

**Nampa School District No. 131
Nutrition Services Bids November 2017 Q&A**

All questions should be submitted:

via email to bids@nsd131.org or via mail to: Nampa School District
619 S. Canyon Street
Nampa, ID 83686
Attn: Scott Jacobsen

All questions and answers will be posted on this form in as expedient a time as possible. No answers will be provided solely to any bidder, though NSD may respond directly to inquiries to seek clarification of submitted questions.

Re: Sample submission for current bid

11/8/2017 #1

Q: We would like to submit a gluten-free snack cracker for the foods bid you have out now. How should I go about submitting our information to the appropriate distributors, and should I send samples to you?

A: The bid as currently composed features an assortment of graham cracker snacks, so the crackers you propose would be considered a new item rather than an equivalent substitution for a listed item. As stipulated in the bid specifications, we would accept a submitted sample for consideration as a separate purchase. Should the item be added to our menu offerings, we would seek price quotes for the item at that time.

Samples may be sent to our Nutrition Services office:

Nampa School District Nutrition Services
8076 E. Executive Drive
Nampa, ID 83687
Attn: Michelle Foreman

Please clearly label the package as containing a sample.

As for distributors, we work with several. We could provide a list of distributors with which we currently work or have worked with recently, but suggest research on your side as to which distributors may be appropriate to your needs. We seek to neither express nor imply a preference for any particular vendor over others, and would prefer to not have influence over your potential distributor relationships.

Re: Bulk size bidding & submitted samples

11/8/2017 #2

Q: Two questions regarding your current Frozen/Refrigerated/Dry Food Products bid—

1. On the taco seasoning, would it be acceptable to bid a bulk size? Specifically, we would be looking to provide in 25-lb product quantities.
2. Regarding chicken and beef gravy, we previously submitted samples but did not receive a response as to whether those products met your standards and were acceptable for bidding.

A: We specify the smaller-than-bulk packet size for the taco seasoning to accommodate operations at our individual kitchen sites. Our concern is that a bulk-size purchase could not be used within an appropriate time frame and we would eventually discard part of the larger package, thus (potentially or likely) negating any pricing advantages gained via the bulk-size purchase.

Regarding the submitted samples—We have those samples on hand but need Nutritional Information for those products before we can make a judgment on those samples. Please forward that information as soon as you are able:

Via email to: mforeman@nsd131.org

Via USPS or other carrier to: Nampa School District Nutrition Services
8076 E. Executive Drive
Nampa, ID 83687
Attn: Michelle Foreman

*Please clearly mark the subject line or envelope so as to clearly identify the submission.

Re: Submitting multiple copies

11/14/2017 #3

Q: In prior years you have requested that bidders submit two copies of their bid, but I do not see that requirement anywhere in the bid specs. Can you confirm that you are only requiring one original this year?

A: We have discontinued the request for two copies and are only requiring the single original.

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