

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions have been submitted concerning RFP #210902 Food Processing: USDA Commodities. All questions received have been answered and are stated verbatim from what was received:

RESPONDER QUESTION #1: I wanted to ask if anyone will be available to accept the USDA Commodities bid via Fed-X the week of 12/28/20? With the Christmas and New Year's holidays I wanted to make sure someone is available to accept them.

The District will be closed from December 19, 2020 through January 3, 2021 for the holidays.

RESPONDER QUESTION #2: For RFP 210902, will electronic signatures be accepted? We are located in Michigan and our state is pretty locked down. A little tricky to get a signature in person these days?

An original, manual signature by an authorized agent of the Responder is required. Refer to page one (1) of the RFP document.

RESPONDER QUESTION #3: Please confirm that a manufacturer can submit the original bid documents and 1 copy printed either single-sided or double-sided?

Yes, the manufacturer may submit an original RFP document and one (1) copy.

RESPONDER QUESTION #4: For the above bid would it be possible to increase the sodium on the two below lines?

Item 8 – Would it be possible to increase the sodium spec to 420 mg?

No, the District will not approve an increase in the sodium specification.

Item 9 – Would it be possible to increase the sodium spec to 470 mg?

The sodium level may only be increased to 380 mg. Products with levels over 380 mg. will be rejected.

RESPONDER QUESTION #5: I have questions as below:

1. Line 30 – the spec of line is “Cheese Portions, **Refrigerated** Reduced Fat”. Our product is a Shelf Stable IW Cheese. Will the school consider Shelf Stable IW Cheese?

If bidding an alternate product, a sample must be submitted for evaluation.

2. Will your office be closed for the holidays? Do you have anyone in the office to receive the package? Also what is the normal office hours?

The District will be closed from December 19, 2020 through January 3, 2021. No one will be available to receive packages. The normal office hours will resume on Monday, January 4, 2021 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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RESPONDER QUESTION #5 (Cont.):

3. Due to Covid, will you consider receiving the bid proposal electronically (e.g. Email)?

No, the District will not accept proposals electronically.

RESPONDER QUESTION #6: For the above bid it be possible to increase the allowed sodium on the below lines to the following amounts:

Line 26: Can the sodium be increased to 480 mg? Would you accept a smaller case pack of 4/5 lbs for the bid item as well?

No, the sodium level may only be increased to 410 mg. Products will levels over 410 mg. will be rejected. The District will accept a smaller case pack size.

Line 39: Can the sodium be increased to 240 mg?

No, the sodium level can not be increased.

Line 32 – Would it be possible to accept 4/5 lb pack size instead of 6/5 lb pack size?

Yes, the District will accept a different pack size.