



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP 15-01-08

Bakery Products – Bread (Nutrition Services)

The Houston Independent School District (“HISD” and/or the “District”) is soliciting proposals for **Bakery Products – Bread for Nutrition Services Division** as more fully set out in the Scope of Work and Specific Conditions and Specifications sections of this Request for Proposals (“RFP”). An original and at least 3 copies of the proposal must be submitted in accordance with the instructions set out herein to:

Houston Independent School District
Board Services - Room 1C03
Attn: **Enrique Kladis, MBA**
RFP/ **15-01-08 Bakery Products- Bread**
4400 West 18th Street
Houston, TX 77092

Each set of the proposal must be submitted in a binder. The original proposal must be labeled “ORIGINAL” and contain original signatures. The copies of the original must be labeled “COPY.”

Each binder and any container for the binder(s) must be labeled on the outside with the Proposer’s name, address, the RFP number and the RFP name.

Proposals will be received at the above address until **February, 9 2015 at 2:00 PM (CST)**. A pre-proposal conference will be held in conjunction with the RFP at Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 West 18th Street, Houston, Texas 77092. Submitting proposals prior to the pre-proposal conference is not recommended, and such proposals may be rejected by HISD. A more detailed timeline is set out in the Instructions, Submission Requirements and Procedures section of the RFP. Proposals will be reviewed as received in a manner that avoids disclosure to competing proposals. Contents of proposals will remain confidential during the negotiations period. Only the proposal number and the identity of the Proposer(s) submitting the proposal will be made available to the public before award of the RFP. Proposals received after the Proposal due date and time will not be considered.

HISD will hold a pre-proposal conference in Room 2C04, Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 West 18th Street, Houston, Texas 77092.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted. Proposals must be submitted in sufficient time to be received and time-stamped at the above location on or before the proposal due date and time. HISD will not be responsible for proposals delivered late by the United States Postal Service, or any other delivery or courier services. All proposals must remain open for one hundred twenty (160) days from the proposal due date pending acceptance by HISD.

The District will award this RFP to a single respondent, multi-supplier award, or line item award (choose the award method according to the committee agreement and scope), based upon the evaluation of all proposals received. More details regarding evaluation of proposals are included in Section III, which is the Scope of Work and Specific Conditions section of this RFP.

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Date

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I. INSTRUCTIONS, SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

1.1 GENERAL INFORMATION: The following instructions by the District are intended to afford Proposer(s) an equal opportunity to participate in the proposal process and provide a predetermined set of criteria representing the District's business and service requirements. This proposal is governed by Texas Education Code (TEC), other applicable Texas state statutes, and all local Board of Education (Board) policies.

1.1.1 CODE OF SILENCE AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: The Board of Education (Board) has adopted a "Code of Silence" policy (ref. [Board Policy CAA \(Local\)](#)) and a "Conflict of Interest Disclosures" policy (ref. [Board Policy BBFA \(Local\)](#)) to enforce its commitment to ethical contracting standards and improve accountability and public confidence. It is important to avoid both the appearance of conflicts and actual conflicts of interest.

1.1.2 The "Code of Silence" shall mean a prohibition on any communication regarding any RFP, bid, or other competitive solicitation between:

1. Any person who seeks an award from the District or its affiliated entities (including, but not limited to, the HISD Foundation and the HISD Public Facility Corporation), including a potential vendor or vendor's representative, and
2. Board members, the Superintendent of Schools, senior staff members, principals, department heads, directors, managers, or other District representatives who have influence in the evaluation or selection process.

The "Code of Silence" time period shall begin when the Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued and ends upon the execution of the contract. During the "Code of Silence", campaign contributions, gifts, donations, loans, and any other items of value are prohibited between these parties, including candidates who have filed for election to the Board.

The "Conflicts of Interest Disclosures" requires a Board member to disclose and recuse himself or herself from voting on any contract, agreement, or any other District transaction involving an entity or related officer and/or key employee who has provided campaign contributions during the preceding 12 month period in excess of \$500.

Board Policy CAA (Local) pertaining to the "Code of Silence" and Board Policy BBFA (Local) pertaining to "Conflicts of Interest Disclosures" are attached by URL link above and incorporated by reference. Please review the policies carefully and ensure that the policies are followed in all respects. Proposer(s) agree and understand that non-compliance with the "Code of Silence" policy may result in disqualification. Furthermore, the failure of a Board member to disclose a conflict of interest may result in the debarment of a vendor for 24 months.

1.1.3 By submitting a proposal, the Proposer agrees to provide the goods/services in full accordance with the specifications and other contract documents notwithstanding existing material and labor markets conditions.

1.1.4 The designated project manager during the proposal process shall be **Enrique Kladis** ("Project Manager"), Procurement Services, 4400 West 18th Street, Houston, Texas 77092, phone (713) 556-6515, or, jkladis@houstonisd.org. **All communications pertaining to the RFP shall be addressed in writing to the Project Manager, as indicated in the next paragraph.**

1.1.5 Questions concerning the RFP will be answered only if sent to the Procurement Services Department, in writing via email to insert Project Manager's e-mail jkladis@houstonisd.org, **February, 6 2015 at 1:00 PM (CST)**. If there is a pre-proposal conference, responses to written questions submitted prior to the pre-proposal conference will be read at the pre-proposal conference and included in the first addendum along with additional information including questions and responses from the pre-proposal conference. All questions submitted in writing to the Project Manager prior to the deadline will be answered in the form of addenda. All addenda will be

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posted on the HISD Procurement website.

The Board of Education has approved a resolution establishing policy requiring Supplier(s) to have paid all assessed taxes and be free of any indebtedness to the District before a project is awarded.

Proposer(s) shall provide the District with a statement concerning any indebtedness, including personal and real property taxes, when submitting responses.

1.1.6 In an effort to encourage minority and women owned businesses to participate in HISD business and submit proposals based upon their capacity to perform and be successful, this project may be awarded to more than one Proposer if it is in the best interest of the District to do so. Interested Proposer(s) should obtain additional information concerning the District's location of schools and offices and consider submitting their proposal for any one or more schools and/or departments, or the entire District.

1.1.7 All costs related to the preparation and submission of this proposal shall be paid by the Proposer. Issuance of this RFP does not commit HISD, in any way, to pay any costs in the preparation and submission of the proposal. Nor does the issuance of the RFP obligate HISD to award, enter into an agreement, or purchase any goods and services stated in the RFP.

1.2 DEFINITIONS AND TERMS: In this RFP, terms are used as follows:

1.2.1 "Agreement" is defined in Section II, General Terms and Conditions.

1.2.2 "HISD, owner, district, and/or government entity" refers to Houston Independent School District.

1.2.3 "Proposer" refers to the person/firm that submits the proposal to this RFP.

1.2.4 "Project" means the Scope of Work for furnishing goods and services.

1.2.5 "Proposal" refers to the document submitted by an entity that addresses the scope and requirements of this RFP.

1.2.6 "RFP" refers to this Request for Proposal.

1.2.7 "Scope of Work" is set forth in Section III. Scope of Work and Specific Conditions.

1.2.8 "Supplier" and/or "Vendor" refer to the person(s)/firm(s)/entity(ies) to whom a contract is awarded pursuant to this RFP.

1.2.9 Singular terms shall include the plural and vice versa. A gender reference includes both genders.

1.3 SPECIFICATIONS: Proposer(s) are expected to examine and be familiar with all requirements and obligations of this entire RFP. Failure to do so will be at the Proposer(s) risk. The evaluation criteria for the award of this RFP are set forth in the Scope of Work and Specific Conditions Section of this RFP at paragraph 3.5. All exceptions to the specifications and requirements of the RFP must be noted in detail in the Proposal Exception Form (Form E hereto) and included in the proposal.

