

**INVITATION TO BID
THIS IS NOT AN ORDER**

Date: January 27, 2023

From: **KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Purchasing Department
139 East Park Avenue
Soldotna, Alaska 99669
(907)714-8876

BID NUMBER: #120-23

BID DUE DATE: 4:00 P.M., Alaska Time, February 24, 2023

CLASSIFICATION: Frozen Food Products

DELIVERY DATE: Upon Purchase Order requests first delivery or pick-up on the week of April 10, 2023 through the week of May 8, 2023.

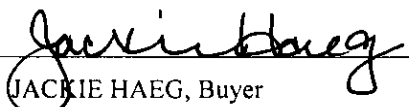
DELIVERY POINT: KPBSD Central Rec. Warehouse, 139 East Park Avenue, Soldotna, AK 99669 or Bidder's warehouse location, Anchorage, Alaska. Both prices must be listed on the bid specification sheets, if applicable.

If you are eligible for KPBSD Local Bidder Preference, you must include the following information:

Kenai Peninsula Borough Sales Tax Account Number: _____

Kenai Peninsula Borough Personal Property Tax Account Number: _____

YOU MUST BE CURRENT IN ALL PAYMENTS OF THE ABOVE.

FOR BUYER: 
JACKIE HAEG, Buyer

FOR SELLER: Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Manual Signature of Bid Manager: _____

Printed Name of Bid Manager: _____

Date Returned: _____

**** THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH BID SUBMISSION ****

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
139 East Park Avenue
Soldotna, Alaska 99669-7553

I. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (hereinafter also KPBSD or District), invites the submission of Bids to provide Frozen Food Products to the District in accordance with the following Instructions to Bidders.

The District will enter into a contract with the successful bidder beginning March 1, 2023 ending May 1, 2023.

Any interested party may obtain a copy of the Invitation to Bid from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District website at www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us or from the Purchasing Department, 139 East Park Avenue, Soldotna, AK 99669, 907-714-8876.

To be considered for award, one (1) original of the bid must be received by the KPSBD Purchasing Department, 139 East Park Avenue, Soldotna, AK, 99669 no later than 4:00 P.M., Alaska Time, February 24, 2023. Each bid must be submitted in a single sealed envelope or package marked on the outside **FROZEN FOOD PRODUCTS, #120-23; Due: NLT 4:00 P.M., Alaska Time, February 24, 2023.**

Bids delivered by fax or by electronic means are not acceptable and will not be considered.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

A. NON-DISCRIMINATION

No contractor on any District contract may discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, marital status, handicap, or change in marital status. All successful contractors shall take affirmative action to insure such non-discrimination. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. All successful contractors must agree to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notice setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination section and this section shall be deemed to be part of every contract entered into by the District under these policies.

B. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WARRANTY

Bidder, if awarded a contract, warrants that the products sold or service rendered to the buyer shall conform to the standards and/or regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 651, PL 91-596). In the event the product sold does not conform to the OSHA standards and/or regulations, the buyer may return the product for correction or replacement at seller's option and at seller's expense. Services performed by the seller which do not conform the OSHA standards and/or regulations must be corrected by seller at seller's expense or by buyer at seller's expense in the event seller fails to make the appropriate correction within a reasonable time.

C. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Bidders must fully comply with the requirements regarding debarment and suspension in Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180, as adopted by the Department of Education at 2 CFR §3485.12. Bidders are responsible for ensuring lower tier covered transactions include a term or condition requiring compliance with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 3485, entitled Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions. Contractors, subcontractors, or suppliers that appear on the Excluded Parties List System are not eligible for award of contracts that are a covered transaction under Subpart B of 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 3485. Bidders may access the Excluded Parties List System at SAM.gov.

D. COMPLIANCE

Bidder, if awarded a contract, shall comply with all State, Federal and Local laws, regulations or orders applicable to the purchase, manufacture, processing and delivery of the equipment and material used in providing the services. A successful bidder shall certify in the following or substantially equivalent words on the invoice or other appropriate document: "We hereby certify that the goods covered by this invoice were produced in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act as amended, including Section 6 and 12 thereof, and of the regulations and others of the U.S. Department of Labor under Section 14 thereof.

