

Bloomfield Schools

PROCUREMENT PLAN
STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM

This procurement plan contained on the following pages will be implemented on July 1, 2021 from that date forward until amended. All procurements must adhere to free and open competition. Source documentation must be available to determine open competition, the reasonableness, what is allowable and the allocation of costs.

Chairman, Board of Education

Date

Superintendent of Schools

Date

(Rev. 9/2018)

Bloomfield Schools Student Nutrition Program

PROCUREMENT PLAN

Bloomfield Schools plan for procuring items for use in the Child Nutrition Program is as follows. The procurement plan provides for free and open competition, transparency in transactions, comparability, and documentation of all procurement.

- A. If the amount of purchases is more than \$60,000 or SFA approved threshold if less, formal procurement procedures will be used as required by 2 CFR 200. Informal procurement procedures (small purchase) will be required for purchases under \$60,000 or SFA board-approved small-purchase threshold.

The following procedures will be used for all purchases:

Micro-Purchases:

Staff will research all purchases and compare prices prior to making decisions regarding the expenditure of food service funds. Employees are expected to contact more than one provider before making a purchase decision under \$20,000. Federal law requires that micro-purchases be reasonable and equitably distributed.

Small Purchases:

If the estimated expenditure is more than \$20,000 but less than \$60,000 the following must be completed prior to making the purchase:

1. Obtain at least three bids, quotes or offers from providers. The employee may solicit bids, quotes or offers directly from providers and may utilize bids received by fax, telephone, e-mail and catalog comparison or through online submissions to potential providers.
2. If less than three providers sell or provide the service or product, document that fact and consult the available provider(s).
3. Maintain documentation of the above.

Formal Purchases

If the estimated expenditure is \$60,000 or more, a formal procurement method is required. The following COMPETITIVE SEALED BID in the form of Invitation for Bid (IFB) or COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION in the form of a Request for Proposal (RFP) procedures will apply:

1. The Food Service Director will perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of the Federal Simplified Acquisition Threshold.
2. An announcement of an IFB or RFP will be placed in the Farmington Daily Times to publicize the intent of the School Food Authority (SFA) to purchase needed items. The advertisement for bids/proposals or legal notice will be run for 1-5 days.
3. An advertisement is required for all purchases over the district's small purchase threshold of \$60,000. The announcement (advertisement or legal notice) will contain a general description of items to be purchased, the deadline for submission of sealed bids or proposals, and the address where complete specifications and bid forms may be obtained.
4. In an IFB or RFP, each vendor will be given an opportunity to bid on the same specifications.
5. The developer of written specifications or descriptions for procurements will be prohibited from submitting bids or proposals for such products or services.

6. The IFB or RFP will clearly define the purchase conditions. The following shall be addressed in the procurement document:
 - a) Contract period
 - b) SFA is responsible for all contracts awarded (statement)
 - c) Date, time, and location of bid opening
 - d) How vendor is to be informed of bid acceptance or rejection
 - e) Delivery schedule
 - f) Set forth requirements which bidder must fulfill in order for bid to be evaluated
 - g) Benefits to which the School Food Authority will be entitled if the contractor can not or will not perform as required
 - h) Statement assuring positive efforts will be made to involve minority and small business
 - i) Statement regarding the return of purchase incentives to the School Food Authority's non-profit Child Nutrition account
 - j) Statement regarding the return of all discounts, rebates and credits for all cost reimbursable contracts
 - k) Termination provisions and the basis for any settlement for all procurement over \$10,000
 - l) Provision requiring compliance with Executive Order 11246 entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity" as amended by Executive Order 11375 and as supplemented in the Department of Labor regulations required for all contracts over \$10,000
 - m) Procuring instrument to be used are purchase orders from firm fixed prices after formal bidding
 - n) Escalation/De-escalation clause based on appropriate standard or cost index
 - o) Specific bid protest procedures
 - p) Provision requiring access by duly authorized representatives of the School Food Authority, State Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, or Comptroller General to any books, documents, papers and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to all negotiated contracts
 - q) Method of shipment or delivery upon Contract award
 - r) Provision requiring contractor to maintain all required records for *three* years after final payment and all other pending matters are closed for all negotiated contracts
 - s) Description of process for enabling vendors receive or pick up orders upon Contract award
 - t) Provision requiring the contractor to recognize mandatory standards and polices related to energy efficiency which are contained in the State Energy Plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (PL 94-165)
 - u) All contracts over \$100, 000 will require compliance with the Clean Air Act issued under Section 306, Executive Order 11738
 - v) Signed Certificate of Lobbying for all contracts over \$100,000
 - w) Signed statement of non-collusion
 - x) Signed Debarment/Suspension Certificate or statement included in contract or copy of Excluded Parties List System (EPLS).
 - y) Provision requiring "Buy American" as outlined in Policy Memorandum SP 38-2017 and 7 CFR 210.21(d); specific instructions for prior approval of any and all of non-domestic product.
 - z) Provision requiring the Contractor to abide with the Jessica Lunsford Act (sample language is attached with this document).