1.4 PROPOSAL INFORMATION REQUIRED:

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1.4.1 To achieve a uniform review process and obtain the maximum degree of comparability, it is required that proposals be organized in the manner specified.

The Proposal shall be submitted in a binder with tabs as set forth below:

Title Page

Show the RFP subject, the name of the Proposer's firm, address, telephone number, name of contact person, and date.

- **Tab 1 – Table of Contents**

Clearly identify the materials by sections and page numbers.

- **Tab 2 – Proposal Submission Forms**

Complete and return Forms A–G set forth in the last Section of this RFP. The set of forms submitted in the proposal marked "ORIGINAL" requires original manual signatures. Copies of the forms bearing original signatures should be included in each additional proposal.

The forms should be submitted in the following order:

1. FORM A: Company Information
2. FORM B: M/WBE Participation Report
3. FORM C: Addendum for Agreement Funded by U.S. Federal Grant (Non-Construction Contracts)
4. FORM D: Pricing and Service Affirmation
5. FORM E: Exception Form
6. FORM F: Price Schedule (if applicable) (should be placed in tab 7)
7. FORM G: CHE (Local) Questionnaire

- **Tab 3 – Profile of the Proposer**

- a. Indicate the number of people in your organization and their level of experience and qualifications and the percentage of their time that will be dedicated to this project.
- b. Provide a list of the Proposer's top ten current and prior two years' clients indicating the type of goods and/or services your organization has provided and/or performed for each client.
Certification of Insurance (Acord form).

- **Tab 4 – Scope Section**

Clearly describe the scope of the goods and /or services to be provided based upon the information in the Scope of Work and Specific Conditions and Specification Sections stated in the RFP. Respond to each item listed.

- **Tab 5 – Questionnaire Response — [If questionnaires are supplied and a response is required.]**

Respond to any questionnaires included in the RFP. If no questionnaires are submitted, this section should be left blank.

- **Tab 6 – Invoice Procedure**

- a. Describe the firm's invoicing procedure.
- b. Include documentation identifying all of the Proposer's fees.
- c. Payment terms. The District's standard payment terms are 30 days after invoice is received. State any payment discounts that your company offers, i.e., 2% 10 days – net 30; or 5% 7 days – net 30.

- **Tab 7 – Price**

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Any and all pricing information, including any alternate pricing proposals that may be acceptable for some projects. Include a hard copy of Form F (Price Schedule) in this section, if applicable.

- **Tab 8 – Addenda**

Insert all addenda under this section.

1.5 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: The Proposer(s) should propose his/her lowest and best price, (as applicable), on each good/service which is the subject of this RFP. Proposals shall be submitted in strict compliance with the instructions set out in this RFP.

1.5.1 All prices shall be entered on the proposal in ink or typewritten. All required signatures shall be original and in ink.

1.5.2 Proposed prices should be firm (fixed). If the Proposer(s), however, believes it necessary to include in his/her price an economic price adjustment, such a proposal may be considered, but only as an alternate proposal and should be noted in the Exception Form (FORM E). The economic price adjustment should give the maximum price increase or decrease (either % or \$) and the date and/or event at which the increase would be effective. Additionally, if a Proposer has reason to believe a better (more cost effective) method is practical, then the Proposer may offer that better pricing option as an alternative.

1.5.3 All costs associated with the project must be enumerated in the proposal. Any costs associated with the project not explicitly enumerated and discussed in the proposal will not be honored. Proposer(s) shall provide information on their standard fee arrangement for any goods and/or services proposed, and any discounts offered. Proposer(s) must include in the cost proposal all travel and accommodation expenses associated with travel to perform this project. Travel expenses associated with the project must conform to a “reasonableness” test for travel expenditures associated with governmental travel and must be pre-approved by the District before being incurred.

1.5.4 The District’s standard freight terms are F.O.B., destination, prepaid and allowed. HISD may specify various and different locations within the District for “destination” during the term of the Agreement, or extension of the term, and prices should include allowances for such freight contingencies. No C.O.D. shipments will be accepted. If the goods are not shipped in accordance with HISD’s directions and the instructions set out in the Agreement, the Supplier shall pay to HISD any excess cost incurred by District.

1.5.5 Proposer(s) are required to provide HISD with a menu of any optional services offered. Each service must be priced separately and independent of any other services offered or rendered.

1.5.6 HISD is exempt from and will not be responsible for payment of any taxes.

1.5.7 Failure to manually sign the required forms of this proposal may result in rejection of the proposal.

1.5.8 A signed submitted proposal constitutes an offer to perform the work and/or deliver the product(s) specified in this RFP.

1.6 FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Proposer(s) may be required to submit a current audited financial statement. The Project Manager will determine the necessity of financial information. In the event the Proposer(s) does not have an audited statement, other information such as an unaudited statement or copies of the Proposer(s)’ federal income tax returns, with all amendments, may be required.

1.7 DISCUSSIONS / NEGOTIATIONS: Discussions/negotiations may be conducted with Proposer(s) who are deemed to be within the final competitive range; however, HISD reserves the right to award a contract without discussions/negotiations. The competitive range will be determined by HISD and will include only those initial proposals

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that HISD determines have a reasonable chance of being awarded a contract. If discussions/negotiations are conducted, Proposer(s) may be required to submit a best and final offer. The best and final offer may be required as early as 24 hours after completion of negotiations/discussions.

1.8 BEST AND FINAL OFFERS: Best and final offers must be received by the date/time provided during discussions/negotiations, or the originally submitted proposal will be used for further evaluation and award recommendation.

1.9 MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS: Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by written or electronic notice received by the Project Manager prior to the exact hour and date specified for receipt of proposals. A proposal may also be withdrawn in person by a Proposer’s authorized representative prior to the Proposal Due Date and time, provided the Proposer’s identity is confirmed and Proposer’s representative signs a receipt for the proposal.

1.10 OPENING PROPOSALS: All proposals may be opened as soon as received. A formal public "opening" will not be held. Trade secrets and confidential information contained in proposals shall not generally be open for public inspection, but HISD’s records are subject to the State of Texas Public Information Act requirements.

1.11 SCHEDULE: The following schedule and timelines apply to this RFP.

1.11.1 **Proposal Schedule:** HISD desires to complete the proposal process in accordance with the following timeline which is subject to change at the District’s discretion:

Timeline	
Release RFP	January, 26 2015
Pre-Proposal Conference	January 28 2015 at 2:00P.M. (CST); in Room 2C04, Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 West 18th Street, Houston, Texas 77092
Last date for questions:	February, 6 2015 at 1:00 PM (CST)
RFP Due	February, 9 2015 at 2:00 PM (CST)
Evaluation Period	February, 9th – 20th 2015 (subject to change)
Sample Testing	TBD
Selected Proposal(s) Approved	Next regularly scheduled Board meeting after interviews and selection

1.11.2. Proposer(s) are strongly encouraged to attend the pre-proposal conference. The conference will start promptly at the stated time and be moderated by a Procurement Department member. General rules of business meeting protocol will be observed during the meeting. Admittance for individuals arriving late is at the discretion of the moderator. In the event that an individual is admitted late, questions already discussed will not be revisited during the remaining portion of the conference.

Individuals attending the pre-proposal conference will be required to sign an attendance roster. In addition to their name and company name, each person will be asked to supply an email address, telephone number and a fax number for facsimile transmissions, if needed. This attendance roster will be posted as an addendum on the District’s website along with the RFP and other related documents.

