lunch	40,609				\$78,418.29
After School Care Snack Program					
Free	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Reduced Price	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Full Price	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Total Snacks	0				\$0.00
Special Milk Program, If applicable					
Special Milk Program	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Total Special Milk Program					\$0.00
Summer Food Service Program If applicable					
Breakfast	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Lunch/Supper	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Snacks	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Total SFSP	0				\$0.00
Child and Adult Care Food Program If applicable					
ARAS Snack	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
ARAS Supper	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
AM/PM Snack	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Total CACFP	0				\$0.00
Total Federal Reimbursement ➤					\$78,418.29

State	No. Meals		State Reimbursement Rate		Total
Illinois Free Match					
Free Lunch	11,839	X	\$ 0.02	=	\$236.78
Free Breakfast	0	X	\$ -	=	\$0.00
Total State Reimbursement ➤					\$236.78

Exhibit H-3: Total Projected Operational Revenue

Cass School District 63

Total In-School Revenue (from EX-H-1)	\$101,005.85
Total Federal Reimbursement (from EX- H-2)	\$80,022.01
Total State Reimbursement (from EX H-2)	\$291.68
Total Revenue ➤	\$181,319.54

Center Cass School District 66

Total In-School Revenue (from EX-H-1)	\$124,364.75
Total Federal Reimbursement (from EX- H-2)	\$80,022.01
Total State Reimbursement (from EX H-2)	\$291.68
Total Revenue ➤	\$204,678.44

Exhibit I: Projected School District/Operational Calendar

Cass School District 63

Cass School District 63 [2024-25 School District Calendar](#)

Center Cass School District 66

Center Cass School District 66 [2024-25 School District Calendar](#)

Exhibit J: Local Wellness Policy

Cass School District 63

Cass School District 63 [Wellness Policy 4.50](#)

Center Cass School District 66

Center Cass School District 66 [Wellness Policy 4.50](#)

Exhibit K: Taste Testing Evaluation Form

Vendor: _____

Food Items Presented: _____

Date and Time: _____

Evaluator: _____

Phase	Category	Details	Points Earned out of 20 Maximum (circle the number of points earned)		
1	Menu	Menu has Appropriate Variety and Options	0	1	2
		Menu Meets Daily Nutritional Requirements	0	1	2
		Serving Sizes are Adequate and in Compliance	0	1	2
		Menu is Inviting and Easy to Understand	0	1	2
2	Entrée	Is Visually Appealing and Presented Well	0	1	2
		Has Good Smell and Flavor	0	1	2
		Has Good Texture	0	1	2
3	Sides	Is Visually Appealing and Presented Well	0	1	2
		Has Good Smell and Flavor	0	1	2
		Has Good Texture	0	1	2

0 = Does Not Meet

1 = Meets

2 = Exceeds

Total Score: _____

Overall Scoring: The individual scores of the members of the Evaluation Team will be averaged to the nearest hundredth place (00.00/20.00) to determine the total points assigned for the Menu Variety, Food Quality, and Taste Testing category.

Exhibit L: Collective Bargaining Agreement

Neither Cass School District 63 or Center Cass School District 66 has a collective bargaining agreement applicable to food service staff and neither school district currently employs any food service staff.