

**Nampa School District No. 131  
Nutrition Services Bids May 2016 Q&A**

All questions should be submitted:

via email to [bids@nsd131.org](mailto: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.

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**Re: Paper & Cleaning Products delivery locations**

**4/24/2017 #1**

**Q:** Can you verify that items in the Paper & Cleaning Products section will deliver to your warehouse and not multiple locations?

**A:** Not all products are warehouse-delivered. Here is a breakdown of warehouse and site delivery, by item/item group:

**Cleaning Products:**

00000658 Brady Products - Floor Cleaner - Site Delivery.  
00000659 Brady Product - Crème Cleanser – Site Delivery

76221793 – Glass Cleaner – Warehouse  
00001064 – Dawn Dish Liquid – Warehouse

76221815 – ECOLAB Solid Lime-A-Way – Warehouse  
00001212 – Oven Cleaner – Warehouse  
00001004 – RATIONAL – Care Tab – Warehouse  
00001003 – RATIONAL – Detergent Tab – Warehouse  
76221794 – Stainless Steel Cleaner – Warehouse  
00001200 – DeScaler, Cleveland Range - Warehouse

**Paper Supplies:**

All Paper goods – Warehouse delivery

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**Re: Paper & Cleaning Products bid—Prior bid results**

**4/25/2017 #2**

**Q:** Can you provide us with the bid tabulations and awards from the prior Paper & Cleaning bid:

**A:** Bids from prior years are archived and available in folders on the district website, in the Bids/Purchasing section (under the District menu listing). Look for “Closed bids . . .” For convenience, the direct address to the 2016 Bid Award Packet pdf file is

<http://www.nsd131.org/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=24581089>

This has all information for all sections, so you will have to search the document for the items you request. The pdf file does have bookmarks, which should assist in finding those pages.

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**Re: Paper & Cleaning Products bid—Order frequency, case sizes for can liners & gloves 4/25/2017 #3**

**Q:** Based on past ordering, can you provide us with the following information:

- How many delivery locations for the can liners & gloves?

**A:** One delivery location - Warehouse at 8076 E. Executive Ave

- About how often are orders placed for each of the can liners (monthly, quarterly, other)? What is the approximate case order for each liner?

**A:** Orders are placed:

#1207 Black 56 Gal can liner: for an August delivery, a January delivery and an April delivery. Approximately 80 cs. per quarter.

#0237 Clear Food Safe 33-gallon can liner: for an August delivery, a January delivery and an April delivery. Approximately 65 cs. per quarter.

- About how often are orders placed for each of the gloves listed (monthly, quarterly, other)? What is an approximate case order for each glove?

**A:** Orders are placed Quarterly for:

Vinyl Gloves Med., Lg., EX-lg., approximately 40 cases for delivery in each; August, January and April

Yearly for:

Vinyl Glove EX-lg., Powdered (#1226) Yearly 3 cs. - August delivery only Poly Gloves, Sm., Med., Lg., EX-lg., Approximately 25 cs. August delivery only

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**Re: Equivalent alternative item submissions 4/25/2017 #4**

**Q:** According to the bid instructions, section 3 samples of equivalent alternate items must be submitted no fewer than 10 business day prior to bid due date. Can you please confirm the address where a vendor should be sending the samples to?

**A:** Please send to: Nutrition Services Attn: Michele Foreman  
8076 E Executive Ave  
Nampa, ID 83687

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**Re: Gloves award for 2016-17 (follow up to Question #3) 4/26/2017 #5**

**Q:** Since the gloves were not awarded on the previous bid award tab, can you provide us with the current pricing and vendor(s) for each of the gloves, and exactly what you are buying.

**A:** Gloves were not awarded with the primary bid in May 2016 due to an issue with the item description. Nutrition Services subsequently issued a price quote for those items. The award listing for those items can be found on the District website via

District → Purchasing/Bids → Nutrition Services Price Quotes → Gloves & Napkins Price Quote Award

Alternatively, the URL for the award document is:

<http://www.nsd131.org/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=43016178>

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**Re: Paper & Cleaning bid (Various questions)**

**5/1/2017**

**#6**

**Q:** Can we arrange with UPS (at our expense) and get a sample of each bag currently being used?

**A:** Yes. We will provide samples as expediently as we are able, but will not be held accountable for issues that may delay a timely bid submission. Any such request should be made far enough in advance of the bids so as to allow shipping and receipt of any samples, and any request for items is subject to the minimum days requirement for submitted inquiries as specified in the bid documents. These requests may be initiated via email by sending a message to [bid@nsd131.org](mailto:bid@nsd131.org) AND [mforeman@nsd131.org](mailto:mforeman@nsd131.org). The street address for pick up is 8076 E. Executive Drive, Nampa, ID 83687.