1.11.3 At the District’s discretion, one or more Proposer(s) may be invited to demonstrate their solution(s) and/or system(s) and interview, based on a District pre-defined agenda and time line. Said Proposer(s) will be notified by e-mail if the District determines that such demonstrations and interviews are needed. Proposer(s) shall demonstrate their competence, qualifications and/or ability to satisfy the District’s RFP requirements.

1.11.4 Award of the Project to Proposer(s) will be confirmed by a fully executed Agreement, an Agreement Letter and/or confirming Purchase Order.

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1.11.5 Timelines set forth herein may be strictly enforced by the District. The District, however, maintains sole discretion to adjust any deadline or timeline to suit the best interests of the District.

1.11.6 **Late Proposals:** Responses submitted after the due date and time noted in this RFP shall not be considered and shall be returned to the Proposer(s), unopened, by United States Mail. The District is not responsible for lateness of U.S. Mail, Commercial (Professional) Carrier, personal delivery, or any other delivery method. The time and date stamp clock in the Houston ISD's Board Services Department, Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 West 18th Street, Houston, Texas 77092, shall be the official date and time of receipt. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Proposer(s) to ensure that his or her bid is received at the appropriate location by the specified deadline. **There shall be no exceptions to these requirements.**

1.12 RETENTION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTATION: All proposal materials and supporting documentation that are submitted in response to this proposal becomes the permanent property of HISD.

1.13 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. The District reserves the right in its sole discretion to accept the proposal(s) it considers the best value for the District, and the right to waive any and all minor irregularities in the proposal(s). Additionally, the District reserves the right to waive any requirements of the RFP. The District further reserves the right to reject all proposals and seek new proposals when such action would be deemed in the best interests of the District.

1.14 APPEAL PROCESS: Any Proposer(s) that submitted a proposal may appeal the District's award, if the appeal is based on deviations from laws, rules, regulations, or Board of Education policies. Board of Education GF Local applies to Proposer(s) wishing to appeal a proposal and/or award of a contract: Proposer(s) shall submit appeals via U.S. mail or electronic-mail (e-mail), utilizing the District Dispute Resolution Form, to the General Manager – Procurement Services, and appeals must be received no later than 4:00 P.M. on or before the fifteenth (15th) business day after Board Award. In the event that a Proposer is unsure about the Board Award, it is the Proposer's responsibility to contact Procurement Services on the next business day after the Board Award is announced, and verify the specifics concerning the Award. Proposers need to conduct whatever research is necessary to verify the Award, and, in the event that an appeal is filed, must meet the fifteenth business day rule stated in GF Local. The 15 days begins to run on the first business day after Board Award is announced.

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II. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions are incorporated into this RFP and incorporated into any letter agreement or formal written agreement between HISD and the successful Proposer(s).

2.1 AGREEMENT, INTEGRATION, TERM & TRANSITION, PURCHASE ORDER REQUIREMENTS:

2.1.1 The terms, conditions, specifications, stipulations and requirements stated in this RFP, and any and all Addenda issued by HISD shall become part of the Agreement entered into between the District and the Supplier, unless otherwise determined by the District per the Agreement provisions. The Supplier, as determined by the District, may be required to execute a written contract to furnish all goods and/or services and other deliverables required for successful completion of the proposed project. **No Supplier shall obtain any interest or rights in any award until the District has executed the Agreement.** The District reserves the right to require any modification, or modifications to the Agreement terms if the modifications are deemed to be in the best interest of the District and do not substantially change the scope of the Board award.

2.1.2 The District does not sign Supplier contract forms. Supplier(s) should be familiar with the District's Agreement form, Agreement letter and/or purchase order and indicate in its proposal that this type of project documentation is acceptable. This information should be included in the transmittal letter. In the event that a project is awarded to a Supplier and the Supplier requests changes to the District standard Agreement form, the District reserves the right to cancel the award and re-award the project to an alternate Supplier(s).

2.1.3 In the event of a license agreement or other contract document requested by the Supplier for execution, the District reserves the right to review and amend such document at the District's discretion.

2.1.4 The Request for Proposals, with all Addenda, those provisions in the proposal that are satisfactory to the District, and the District's Agreement form(s), which may include, but are not limited to a written contract, agreement letter or purchase order constitute the Agreement between the Supplier and the District (collectively, the "Agreement"). NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN ANY SUPPLIER FORM, PROPOSAL OR DOCUMENTATION, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AS INTEGRATED ABOVE SHALL BE CONTROLLING IN ALL INSTANCES. To the extent there is any conflict between or among the documents composing the Agreement, the following hierarchy (from most to least authoritative) shall prevail: (i) District's Agreement forms (written contract, agreement letter or purchase order as applicable), and (ii) RFP as provided by the District all Addenda, and (iii) any Proposal provisions agreed to by the District.

2.1.5 Unless otherwise provided or required by the District, a standard agreement which results from this RFP shall be for a period of one year from the effective date of the Agreement with an exclusive option by the District to renew on an annual basis thereafter for two additional one-year terms, or as otherwise stated in the Agreement. Alternately, the District may approve longer or shorter terms of agreement upon the mutual consent of the parties. At the District's option, there may be an additional 90-day transitional period added to the end of the initial term or any renewal term. The Agreement prices, terms and conditions are to remain in force during the transitional period. Should the Agreement with the Supplier terminate during the initial or any renewal term for any reason, the District reserves the right to have the same transitional period, prices, terms and conditions as if the Agreement terminated at the expiration of that term.

2.1.6 At the discretion of the District, purchases may require the issuance of an official HISD purchase order from the District's Procurement Services Department. If so required, then all goods provided without a purchase order will be returned at Supplier's expense. All services provided without a purchase order may be considered a contribution to the District.

2.1.6.1 HISD reserves the right to make changes to a purchase order (e.g., increase/decrease quantities,

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change delivery date, delivery address). Any changes to a purchase order shall be communicated to the awarded supplier by the issuance of a formal change purchase order. Only an HISD procurement staff member may make a change to the purchase order by issuing and sending a formal change purchase order to the awarded supplier.

2.1.7 Once the performance of the Agreement has begun, any change orders or requests will be made in accordance with Texas Education Code Section 44.0411 and applicable HISD procedures and policies. If Supplier acts on the direction of a District employee that is not authorized to make changes, Supplier does so at his or her own risk or peril and risks termination of the Agreement for cause. Also, if a Supplier attempts, or receives, a modification/amendment from a District employee that is not authorized to make changes, the Supplier does this at his or her own risk or peril and risks termination of the Agreement for cause.

2.2 NON-ASSIGNMENT: The Supplier may not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer its interest in the Agreement award or any part thereof, without prior written consent from the District. The Supplier shall have full responsibility for the completion and performance of all services and the delivery of all goods awarded to Supplier pursuant to this RFP.

2.3 USE OF DISTRICT NAME OR LOGO(S): Supplier may not use the District's official name or logo, or any phrase associated with the District, without the written permission from the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, or their designee.

2.4 AUTHORIZATION / PERMITS: The Supplier must have current licenses, permits, fees and similar authorizations required by the City of Houston, Harris County, and the State of Texas to conduct business and provide awarded goods and/or services to the District and, upon the request of the District, must provide copies of all licenses, permits and fees as being paid and current that are required to do business by the city, county and State for the type of business they are seeking to provide to the District. Supplier will maintain all such licenses, permits, fees and similar authorizations current for the duration of the Agreement term.

2.5 SUPPLIER NATIONWIDE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS: Pursuant to Sections 22.085 and 22.0834 of the Texas Education Code, Supplier hereby certifies that all employees, subcontractors and volunteers of the Supplier who are hired by Supplier on or after January 1, 2008, and who have continuing duties related to the contracted services; and who have or will have direct contact with students have passed a national criminal history background record information review as required by those sections.