6. Specifications will be prepared and provided to potential contractors desiring to submit bids or proposals for the products or services requested. Vendors will be selected by the following methods:
 - a. All vendors wishing to bid
7. If any potential vendor is in doubt as to the true meaning of specifications or purchase conditions, an interpretation will be provided by the Chief Procurement Officer.
8. The Chief Procurement Officer will be responsible for securing all bids or proposals.
9. The Chief Procurement Officer and Student Nutrition Director will be responsible to ensure all SFA procurements are conducted in compliance with applicable Federal regulations, State General Statutes or policies of the local Board of Education.
10. The following criteria will be used in awarding contracts as a result of bids.
 - a. Price
 - b. Quality and Service
 - c. Additional information pursuant to the items being purchased
11. In awarding a competitive negotiation (RFP), a set of award criterion in the form of a weighted evaluation sheet will be provided to each bidder in the initial bid document materials. Price alone is not the sole basis for award, but remains the primary consideration when awarding a contract. Following evaluation and negotiations a firm fixed price or cost reimbursable contract is awarded.
12. The contracts will be awarded to the responsible bidder/proposer whose bid or proposal is responsive to the invitation and is most advantageous to the SFA, price, and other factors considered. Any and all bids or proposals may be rejected in accordance with law.
13. The Chief Procurement Officer and Buyer are required to sign on the bid tabulation of competitive sealed bids or the evaluation criterion score sheet of competitive proposals signifying a review and approval of the selections.
14. The Chief Procurement Officer, Buyer and Director of Student Nutrition will review the procurement system to ensure compliance with applicable laws.
15. Student Nutrition personnel and Director of Student Nutrition will be responsible for documentation that the actual product specified is received, including the required domestic agricultural commodities and products in compliance with Policy Memorandum SP 38-2017 and 7 CFR 210.21(d).
16. Any time an accepted item is not available, the Student Nutrition Program Manager will select the acceptable alternate. The contractor must inform the Director of Student Nutrition by 24 hours prior to delivery that a product is not available. In the event a non-domestic agricultural product is to be provided to the SFA, the contractor must obtain, in advance, the written approval of the product. The Director of Student Nutrition must comply with the Buy American Provision.
17. Full documentation as to the reason an accepted item was unavailable, and to the procedure used in determining acceptable alternates, will be available for audit and review. The person responsible for this documentation is the Director of Student Nutrition.

18. The Director of Student Nutrition will be responsible for maintaining all documentation of the procurement process.

B. If the amount of purchases for items is less than the district's formal purchase threshold, the following, **SMALL PURCHASE PROCEDURES, including quotes**, will be used. Quotes from an adequate number of qualified sources will be required.

1. Written Specifications will be prepared and provided to each vendor.
2. Each vendor will be contacted and given an opportunity to provide a price quote on the same specifications. A minimum of two vendors shall be contacted.
3. The Director of Student Nutrition or designee will be responsible for contacting potential vendors when price quotes are needed.
4. The price quotes will receive appropriate confidentiality before award.
5. Quotes will be awarded by the Director of Student Nutrition. Quotes awarded will be to the lowest and best quote based upon quality, service availability, price, and/or other important criteria for the item(s) being purchased.
6. The Director of Student Nutrition will be responsible for documentation of records to show selection of vendor, reasons for selection, names of all vendors contacted, price quotes from each vendor, and **written specifications**.
7. The Director of Student Nutrition will be responsible for documentation that the actual product specified is received.
8. Any time an accepted item is not available, the Director of Student Nutrition will select the acceptable alternate. Full documentation will be made available as to the selection of the acceptable item.
9. Bids will be awarded on the following criteria:
 - a. Price
 - b. Quality and Service
 - c. Additional information pursuant to the items being purchased
10. The Director of Student Nutrition is required to sign all quote tabulations, signifying a review and approval of the selections.