E. BIDS

1. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to have its bid received by the District Purchasing Department prior to the time of the scheduled bid due date and time. Bid(s) will be marked with the date and time of receipt. Late bids shall not be considered and shall be returned to the bidder, unopened and marked with the date and hour of receipt, per School Board Policy, AR 3311, Bids. No responsibility will attach to any officer or agent of the District for the premature opening of, or the failure to open, a bid not properly addressed and identified.
2. One or more addenda to the Invitation to Bid may be issued by the District after the ITB process is opened. A copy of any addendum issued by the District must be signed by the bidder and submitted along with its bid. While the District will make reasonable efforts to notify bidders of any addenda, it is the sole responsibility of the bidder to verify whether any addenda have been issued. Bidders should check the District website to ascertain if any addenda have been issued.
3. Bidders should read this Invitation to Bid carefully and review all instructions contained herein. Incomplete or incorrect bids may be rejected as not conforming to the essential requirements of the ITB.
4. This request implies no obligation on the part of the District. Award of this Invitation to Bid is contingent upon the availability of funds. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to act in the best interest of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.
5. No oral interpretation will be given on any part of the ITB documents. Any bidder in doubt as to the true meaning of any part of this ITB may submit a written request for an interpretation thereof. Two types of questions generally arise. One may be answered by directing the bidder to a specific section of the ITB. These questions may be answered by direct communication to the bidder submitting the question. Questions which, in the opinion of the Buyer, require a more detailed or complex reply, or require an answer that may affect responses to this ITB or may be prejudicial to other prospective bidders, will be answered by issuing an addendum. **Questions must be received by the District Purchasing Department no later than 4:00 p.m. Alaska Time, February 10, 2023.** Any addendum resulting from submitted questions will be posted to the District website at least seven (7) days prior to the deadline for ITB submissions. It is the bidder's responsibility to check the website frequently prior to submitting their bid. Questions can be delivered as follows:

Re: FROZEN FOOD PRODUCTS, #120-23

Fax: 907-262-7165

E-mail: bids@kpbsd.k12.ak.us

Mail: Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Purchasing Department
139 E Park Avenue
Soldotna, AK 99669

6. If a bidder fails to notify the District of a discrepancy, defect, ambiguity or other error in the ITB, their bid shall be submitted at the bidder's own risk and should the bidder's submission, in whole or part, be deemed the winning bid, the bidder shall not be entitled to additional compensation or other consideration by reason of the discrepancy, defect, ambiguity or other error, or its later correction or clarification. Protests based on any discrepancy, defect, ambiguity or other error in the solicitation will be disallowed if the fault has not been brought to the attention of the District, in writing, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for submission of bids. If such date falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline shall be the last business day before the weekend or holiday.

7. All bids and addenda must be manually signed. A bid may be signed by: an officer or other agent of a corporate vendor, if authorized to sign contracts on its behalf; a member of a partnership; an owner of a privately-owned

vendor; or agent if properly authorized by a power of attorney or equivalent document. The name and title of the individual(s) signing the bid must be clearly shown immediately below the signature.

8. Each bidder understands and agrees that it submits its bid at its own risk and expense and releases the District from any claim for damages or other liability arising out of the Invitation to Bid and award process, including but not limited to: bid preparation costs and costs associated with any challenge (administrative, judicial or otherwise (including attorney fees)) to the determination of the winning bid and/or rejection of bids. No obligation of any sort is created nor may liability, financial or otherwise, be asserted against the District, its Board, Board members, employees, agents or insurers as a result of this Invitation to Bid. By submitting a bid, each bidder agrees to be bound in this respect.

9. Bids may be withdrawn on written request delivered to the District Purchasing Department (fax is acceptable) prior to the time specified for submittal. Bids not withdrawn prior to the specified time may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the time for receipt of bids.

10. All bids must comply with these instructions.

11. All bids must be submitted on the forms provided by the District, or if none are included, in accordance with the requirements of the ITB.

12. Bidders must comply with all of the terms of this ITB, and all applicable local, state, and federal laws, codes and regulations. The District may reject any bid that does not comply with all of the material and substantial terms, conditions, and performance requirements of the ITB and any bid which contains information or material which cannot be verified or otherwise confirmed for purposes of determining responsiveness to the solicitation.

13. Bidders may not qualify a bid nor restrict the rights of the District. If a bidder does so, the District may determine the bid to be non-responsive and the bid may be rejected. If the District fails to identify or detect supplemental terms or conditions in a bid that conflict with those contained in this ITB or that diminish the District's rights under any award resulting from this ITB, the term(s) or condition(s) will be considered null and void.