Supplier shall send or ensure that the employee or applicant sends to the Texas Department of Public Safety ("DPS") information that is required by the DPS for obtaining national criminal history record information, which may include fingerprints and photographs. DPS shall obtain the person's national criminal history record information and report the results through the criminal history clearinghouse as provided by Section 411.0845, Government Code.

Supplier must also obtain certifications from all subcontractors that their employees to whom Section 22.0834 applies have also passed a national criminal history background record information review.

Supplier must also provide assurances that all of its employees, subcontractors and volunteers, including those hired before January 1, 2008, who have contact with students have passed a criminal history background check current within the last year. If an employee, subcontractor or volunteer of the Supplier has a criminal conviction or has received deferred adjudication for a felony offense or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, the District may elect not to enter into this contract, or cancel the contract.

WARNING: Section 44.034 of the Texas Education Code requires that a person or business entity that enters into a contract with a school district must give advance notice to the district if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The notice must include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony.

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The district may terminate this contract if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to give notice as required by Section 44.034 (a) or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. The district will compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the contract.

2.6 SUPPLIER DOCUMENT AUDIT AND INSPECTION/RECORD RETENTION/STUDENT INFORMATION:

2.6.1 The District reserves the right to audit various Supplier documents as requested by the District. From time to time, the District may desire to audit certain Supplier documents to ensure compliance with the Agreement and/or proposal response. Some audits may include but are not limited to: checking Supplier's invoices, authenticating the origin, Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), shelf life of products and/or other similar types of documents. The Supplier agrees to furnish the District, in a reasonable time at a mutually agreeable place, documents requested by the District to perform any such reviews or audits.

2.6.2 HISD, or its authorized representative, shall be afforded unrestricted access to and permitted to inspect and copy all Supplier's records, which shall include but not be limited to accounting records (hard copy as well as computer readable data), correspondence, instructions, drawings, receipts, vouchers, memoranda and similar data relating to this project. Supplier shall preserve all such records for a period of five (5) fiscal years or for such longer period as may be required by law, after final payment relating to this project. If this project is funded from contract/grant funds provided by the U. S. Government or the State of Texas, all documentation, including books, and records shall be available for review and audit by the Comptroller General of the U. S. and/or the Inspector General of the federal sponsoring agency, or the State of Texas and its duly authorized representatives.

2.7 CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION: The District and the Supplier may provide technical information, documentation and expertise to each other that is either (1) marked as being confidential or, (2) if delivered in oral form is summarized in writing within 10 working days and identified as being confidential ("Confidential Information"). The receiving party shall for a period of five (5) years from the date of disclosure (i) hold the disclosing party's Confidential Information in strict confidence, and (ii), except as previously authorized in writing by the disclosing party, not publish or disclose the disclosing party's Confidential Information to anyone other than the receiving party's employees on a need-to-know basis, and (iii) use the disclosing party's Confidential Information solely for performance of this project. The foregoing requirement shall not apply to any portion of a party's Confidential Information which (a) becomes publicly known through no wrongful act or omission on the part of the receiving party; (b) is already known to the receiving party at the time of the disclosure without similar nondisclosure obligations; (c) is rightfully received by the receiving party from a third party without similar nondisclosure obligations; (d) is approved for release by written authorization of the disclosing party; (e) is clearly demonstrated by the receiving party to have been independently developed by the receiving party without access to the disclosing party's Confidential Information; or (f) is required to be disclosed by order of a court or governmental body or by applicable law, provided that the party intending to make such required disclosure shall notify the other party of such intended disclosure in order to allow such party to seek a protective order or other remedy.

2.8 DATA AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION: All work, regarding this project, shall be deemed "Work Made For Hire" as defined by the United States Copyright Law, and HISD retains for itself sole ownership of all proprietary rights in and to all designs, engineering details and other data pertaining to any discoveries, inventions, patent rights, software, improvements and the like made by the Supplier's personnel in the course of performing the work.

2.9 TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT (TPIA): Supplier acknowledges that the District is subject to the Texas Public Information Act (TPIA). As such, upon receipt of a request under the TPIA, the District is required to comply with the requirements of the TPIA. In the event that the request involves documentation that the Supplier has clearly marked as confidential and/or proprietary, the District will provide the Supplier with the notices under the TPIA. Supplier acknowledges that it has the responsibility to file exceptions with the Texas Attorney General's Office on why the documents identified as confidential and/or proprietary fall within an exception to public disclosure.

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2.10 STUDENT CONFIDENTIALITY: Supplier acknowledges that the District has a legal obligation to maintain the confidentiality and privacy of student records in accordance with applicable law and regulations, including, but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”). Any student information provided to Supplier shall be provided in compliance with the requirements and exceptions outlined in FERPA. Supplier must comply with said law and regulations and safeguard student information. Supplier may not disclose student information to a third party without prior written consent from the parent or eligible student. Supplier must destroy any student information received from the District when no longer needed for the purposes of the Agreement.

2.11 INSURANCE:

2.11.1 Unless otherwise agreed to by HISD, the Supplier shall carry insurance with responsible carriers acceptable to HISD rated A or better, by A.M. Best with minimum limits of liability coverage, as stated below, against claims for damages caused by bodily injury, including death, to employees and third parties, and claims for property damage. The Supplier shall furnish certificates of insurance (Acord Form) to HISD indicating compliance with this paragraph.

<u>Type of Coverage</u>	<u>Minimum Limits</u>
1. Workers’ Compensation and Employer’s Liability	Statutory \$100,000 per accident
2. Automobile Liability: Bodily Injury & Property Damage For all owned, non-owned vehicles and hired vehicles.	\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
3. Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
4. Professional Liability (errors and omissions) may be required at the discretion of the Project Manager.	

2.11.2 The Supplier shall submit evidence with the proposal and again at the time of any execution of the contract/agreement that it has in full force and effect all insurance requirements listed above. The Supplier shall maintain such insurance in full force and effect throughout the duration of the Agreement. In the event that it is not commercially feasible to maintain insurance during the period required by the Agreement, Supplier shall supply HISD with equivalent assurance to the required insurance, acceptable to HISD.

2.11.3 HISD shall be named as an additional insured on the automobile and commercial general liability policy. HISD shall be named as an alternate employer on the workers’ compensation policy. A waiver of subrogation shall be issued in favor of HISD in the workers’ compensation, automobile and commercial general liability policies. The Supplier shall provide HISD with original certificates of insurance, acceptable to HISD. Insofar as allowed by law, such certificates shall indicate an agreement by each carrier not to cancel or significantly diminish coverage without a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice to HISD. In the event there is a deductible on any policy, the Supplier may be asked to provide evidence to the satisfaction of HISD that it is able to satisfy the deductible.

2.11.4 Notice regarding insurance and **cancellation or changes** should be mailed to:

Project Manager as stated in Section 1.1.5 of this RFP
Houston Independent School District
Procurement Services
4400 West 18th Street

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Houston, Texas 77092

2.11.5 HISD reserves the right to require additional insurance coverage to be carried by the Supplier as deemed desirable by HISD, depending on the type of project.

2.12 TAXES: HISD is exempt from local, state and federal taxes. In the event that taxes are imposed on the goods and/or services purchased, the District will not be responsible for payment of the taxes. The Supplier shall absorb the taxes entirely. The District will supply tax exemption information upon request.