**Q:** Can you provide me with the previous award information and tabulations?

**A:** Please refer to Questions 2 and 3 above, regarding the last awards for this section.

**Q:** Regarding the garbage bags—For each bag, can you provide us with purchase information on:

- a) Thickness
- b) Case count (liners per case)
- c) Case weight (lbs per case)

**A:** Bid item #00001207 Can liners/Trash, Black 56-gal

Actual product on hand: HDPE CAN LINER  
Distributed by IPS Industries  
#CP434822K  
43"X48"  
22 MIC  
BLACK  
150 CT CASE, 6/CORELESS ROLLS OF 25 PER CASE  
CASE WGT: 16.82#

Bid item #00000237 Can liners/Food bags, Clear 33-gal

Actual product on hand: Low Density Can Liner  
AEP Industries, INC.  
#PPK-333916C  
33"x39"  
0.63 MIL  
Translucent  
250 CT CASE, 10/CORELESS ROLLS OF 25 PER CASE  
CASE WGT: 13.5#

**Q:** Can you confirm how many locations would be expecting delivery?

- A:** One location, our central warehouse located at 8076 E. Executive Drive, Nampa, ID 83687.
- Q:** Is there a loading dock and pallet jack at the location(s) to assist with unloading?
- A:** We have a designated loading area at the central warehouse, but no truck-height dock. We do have a forklift on site.
- Q:** Will this be awarded by line item, as a whole, or by section?
- A:** As stated in the bid specifications, we award by line item but reserve the option to award as all-or-none, as deemed to be in the best interest of the District.

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**Re: Fresh Fruit & Produce**

**5/1/2017**

**#7**

- Q:** For apple slices, are you using both SKUs? 64- and 100-count?
- A:** Yes.
- Q:** Who currently has your produce bid?
- A:** Grasmick Produce—USDA Fresh Fruits & Vegetables (DoD)  
Food Services of America—Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant Program, Breakfast & Lunch (NSLP)

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**Re: Prior bid awards**

**5/2/2017**

**#8**

- Q:** I'm working on the current bid, but would like a copy of the last bids award information.
- A:** Prior bids paperwork—original notifications, specifications, and the complete award recommendation packages—are archived on the District website. From the District main web page, follow the path:

District → Purchasing/Bids

And look for folders labeled “Closed Bids . . .” Archived bids are organized in folders by fiscal year and are clearly labeled for easy search.

Certain items or groups of items purchased by Nutrition have been procured via a price quote rather than a sealed bid. Those procurements, whether active or archived, are found in the folder labeled “Nutrition Services Price Quotes,” which may be found by following the same web page path listed above.

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**Re: Milk & Dairy bid items**

**5/11/2017**

**#9**

- Q:** The first two items listed on the Milk & Dairy bid appear to be the same item. Should one of these be another item?
- A:** The first two listed items are the same item (1-oz. mozzarella cheese stick) but the pack size for each is different:

Item #00001305 is a 96-count case  
Item #00000896 is a 168-count case

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**RE: Number of bid copies to return**

**5/16/2017 #10**

**Q:** I recall that in the past you have requested that bidders return the original bid and one additional copy. I do not see that in the bid specifications this year. Do you need only the original?

**A:** We are requiring only a single copy of the bid be returned this year. However, we are also requesting that bidders return *all* pages of any bid section for which they are submitting a bid, so we can be sure to have bids on all items for each bidder, in each section. This is to affirm that the bidder is indeed not bidding particular items and that pages haven't simply been lost in submission or evaluation.

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**Re: Acts of God clause**

**5/18/2017 #11**

**Q:** Will the District allow for an Act of God (Force Majeure) clause in the purchase agreement, in case some growing condition causes a spike in market prices? We are worried the 6-month price lock could be an issue for suppliers if some such event was to occur.

**A:** We are aware that the six month period could pose some problems with pricing, particularly in the Fresh Fruit & Produce bid. A force majeure clause may be included as part of the offered pricing and will be considered in evaluating bids. We suggest a narrow wording of any such clause, so as to cover only true "Acts of God" and avoid creating an overly-broad pricing opt out for the bidder/vendor.

Should a force majeure clause be invoked, the District reserves the right to verify with outside parties, including competing bidders, the nature and effect of any event causing the invocation, and to proceed with a course of action deemed in the best interest of the District. This could include, but would not be limited to, purchases from alternative vendors or authorizing the use of non-domestic products. Any use of a force majeure clause will be considered at the time of exercise, based on facts relevant at that time.

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