14. The District shall have the authority to waive irregularities on any and all bids, except that timeliness and manual signature requirements shall not be waived, when deemed to be in the best interest of the District.

15. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, consider alternates, and further reserve the right to waive formalities in ITB procedures

16. The District reserves the right to select final quantities and product based on total cost and cost itemization.

17. The apparent low bidder(s) may be required, if deemed to be in the best interest of the District, to submit written verification of their ability to fill any order(s) subsequent to this ITB in accordance with the specifications and delivery time line established in this bid document, prior to final award.

18. Once the bid has been awarded and subsequent purchase orders have been issued, if the low bidder cannot fill the purchase orders in accordance with the specifications of the ITB, the District may vacate that award, cancel any affected purchase orders, and issue new purchase orders to the next lowest responsible bidder.

F. FEDERAL EXCISE TAXES

The District is exempt from the Federal Excise taxes. Exemption Certificate will be furnished when required.

G. HOLD HARMLESS

Bidders shall define and hold the District, its officers, employees, agents, and insurers harmless from any and all claims arising from the use or consumption of product provided by bidder unless bidder can establish that such claims arise from the District's improper handling, storage, or use of the product.

H. AGGRIEVED BIDDERS

Appeal Process for Aggrieved Bidders/Bidders for Contract Awards at \$25,000 or greater, AR 3311, Bids.

1. Any party submitting a bid for a contract or purchase order with the District for \$25,000 or greater may appeal to the Superintendent in writing, personally received at the District Purchasing office, within three (3) business days of the date of notice of intent to award a contract. The appeal may be hand delivered, by mail, or by facsimile and must comply with the requirements of this section.

2. A written appeal shall, at minimum, contain the following:

- a. The name, address, and telephone number of the interested party filing the appeal;
- b. The signature of the interested party or the interested party's authorized representative;
- c. Identification of the proposed award at issue;
- d. A statement of the legal or factual grounds for the appeal;
- e. Copies of all relevant documents; and
- f. A fee of \$300.00 shall be paid to the District and must be received by the deadline for filing the written appeal. This fee shall be refundable if the appellant prevails in the appeal to the Superintendent.

3. The purchasing officer shall reject an untimely or incomplete appeal or an appeal filed without timely payment of the required fee.

4. If a timely and complete appeal is filed with the fee, the award of a contract or purchase order shall be stayed until all administrative remedies have been exhausted, unless the Superintendent determines in writing that award of the contract or purchase order pending resolution of the appeal is in the best interest of the District.

5. Notice of the stay and appeal shall be delivered to any party who may be adversely affected by the Superintendent's decision by facsimile, first class mail or in person within three (3) business days of receipt of a properly filed appeal.

6. The Superintendent shall issue a written decision to the appellant within ten (10) business days of the date that the appeal is filed. If multiple appeals have been filed, they may be consolidated for purposes of the decision. Copies of the appeal and decision shall be provided as requested.

I. PUBLIC RECORDS CLAUSE

This Invitation to Bid and the resulting bids received, together with copies of all documents pertaining to the award of this ITB, will be kept by the Purchasing Department and made a part of the record which, following award of the ITB, will be open to public inspection, unless restricted by the bidder and/or School Board policy. If a bid contains any information which is proprietary or confidential, each such page of the bid must be clearly marked. Cost or price information will be open to public inspection.

J. LOCAL PREFERENCE CONDITIONS

School Board Policy AR 3311 states:

KPBSD intends to give preference to local residents, businesses, contractors, producers and dealers to the extent consistent with the law and best interest of the public.

The district purchasing officer shall purchase from the lowest qualified, responsive, and responsible bidder or business. When bids or quotes are within 5% of being equal, preference may be given to local businesses if it is determined by the superintendent to be in the best interest of the district. For the purpose of this policy, a local business is defined as: any business or company having a physical presence in the borough, registered in the borough to collect sales tax, and locally provides the products and services sought. The 5% policy may be applied to all purchases up to \$25,000.00.

Note: Local Bidder Preference does not apply where the provisions of an applicable statute, regulation, or grant prohibit local bidder preference.

K. CONTRACTOR'S VIOLATIONS OF TAX ORDINANCES

School Board Policy BP 3311 states:

No contract or purchase order shall be awarded to any individual or business that is found to be in violation of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Code of Ordinances in the several areas of taxation which is not remedied within ten (10) days of notice.