2.13 INVOICES/PAYMENT:

2.13.1 HISD standard payment terms are net 30 days after receipt of invoice. Supplier may offer the District a cash discount for payment of an invoice(s) with stated discount terms. Supplier's invoices should be sent to: Houston Independent School District, Controller's Office, Accounts Payable Department, 4400 West 18th Street, Houston, Texas 77092.

2.13.2 Invoices will be date and time stamped upon receipt in the Accounts Payable Department, and the cash discount, when applicable, will be calculated from the "receipt date" stamped on the invoice. Supplier's invoices **must** contain the appropriate HISD purchase order number on the face of the invoice. Each line item on the invoice should contain the corresponding line item number shown on the purchase order. Invoices submitted without the correct purchase order number shown may be returned to the Supplier for correction. Corrected invoices will be subject to the same payment provisions as original invoices.

2.13.3 Invoices should be provided to the District in a timely manner. Supplier is requested to invoice the District within 30 days of providing goods and/or services to the District.

2.13.4 In the event a Supplier presents the District with invoices, statements, reports, etc. that are incomplete, inaccurate or in need of substantial internal research, such action could result in delay of payment. The District will not be responsible for any interest charges and/or late fees as a result of delayed payment due to time delays caused by inadequate or incomplete information provided in invoices by Supplier.

2.14 QUANTITY:

2.14.1 There is no guaranteed amount of business, expressed or implied, to be purchased, or contracted for by HISD. However, the Supplier shall furnish all required goods and/or services to the District at the stated price, when and if required.

2.14.2 The District's agreement may be offered to other school districts or governmental entities. If applicable and at the discretion of the District, a forecast of planned usage will be issued as part of the project. This forecast is based upon the District's historical usage. If the District exceeds that forecast of usage and the Supplier experiences a higher volume of sales, the District may request a value consideration to compensate the District for said increased sales in the form of a volume usage rebate. Supplier should include, in their proposal, the method(s) they will use to calculate the usage rebate and discuss how the rebate will be calculated and paid.

2.14.3 The District expressly reserves the right to procure any goods or services from other sources or by other means.

2.15 BONDING: At the District discretion, Performance and Payment Bonds may be required on certain projects valued in excess of designated amounts (\$100,000 for Performance Bond & \$25,000 for Payment Bond). The District will determine the necessity of Performance and Payment Bond on a project by project basis. The procurement Project Manager will advise potential Proposers if a particular project requires bonding. A sample of the Performance Bond

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and the Payment Bond can be found at the following web address:

[http://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/8017/Performance Bond Form.docx](http://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/8017/Performance_Bond_Form.docx)

2.16 GOVERNING LAW: Any agreement resulting from this RFP shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without regard to the conflicts or choice of law principles thereof. The parties irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction of the State of Texas, and agree that any court of competent jurisdiction sitting in the County of Harris, State of Texas, shall be an appropriate and convenient place of venue, and shall be the sole and exclusive place of venue, to resolve any dispute with respect to the Agreement.

2.17 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES: It is understood and agreed that the Supplier is a separate legal entity from HISD and neither it nor any employees, volunteers, or agents contracted by it shall be deemed for any purposes to be employees or agents of HISD. The Supplier assumes full responsibility for the actions of its personnel and volunteers while performing any services incident to the Agreement, and shall remain solely responsible for their supervision, daily direction and control, payment of salary (including withholding of income taxes and social security), workers' compensation, disability benefits and like requirements and obligations.

2.18 NO WAIVER OF IMMUNITY: The District does not waive or relinquish any immunity or defense on behalf of itself and its trustees, officers, employees, and agents as a result of entering into any agreement or contract relating to this project or by performing any of the functions or obligations relating to the project. Nothing in any agreement shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any trustee, officer, employee, or representative of HISD. No waiver of a breach of any provision of the contract and/or agreement shall be construed to be a waiver of any breach of any other provision. No delay in acting with regard to any breach of any provision shall be construed to be a waiver of such breach.

2.19 INDEMNIFICATION: THE SUPPLIER SHALL INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND HISD AND EACH OF IT'S RESPECTIVE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITIES, FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES OR DAMAGES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S AND EXPERT'S FEES, COURT COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED BY HISD AND IT'S OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES, FOR INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO PERSONS, OR DAMAGE TO OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, AND LAWSUITS, DEMANDS OR CAUSES OF ACTION OF WHATSOEVER KIND OR NATURE BASED UPON, RESULTING FROM OR ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY NEGLIGENT ACT, ERROR, OMISSION, MISREPRESENTATION, OR MISCONDUCT BY SUPPLIER AND ITS EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, SUB-CONSULTANTS, OR AGENTS ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH SUPPLIER'S PERFORMANCE OF THE AGREEMENT.

All obligations as set forth in this paragraph shall survive the completion of or termination of the Agreement.

It is agreed with respect to any legal limitations now or hereafter in effect and affecting the validity or enforceability of the indemnification obligation, such legal limitations are made a part of the indemnification obligation to the minimum extent necessary to bring the provision into conformity with the requirements of such limitations, and as so modified, the indemnification obligations shall continue in full force and effect.

2.20 NOTICE: Any notice required to be given relating to the Agreement shall be in writing and shall be duly served when hand-delivered to the addressees set forth below, or shall have been deposited, duly registered or certified, return receipt requested, via the United States Postal Service, addressed to the other party at the following addresses:

To: ***Supplier's Contact Name and Address as listed in Form A***

To: Houston Independent School District
Attn: Superintendent of Schools

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4400 West 18th Street
Houston, Texas 77092

Copy To: Mr. Gilberto A. Carles, MBA
General Manager – Procurement Services
4400 West 18th Street
Houston, Texas 77092

Any party may designate a different address by giving the other party ten (10) days prior written notice in the manner provided above.

2.21 SECTION HEADINGS: The headings of sections and paragraphs contained in any document related to this project are for convenience only, and they shall not, expressly or by implication, limit, define, extend, or construe the terms or provisions relating to the project.

2.22 THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES: Nothing relating to this project shall be deemed or construed to create any third party beneficiaries or otherwise give any third party any claim or right of action against HISD or the Supplier(s).

2.23 DISPUTE RESOLUTION: At the option of the District, the Supplier and the District agree that prior to filing any suit, administrative proceeding, or other legal proceeding, related to this Agreement, each party shall submit any and all disputes to the alternative dispute resolution process of non-binding mediation. The Supplier and the District further agree to attend the mediation and to participate in settlement negotiations in a good faith effort to resolve any and all disputes through a written settlement agreement. The mediation shall take place in Harris County, Texas, and will be conducted by a mediator mutually selected by the parties. If the parties are unable to agree on a mediator, each party shall submit a list of up to three names as a mediator along with a curriculum vitae and costs associated with each name submitted. Each party will alternate in striking one name from the list until only one name remains. The remaining name will be the agreed upon mediator. HISD will have the first opportunity to strike a name from the list. All fees and costs of the mediator shall be shared equally between the parties. No formal record shall be made of the mediation.

2.24 TERMINATION:

2.24.1 The District reserves the right to terminate, without cause and for any reason, the Agreement resulting from this RFP upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice, or five (5) days prior written notice for cause.

2.24.2 HISD also has the right to terminate the Agreement for convenience, without penalty, for non-appropriation or non-availability of funds by delivery to the Supplier of a "Notice of Termination" specifying the extent to which performance hereunder is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.

2.25 DEFECTIVE / NON-CONFORMING WORK:

2.25.1 If, following seven (7) calendar days of a written notice to a Supplier identifying defective or nonconforming work, the Supplier or its subcontractors fail to correct such defective or nonconforming work, HISD may order the Supplier to stop further work, or any portion thereof, until the defect or nonconformance has been properly corrected by the Supplier or its subcontractors.

