

Nampa School District
Nutrition Services Bid 2015-2016—Paper & Cleaning Products Rebid
Question & Answer

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QUESTIONS FOR THE PAPER & CLEANING PRODUCTS REBID:

QUESTIONS FROM THE ORIGINAL BID PROCESS:

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Q: I have been notified that the Foster Farms apple cinnamon pancake wrap (#95168) has been discontinued, and the replacements are 94112 blueberry pork wrap, 94087 maple pork wrap, and 95127 maple turkey wrap. Are these acceptable substitutes? Do you prefer one over others?

A: Given that we have several other breakfast food options, we will simply strike that item (BK WRAP, Pancake, Apple, Cinn, TKFoster Farms #95168) from the bid altogether, rather than seek a replacement item.

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Q: Line Item# 946 Unsweetened Cinnamon Applesauce Cup-The code is incorrect (that is our commodity code), it should be A82510

A: Line Item #946 Unsweetened Cinnamon Applesauce Cup – The correct code is A82510.

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Q: Line Item#947 Unsweetened Plain Applesauce Cup- The code is incorrect (that is our commodity code), it should be A87120

A: Line Item #947 Unsweetened Plain Applesauce Cup – The correct code is A87120.

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Q: Line Item#948 Diced Peach Cup-The code is incorrect (that is our commodity code), it should be 87260

A: Line Item #948 Diced Peach Cup – The correct code is A87260.

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Q: I had it in my notes from our meeting that you were interested in our Edamame, That's It Bars & Protein Red Lentil Pasta—did you guys decide not to try those items?

A: It was decided not to put these products on the bid at this time.

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Q: I was planning on bidding directly, but noticed the one-week-advance requirement for appointments. Our trucking company is only able to schedule appointments 48 hours prior. Is that going to be an issue? Should I bid through FSA to avoid that?

A: Please bid both ways (direct-ship and through FSA) and make note on the direct-ship items of the discrepancy with the advance appointment requirement.

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Q: It appears that the Food Products bid is for first semester only, so are the quantities listed for the first semester only—e. g. Line Item#1023 Birthday Cake Applesauce, has 560 listed as the estimated quantity. That is July-December only, correct?

A: Yes

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Q: Is this a direct bid, or is it to be bid through a distributor?

A: Bidders may bid direct or through a distributor; any instance in which a bidder would like to submit two bids for the same item—one direct and the other two-stepped—the bidder should specify direct/distributor accordingly. Direct-ship requirements and options (quantity minimums, mixed pallet allowances, etc.) should be listed as well.

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Q: Re: line item #160 Mandarin Oranges—you've specified explicitly "No product from China" but list Roland and Festival as approved brands (both from China). Can I bid and send samples of Our House brand mandarins (also a product of China)?

A: Yes, you may bid the Our House brand mandarins. Please send the nutrition facts and a sample of the actual product you will be bidding to Nutrition Services prior to the bid opening. Mandarin oranges were added to our list of products that we cannot source domestically for the 2014-15 school year bid.

A Buy American Provision Q&A sheet provided to us by the Idaho State Department of Education has been posted to the Nutrition Services bid folder on the NSD website.

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Q: The bid requirements state that you need two copies of the bid. Is that the original bid plus two copies, or the original plus one copy?

A: One original and one copy.

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Q: My manufacturer's rep tells me JTM does not make a cherry blossom sauce.

A: We will strike that item from the bid altogether.