Any contract can be terminated for cause if it is determined that the contractor is in violation of any taxation ordinance and if such violation is not remedied within ten (10) days of notification by regular mail. If the delinquency arises due to non-filing of sales tax, no payment will be made to the contractor until all filings have been made and all amounts due are remitted.

The District will remit any amounts owed by its contractor(s) to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for delinquent Borough taxes against any amount owing to the contractor(s) under a contract between the District and the contractor(s).

L. RESPONSE REQUIRED

Your response, whether you are bidding or not, is our only indication of interest in District business. To assure continued receipt of invitations when not bidding, return only the cover sheet with the statement "NO BID" on its face and the name of the firm. Continued failure to do so will result in automatic removal of your firm from the commodity listing selected for this ITB.

M. AWARD

This bid will be awarded line by line.

II. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. RIGHT TO ENTRY

1. The selected bidder, and any of its officers, employees, or agents performing services, shall be permitted to enter upon District property in connection with the performance of its services hereunder, subject to the Terms and Conditions contained herein and those rules established by the District.
2. In the case of any property owned or leased by the District the selected bidder shall comply with and shall cause each of its officers, employees, and agents to comply with any and all instructions and requirements for the use of such property. Any and all claims, suits or judgments, costs, or expenses, including attorneys' reasonable fees arising from, by reason of, or in connection with any such entries shall be treated in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions of this Invitation to Bid, including without limitation, the indemnification provisions contained in this section.

B. PERSONNEL

1. The selected Proposer shall immediately assign and maintain a staff of competent personnel fully equipped and qualified to perform the services required by the contract. Resumes may be required for all personnel assigned, or to be assigned to the project. The District reserves the right to approve the assignment of any proposer personnel and/or any replacement personnel.
2. **RESTRICTIONS ON SEX OFFENDERS ON CAMPUS**
KPBSD School Board Policy BP 3515.7, www.kpbsd.org

C. ASSIGNMENT

The successful bidder(s) shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey any contract resulting from this ITB, whole or in part, without prior written consent of the District.

D. SHELF LIFE

All product items must have a minimum shelf life of 8 months after receipt by the District.

E. SAMPLES

1. Samples may be furnished to the District at no charge. Samples will not be returned.

2. Samples shall be of the grade and quality of the product to be furnished. Samples must come from a regular production run in a full, sealed case. One case is required for each sample submitted. If the product is wrapped with an ovenable wrap, a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) must be submitted.
3. If the manufacturer or broker is supplying samples for you, list the manufacturer or broker and identify the samples they are supplying.
4. Each samples shall be completely identified (i.e. manufacturer's name and product ID number and the item number as listed on the specifications/bid Forms. Unidentified samples will not be considered. Nutritional and shelf life information is required for all samples and must be provided. All frozen products must be delivered so that the product is frozen upon receipt at the FOB delivery point and has been maintained at the continual frozen state of 0 degrees Fahrenheit or below since shipment from manufacturer. Any product, which is damaged or thawed in transit, will not be accepted.
5. Sample(s) submitted directly by the manufacturer(s) or broker(s) shall require the manufacturer(s) or broker(s) to identify the sample(s) as specified above.
6. A detailed explanation of the decoding procedure for dating product (i.e. expiration date) must be provided for and accompany all samples.
7. Samples shall be shipped or delivered to:

Student Nutrition Services
139 East Park Avenue
Soldotna, AK 99669
8. Approved products that undergo a formulation change are no longer considered "approved" and must be tested. It is up to the manufacturer and broker to keep the District up to date.

F. NUTRITIONAL ANALYSIS

Federal Regulations require the District to have nutritional information on file for each food product served. Upon award, vendor(s) shall provide nutritional information per serving for each item awarded to them.

G. WARRANTY

1. The Seller expressly warrants that all food products purchased will be of the best quality available and they will meet the highest standard of the trade. The Seller guarantees to answer personally for all food products supplied to the District and shall undertake to correct workmanship or other defect(s) in food products found by the Buyer or designee.
2. Removal of Defective Food Products: Seller will promptly remove any food products that District designates as nonconforming or defective.
3. Replacement of Defective Food Products: Seller will promptly replace defective food products so as to avoid disrupting schedule.

H. QUANTITIES

1. The quantities listed herein are estimates only and are not intended to commit the Districts to purchase any specific quantity. In the event the District's requirements do not result in the request for the full amount described herein, such occurrence shall not constitute the basis for price adjustments under this contract.
2. Bidders must state in their bid any change of quantity or unit of measure, due to manufacturer's unit pack, for items that they are bidding. In the event a bidder does not specify his/her quantities and/or unit pack, the District will assume the bidder is bidding the quantity as specified in the Invitation to Bid and will require receipt of the quantities specified.