2.25.2 Should the Supplier not proceed with the correction of defective or non-conforming work within three (3) additional calendar days of HISD's order to stop further work, as set forth above, HISD may cause the removal, repair or correction of the defective or nonconforming work and may charge all associated costs of the same to the Supplier.

2.26 DEFAULT CONDITIONS: If the Supplier: (i) breaches any provision of the Agreement; (ii) , becomes insolvent,

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enters voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, or receivership proceedings, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or (iii) is in violation of any state or federal law (collectively, “event(s) of default”), HISD will have the right (without limiting any other rights or remedies that it may have in the Agreement or by law) to terminate the Agreement with five (5) days prior written notice to the Supplier. HISD will then be relieved of all obligations, except to pay the reasonable value of the Supplier’s prior performance, satisfactory to HISD (at a cost not exceeding the agreement rate and subject to any claims, costs and expenses incurred by HISD as a result of Supplier default). In the event of default, HISD is expressly authorized to obtain the goods or services that would have been provided by Supplier under this Agreement from an alternative source. The Supplier will be liable to HISD for all costs exceeding the Agreement price that HISD incurs in completing or procuring the services and goods as provided for in the Agreement. HISD’s right to require strict performance of any obligation in the Agreement will not be affected by any previous waiver, forbearance, or course of dealing.

2.27 WARRANTIES: SUPPLIER EXPRESSLY WARRANTS THAT ALL THE GOODS AND SERVICES COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT RESULTING FROM THIS RFP WILL BE IN EXACT ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AWARD OF THE RFP AND RESULTING AGREEMENT AND FREE FROM DEFECTS IN MATERIALS AND/OR WORKMANSHIP. SUPPLIER EXPRESSLY WARRANTS MERCHANTABILITY FOR ALL GOODS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THE RESULTING AGREEMENT. ALL WARRANTIES SHALL SURVIVE DELIVERY OF THE GOODS AND COMPLETION OF THE SERVICES, AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED WAIVED EITHER BY REASON OF THE DISTRICT’S ACCEPTANCE OF SAID GOODS AND SERVICES OR BY PAYMENT FOR THEM. ANY DEVIATIONS FROM THE AGREEMENT, OR DESCRIPTIONS OR SPECIFICATIONS FURNISHED THEREUNDER, OR ANY OTHER EXCEPTIONS OR ALTERATIONS MUST BE APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE DISTRICT’S PROCUREMENT GENERAL MANAGER.

2.28 USE BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES: The Texas Education Code 44.031 (a)(4) allows for government entities, i.e. state agencies, local governments and school districts, to enter into cooperative agreements to allow the procurement process to be performed by a single entity on behalf of all those electing to participate. Any of the above entities may be granted the privilege of joining the awarded Agreement. In the event HISD allows another governmental entity to join the Agreement, it is expressly understood that HISD shall in no way be liable for the obligations of the joining governmental entity.

2.29 THIRD PARTIES: Nothing in this RFP shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of a third party against either HISD or the Supplier.

2.30 UNENFORCEABLE SECTIONS: If any portion of this RFP or any Agreement is deemed to be unenforceable, the remainder of the RFP and Agreement shall be construed as if such unenforceable provisions had never been contained therein.

2.31 MWBE PARTICIPATION GOAL: The Supplier shall report their MWBE participation goal as a percent of the total compensation. This information shall be identified per firm, discipline and participation.

2.32 SUBCONTRACTING: The Supplier shall not subcontract services provided in this RFP without prior written approval by HISD.

2.33 WORK STOPPAGE: In no event shall HISD be liable or responsible to the Supplier or any other person for our on account of, any stoppage or delay in work.

2.34 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: In the performance of the Supplier’s services, the Supplier shall not cause any release of Hazardous Substances, including asbestos, or contamination of the environment, including the soil, the atmosphere or any water course or ground water. Supplier shall be liable for any claims or damages resulting from such release of or exposures to any such substances as a result of the Supplier’s activities.

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2.35 BUSINESS ETHICS: During the course of the project awarded by this RFP, the Supplier will maintain business ethics standards aimed at avoiding real or apparent impropriety or conflicts of interest. No substantial gifts over \$50, entertainment, payments, loans, or other considerations beyond that which may be collectively categorized as incidental shall be made to any employees or officials of HISD, its authorized agents and representatives, or to family members of any of them. At any time the Supplier believe there may have been a violation of this obligation, the Supplier shall notify HISD of the possible violation. HISD is entitled to request a representation letter from the Supplier, its subcontractors or vendors at any time to disclose all things of value passing from the Supplier, its subcontractors or vendors to HISD's personnel or its authorized agents and representatives.

2.36 BUSINESS CERTIFICATES / HISD TAXES: All individuals or entries entering into a contract with HISD must adhere to the following applicable Texas laws as they pertain to their individual type of ownership.

2.36.1 Corporations: (domestic [formed under Texas law] or foreign [formed under laws of another state]) shall be properly registered with the Texas Secretary of State and the Comptroller of Public Accounts as required by TITLE 34, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter V, Rule 3.546 of the Texas Administrative Code. A current "Certificate of Good Standing" from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts shall be made available upon request stating that the corporation charter is current and all Texas Franchise Reports and taxes are paid.

2.36.2 Partnerships and Joint Stock Companies, and Limited Liability Partnerships: (domestic [formed under Texas law] or foreign [formed under laws of another state]) shall be, properly registered with the Texas Secretary of State in accordance with the Texas Secretary of State in accordance with TITLE 105 – PARTNERSHIPS and JOINT STOCK COMPANIES, CHAPTER ONE- PARTNERSHIPS, LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS, TEXAS REVISED PARTNERSHIP ACT, Article 6132a-1, "Texas Revised Limited Partnership Act. All partners in a partnership must file a "Certificated of Limited Partnership" with the secretary of state, which shall be made available for inspection upon request.

2.36.3 Entities whether, Corporate, Partnership, or Sole Owner must be current on HISD Property Taxes: If commercial personal property is located within HISD's jurisdiction, current renditions of these properties must be filed with the Chief Appraiser, as required by Chapter 22k Section 22.01 of the Texas "PROPERTY TAX CODE".

2.37 ATTORNEY FEES: In connection with HISD's defense of any suit against it and/or HISD's prosecution of any claim, counterclaim or action to enforce any of its rights and/or claims related to this RFP or any agreement, in which HISD prevails as to all or any portion of its defense(s), claims, counterclaims or actions, HISD shall be entitled to recover its actual attorney's fee and expenses incurred in defending such suit and/or in prosecuting such claim or action.

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III. SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

3.1 SCOPE OF WORK: At minimum, the scope of services required to be provided by the selected firm are: Request for proposal for bi-weekly delivery of fresh baked bread to HISD school locations provided in this proposal and any other location in the District service is required such as the food production facility, athletic stadiums and related events. Delivery locations are subject to change during the bid period and locations can be added and deleted as becomes necessary for same pricing good for the length of the bid period.

Proposers are expected to provide: Brand, Packer, Manufacturer Product Code, Net Weight Per Package, Units Per Package, Unit Price based on a direct shipment to the designated locations as needed, to include freight and unloading charges, and Extension Total for each item proposal.

Products must meet federal and state guidelines for SBP (School Breakfast Program), NSLP (National School Lunch Program), ASSP (After School Snack Program), Dinner Program, and / or Smart Snack requirements. It will be at the sole discretion of the district to determine which meal program a selected product would be used for.

The District will make the sole and final determination regarding specifications, quality, performance levels, and interchangeability, in regards to this bid.