C. If items are available **only** from a single source **when the award of a contract is not feasible under small purchase, sealed bid or competitive negotiation**, **NON-COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION** procedures will be used:

1. Written Specifications will be prepared and provided to the vendor.
2. The Director of Student Nutrition will be responsible for the documentation of records to fully explain the decision to use the non-competitive negotiation. The records will be available for audit and review.
3. The Director of Student Nutrition will be responsible for documentation that the actual product or service specified was received.

4. The Chief Procurement Officer will be responsible for reviewing the procedures to be certain all requirements for using single source or non-competitive negotiation are met.

D. Miscellaneous Provisions:

1. In order to evaluate a new product, the following methods will be used:
 - a. Taste tests
 - b. Quality Reviews
 - c. Recommendations from COOP or other School Nutrition Programs
2. The School Food Authority agrees that the reviewing official of each transaction will be the Director of Student Nutrition.
3. Payment will be made to the vendor when the contract has been met and verified and has met the SFA's procedures for payment. (If prompt payment is made, discounts, etc. are accepted.)
4. Specifications will be updated as need dictates.
5. If product is not as specified, the following procedure will take place:
 - a. Product will be returned to the vendor

E. Emergency or "Pressing Need" Purchases

- 1) If it is necessary to make a one-time emergency procurement to continue service or obtain goods, the purchase shall be made, and a log of all such purchases shall be maintained by the Director of Student Nutrition and Chief Procurement Officer. The following emergency procedures shall be followed. All emergency procurements shall be approved by the Chief Procurement Officer. At a minimum, the following emergency procurement procedures shall be documented:
 - a. Item name
 - b. Dollar amount
 - c. Vendor, and
 - d. Reason for emergency

F. The following conduct will be expected of all persons who are engaged in the awarding and administration of contracts supported by School Food and Nutrition Program Funds.

1. No employee, officer or agent of the Bloomfield Schools shall participate in the selection or in the award or administration of a contract supported by program funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.

Conflicts of interest arise when one of the following has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for the award:

- a. The employee, officer or agent;
- b. Any member of the immediate family;
- c. His or her partner;
- d. An organization which employs or is about to employ one of the above.

2. Bloomfield Schools employees, officers or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to sub-agreements.
3. Penalties for violation of the code of conduct of the Bloomfield Schools Student Nutrition Program should be:
 - a. Reprimand by Board of Education;
 - b. Dismissal by Board of Education;
 - c. Any legal action necessary.

G. **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS.** The Vendor shall conduct criminal background checks on each of its employees who, pursuant to this Agreement, engage in any services on Bloomfield Schools property or at Bloomfield Schools events. The Vendor shall provide documentation that criminal background checks were conducted on each of its employees prior to hiring and shall refuse employment to any person convicted of a felony or any other crime, whether misdemeanor or felony, that indicates the person poses a threat to the physical safety of students, school personnel or others. Such check shall include an annual check of the State Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Program, the State Sexually Violent Predator Registration Program, and the National Sex Offender Registry. Vendor shall not assign any employee or agent to provide services pursuant to this contract if (1) said worker appears on any of the listed registries; (2) said worker has been convicted of a felony; (3) said worker has been convicted of any crime, whether misdemeanor or felony, involving sex, violence, or drugs; or (4) said worker has engaged in any crime or conduct indicating that the worker may pose a threat to the safety or well-being of student or school personnel. Bloomfield Schools reserves the right to prohibit any individual employee of Vendor from providing services on Bloomfield Schools property or at Bloomfield Schools events if Bloomfield Schools determines, in its sole discretion, that such employee poses a threat to the safety or well-being of students, school personnel or others.