I. ORDERING

1. Orders for the District shall be placed with the vendor(s) by authorized district employees. The successful bidder(s) shall provide the names, telephone numbers and email contact information of all persons responsible for order submission.
2. Orders will be placed starting March 1, 2023 for first receipt on the week of April 10, 2023. Subsequent orders are “as required” by District. District personnel will place orders and schedule receipt for required products 6 weeks in advance. Emergency orders will occasionally be placed with less than 6-week notice.
3. The District may at its sole discretion increase or decrease the quantities of any item beyond those originally bid. When increasing or decreasing said quantities, all bid prices shall be as originally bid for the term of the contract period. Bidders shall state on their bid the earliest delivery/receipt date. If time varies for different items, the bidder shall so state.
4. If the bidder elects to specify a minimum order quantity, it shall be so stated in the bid. The District may consider the minimum order quantity and elect to accept or reject, whichever is in the best interest of the District.
5. If the total quantity cannot be delivered, a partial order must be authorized **in advance** by the Buyer. If a partial order is authorized, satisfactory arrangements must be made for delivery of the remaining order.

J. ORDER DELIVERY/RECEIPT

1. Time of proposed product availability may be a factor considered in the awarding of bids.
2. All items must be kept at appropriate temperatures during “holding time.”
3. Receipt and Acceptance:
 - a. The District reserves the right to receive products from the successful bidder(s) and examine such products to verify that the specifications and quality are as bid. If there are no exceptions, the invoice will be processed for payment. If there is an exception, the supplier will be notified and a determination to reject or accept the product will be forthcoming.
 - b. The successful bidder(s) will be responsible for merchandise that is rejected. Damaged or inferior merchandise, for which the contractor is responsible, will be replaced within a reasonable time at no cost to the District.
4. District may at their discretion receive pallets as is or request individual case count before acceptance.
6. All products shall be packaged to safeguard the property from damage. Further, all orders shall be palletized and wrapped/banded if shipment warrants. The pallets must be in like-new (undamaged) condition.

K. PRICING

1. Prices bid must be valid from March 1, 2023 through May 1, 2023.
2. All prices bid shall be in U.S. dollars.
3. Prices should be stated in units of measure specified (e.g. each, package, box, case, etc.) or in minimum packaging required by manufacturers.
 - a. All changes to the quantity, unit of measure, description, etc., must be noted on the Specifications/Bid Forms.

L. REBATES

If manufacturer rebates are allowed or offered, they will be paid to the District.

M. INVOICING AND PAYMENT

1. Original Invoices shall be directed to the Student Nutrition Office at the following address:

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Student Nutrition Department
139 East Park Avenue
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

2. Payment will be made upon receipt, inspection and acceptance of products.

3. Purchase order numbers shall appear on all invoices.

4. The District is not subject to sales tax.

N. SANITATION AND INSPECTION OF FOODS

1. All food products must be securely packaged, wrapped or cartoned. The vehicles used for transport must be covered and not used for any other use other than to transport finished food products. Damaged goods or pallets piled unreasonably high will not be accepted. Glass containers will not be accepted.

2. Foods received, stored, issued or sold will be handled in a food safe and sanitary manner. All food products will be protected from sun, water, heat, dust, insects, rodents and other external contaminants. This is to ensure products are not damaged as a result of temperature abuse.

3. If bidding items that are wrapped with an ovenable wrap, bidders must submit with their bid a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each such item.

4. All foods delivered must be labeled with production date and best used before date on packaging. An explanation of the date code system is mandatory.

5. **The successful bidder(s) must provide a current recall plan for the District in the event of a product being discontinued for any food safety reason.**

O. SUBSTITUTIONS

Successful bidder(s) is required to obtain prior approval for any item to be substituted by calling or emailing the Student Nutrition Services office.

P. TEMPERATURE REQUIREMENTS

1. All frozen products must be stored so that the product is frozen solid and has been continuously maintained frozen solid at zero (0) degrees F or below, prior to delivery at the F.O.B. point. All products suspected of being previously thawed and re-frozen will be rejected upon arrival at the KPBSD warehouse.

2. The successful bidder(s) must show proof of temperature history from shipping point to F.O.B. point. A Ryan temperature recorder or a similar device is mandatory.