Your proposal is required to be typed, and submitted in triplicate with an original manual signature of a company officer. Proposer must submit information for Part IV in both printed and electronic form as well as an electronic version of proposal; handwritten proposals will not be accepted. Proposers are required to include an USB memory that contains the information on the spreadsheet in Part .IV. **Bid information entered in Part IV must not be saved in PDF format additionally a copy of the vendors' electronic proposal** to the USB. Prospective Proposers are advised that proposals not conforming to the standards stated in this paragraph may not be considered. The original and two copies must be printed on one side of the paper only. Double-sided copies will not be accepted.

3.2 SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

PROPOSER QUALIFICATIONS

No proposer will be acceptable unless the following qualifications can be verified to the satisfaction of the Houston Independent School District. These project specific general conditions are in addition to the HISD School District General Conditions listed in section II **GENERAL CONDITIONS – HISD SCHOOL DISTRICT** above.

3.2.1 ASSIGNMENT

Any award made as a result of this solicitation may not be transferred, assigned, subcontracted, mortgaged, pledged, or otherwise disposed of or encumbered in any way by the successful proposer(s).

3.2.2 AWARDS

In evaluating the proposals submitted, the School District is divided into five zones. The District reserves the right to award this proposal by zone to multiple Suppliers or all zones to a single Supplier whichever brings "Best Value" to the District. Purchase price is not the only criteria that will be used in the evaluation process. Actual method in selecting the Supplier(s) to be awarded will be determined by the criteria listed in: Section 3.5 Evaluation.

3.2.3 SAMPLES

Samples must be delivered in complete full cases unless requested otherwise by the District. Send samples to:

HISD Food Services Department
Attention: **Bid Sample – RFP #15-01-08 Bakery Products- Bread (Nutrition Services)**

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6801 Bennington Ave.
Receiving Dock Door #1
Houston, Texas, 77028

Samples must be submitted Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and must be received by the date requested in order to be evaluated for this proposal period and future renewal periods associated with this Request for Proposal. Samples of new approved or unapproved products **are** required when called for in the proposal specification.

Samples will be requested only if they meet nutritional requirements. Samples will be requested by category or item and only those samples will be received and only during the time period specified. Late samples will not be accepted.

Samples may be consumed by children. Refrigerated temperatures must be 33 - 40 °F and freezer temperatures must be hard frozen and below 32 °F upon receipt, as appropriate. Any sample products received above these specified temperature ranges will be rejected.

3.2.4 **“NUTRITION KIT” FORMS** and Information: Proposer must complete and submit the following forms **in written and electronic form**: Assorted variety products will each require their own “Nutrition Kit” Forms.

- Product Verification Form** (located in appendix A) (placed in separate folder with other forms stapled together, product code must match the sample)
- Nutritional Facts Label** (located in appendix A) (placed in separate folder with other forms stapled together, product code must match the sample)
- The CN label** or **The Production Analysis** regarding the specific nutrition information (placed in separate folder with other forms stapled together, product code must match the sample)
- Ingredients Label** with the nutrition information and any specific ingredient information that the specification calls for. (placed in separate folder with other forms stapled together, product code must match the sample)
- Product Sample Label** (located in appendix A) is to be affixed to each sample case being submitted for consideration, product code must match paperwork (Avoid placing form over case opening to avoid tearing).

All of the above-referenced forms must be included in three 8 ½ x 11 envelopes labeled “Nutrition Kit” with project name, project number and project manager. **A “Nutrition Kit” should be submitted with your original RFP and each of the three copies.** The original kit should also include a USB stick. Please save each line item as a separate file by product name and product code on the same USB (only one of the three kits need a USB). Only nutritional information is to be included - price schedule information should NOT be included with the “Nutritional Kits” and may cause disqualification. **Please note that a packet of these forms is required regardless if a sample is required or not for all line items being bid.** There needs to be three nutrition kits with hard copies in each.

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If there are any questions on how to fill out the nutritional/sample forms, email **Amanda Ocegueda**, Nutrition Services Manager at AOCEGUER@houstonisd.org

See <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnlabeling/child-nutrition-cn-labeling-program> regarding the specific nutrition information that is required for each item. In addition, the CN label (for meat/meat alternative products) and/or National School Lunch Contribution and the ingredient label must be included with the nutrition information.

Peanut Products or Peanut by-products – Vendor must disclose on **separate company letterhead** any products submitted that contain peanuts or peanut by-products.

In addition to the above, "Effective January 1, 2006, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requiring food labels to clearly state if food products contain any ingredients that contain protein derived from the eight major allergenic foods. As a result of the Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act of 2004 (FALCPA), manufacturers are required to identify in English the presence of ingredients that contain protein derived from milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, or soybeans in the list of ingredients or to say "contains" followed by name of the source of the food allergen after or adjacent to the list of ingredients."

Effective January 1, 2006, must also disclose on the above requested **separate company letterhead** any products submitted that contain protein derived from milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, or soybeans as well. This must be turned in with the proposal on opening day.

3.2.5 **NUTRITIONAL FACTS**

Product analysis consistent with TDA standards, nutritional information, including the Nutrition Facts Label, Ingredient List, CN label and/or National School Lunch Contribution, and Trans-Fatty Acid information is required on all food products. All food products (excluding those that contain naturally-occurring trans-fat) must be labeled and certified as containing zero grams of trans fat per serving (FDA defines zero as less than 0.5 grams per serving). The successful Proposers must submit all required information in a format compatible with the new USDA nutrient standards along with their proposal, in a separate envelope, on or before the proposal submittal deadline for this RFP. **Please note that the FDA and Texas Public School Regulations mandate that all food products selected under this bid contain 23 grams of fat or less per serving.** Proposer's products not meeting nutritional standards shall not be considered.

3.2.6 **NEW PRODUCT IDEAS AND ALTERNATES PRODUCTS**

In the event of crop failures, product shortages, plant closures, acts of God, convenience or changes in customer taste and expectations, the Nutrition Services Department at its sole discretion reserves the right to call for samples of new product ideas and alternate products submitted for consideration; then select from new products and alternate products submitted for consideration to use in the program through catalog availability.

Proposers are encouraged to submit a complete list of new product ideas in addition to the products formally listed in the bid and any alternate products for consideration that may differ slightly (i.e. mildly spicy vs. non spicy) from a product formally listed in the bid at a firm price for the length of the bid period.

An alternate product may be bid directly on the line item if it differs slightly, but it must be clearly labeled an "Alternate" so it is clear it differs slightly from the bid specification. Failure to do so may result in the product being marked not to specification. For new product ideas and alternate products that differ significantly from the specification in the bid, use the following process:

Two (2) sets of brochures with nutritional information forms for each new product idea and/or each alternate

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product idea submitted for consideration are required to be submitted with your bid. Price must be included for each item and be firm for the length of the bid period. Trans-fat level is required on all nutritional information forms. The two (2) sets of product brochures with nutritional information forms for each new product idea and each alternate product are to be placed in separate envelopes and submitted with your bid. The bid and two (2) sets of brochures should be sent to: Board Services, Attention of Enrique Kladis, M.B.A. to 4400 west 18th street; Houston, Texas 77092 using the same label found in the bid document Section 1.2.3 of Part I. Brochure envelopes must be clearly labeled with the name of the Proposer who has submitted them for consideration; along with a price sheet with firm pricing for the contract term for each product enclosed in each product brochure envelope. **Samples for new product ideas and alternate products are not to be sent unless requested in writing by Houston ISD.**

3.2.7 **TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS**

The title and risk of loss for the requested items shall remain with the successful proposer(s) until the items have been delivered and accepted by HISD.

3.2.8 **QUANTITIES**

Dealers are expected to carry sufficient inventories to service the needs of HISD. Quantities to be used are estimated and the amount required by HISD can increase or decrease at the same individual bid item price within the bid period.

3.2.9 **ORDERS**

A contract number will be issued to the successful proposer(s) for anticipated product in advance of delivery. Releases for delivery to each nutrition services unit will be provided by the Senior Nutrition Services Attendant (SFSA) on a weekly schedule via an order form. The successful bidder will only be paid for products that are awarded, requested on an order form given to the driver by the SFSA, and delivered at the scheduled time and date. The contract number must appear on each invoice / delivery ticket. The **original copy and one other copy** of the delivery invoice / delivery ticket must be left with product and signed by Senior Nutrition Services Attendant, verifying product receipt.

3.2.10 **CONTRACT PERFORMANCE**

HISD reserves the right to cancel the entire contract and/or buy in the open market at the current price and charge the contractor the difference between the price so paid and the proposal price in the event (a) any item is not delivered according to the specifications and/or awarded proposal price, (b) brands of merchandise other than brand names on the proposal are delivered without prior approval, or (c) orders are not delivered within the specified time period. Awarded vendors not in compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in this proposal project will be in default, and HISD reserves the right to not place orders nor accept proposals for a period of one year.

3.2.11 **CHANGE ORDERS**

HISD reserves the right to make change orders on quantities and/or items on any order up to 2:00 P.M. the day before scheduled deliveries.

3.2.12 **EXCESS PRODUCT**

HISD is not responsible for any product that the dealer has on hand at the end of the agreement terms.

3.2.13 **PRODUCT ANALYSIS**

HISD reserves the right to request the bidder to submit an independent laboratory analysis on any item before awards are made. An independent laboratory may randomly monitor bacterial levels. If unacceptable levels are found, vendor will be given 24 hours' notice to pick up product or it will be shipped to an outside public warehouse and stored at the vendor's expense. Vendor will pay for independent lab test if product does not meet specifications.

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3.2.14 **DELIVERIES**

The District requests pricing for the following delivery option: Approved list of schools and other delivery locations within the District is subject to change and must be scalable to fit the needs of HISD. Delivery directly to all school cafeterias. Additionally deliveries if applicable should include athletic stadiums, and any administrative locations in the District service is required.

Deliveries of all items are to be made between 7a.m. and 2 p.m. daily in amounts specified on orders for the individual schools, according to requested amounts of the HISD approved order form furnished by the Nutrition Services Cafeteria Managers, or according to quantity changes made by the Nutrition Services Purchasing Department before scheduled deliveries.

Delivery Vehicles – The successful proposer will ensure all delivery vehicles are clean and sanitary; deliveries are made in properly in temperature regulated, enclosed transportation; in good repair; appropriate for the type of product being delivered according to HAACP guidelines; and meet all health and sanitation requirements of the State of Texas, local and federal government.

Drivers – Drivers shall present a neat and clean appearance, be in uniform, show picture ID, and make deliveries in an efficient and courteous manner. Drivers must meet all requirements for license and driving record, required by the TEA Education Code 22.085.

3.2.15 **FIRM PRICES**

All prices should be guaranteed for the entire proposal period. Maximum consideration will be given to these proposers. Due to system constraints pricing must be to no more than two (2) places past the decimal point. HISD reserves the right on any bids submitted where pricing is more than two (2) places past the decimal point to round the price down to two (2) places past the decimal point. Awarded vendors will be recommended for award for one year from the board approval date with two (1) one year renewal options at the sole discretion of HISD.

3.2.16 **ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS & PROMOTIONS**

Awarded vendor(s) may provide additional discounts based promotional sales, or volume purchase discounts as an added value benefit to the district.

3.2.17 **CATALOG OFFERING**

In the event of a catalog discount type proposal. In addition to the formal line items proposers may submit a percentage discount for Bakery Products from vendor catalogs or price lists for the term of the contract and renewal options in accordance with the scope and specification, terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal.

Catalogs may be considered depending on unforeseeable changes that may occur during the term of this contract such as crop failures, product shortages, plant closures, acts of God, convenience or changes in customer taste and expectations. The District at its sole discretion reserves the right to call for samples and nutritional information of and select substitute items.

Hard copy or electronic access to catalog must be submitted at the time of proposal submission for consideration.

Proposer(s) are required to indicate in proposal, a percentage discount (if any) off catalog, price list, menu retail price, category, etc. which will be applied to all purchases of **Bakery Products – Bread (Nutrition Services)** made by the District from the vendor during the term of this proposal. If no Discount is offered, please enter “NONE”. Tabulation items shall not be considered an all-inclusive list but a list of Items

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anticipated to be purchased throughout the year using this proposal.

This agreement will cover the purchases related to Bakery Products – Bread (Nutrition Services)

Enter Discount offered: _____%. This discount must be applied to all the related items.

Please indicate discount type Catalog, List Price, Category, Menu, Retail: _____

If your organization offers online catalog provide user name and password for access below (if applicable).

USER NAME: _____

PASSWORD: _____

WEBSITE: _____

3.2.18 **PAYMENT TERMS**

The Houston Independent School District's payment policy is payment within 30 days of receipt of delivery. The district does encourage bidders to submit preferred payment terms; however, if there is no discount for payment in less than 30 days from receipt of delivery, HISD reserves the right to pay the vendor within 30 days after receipt of delivery.

3.2.19 **APPROVED PRODUCTS ONLY**

Only approved products and/or selected alternates awarded in the bid may be delivered to the schools for student consumption. Failure to follow this policy may result in the vendor not being paid.

3.2.20 **QUALITY**

The successful proposer(s) will warrant that all products will be fresh, clean, wholesome upon delivery, and will be packaged, handled, and transported in an acceptable manner. All temperature and sanitation procedures must meet all HACCP guidelines at all times during the delivery process. If the delivered product is determined to be unacceptable by the District, the District has the right to refuse the truckload, or if the product has already been delivered, the successful proposer will be required to pick up the unacceptable product, and a credit issued or a replacement provided in a timely manner.

3.2.21 **BRANDS & MODELS**

Brands and model numbers, where listed, are used for specification reference only, unless otherwise stated, and are not intended to limit consideration of an approved equal or equivalent item. Descriptive information or a sample may be requested for any item proposed other than the referenced item.

3.2.22 **PRODUCT CHANGES**

If a manufacture's product is formulated or changes in identity and/or pack size change prior to/or during the contractual period, it is the responsibility of the vendor to notify the HISD procurement office immediately.

3.2.23 **NEW PRODUCTS**

If TDA or USDA guidelines call for a reformulation of product to meet updated standard guidelines, HISD reserves the right to purchase any new products not currently on the approved list during the term of the contract from awarded and approved vendor(s) that have been reformulated to meet new guidelines. Vendors must submit all nutrition documentation for review to project manager for consideration and approval.

3.2.24 **PRODUCT RECALL**

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If a product recall is instituted on an item that has been furnished and delivered to HISD, the awarded proposer will immediately notify HISD Procurement food group Project Manager and Services Quality Assurance Manager at Hkohn@houstonisd.org by email or in writing with all pertinent information of recall. Supplier will be responsible for all cost associated with replacing product, shipping charges, and/or product credit.

3.2.25 **EQUIVALENT OR APPROVED EQUAL**

Whenever a product is defined in any of the Conditions of the Proposal by describing a proprietary product, or by using the name/model of a manufacturer or vendor, the term “or other units considered to be equivalent”, if not inserted, shall be implied. The specific product described shall be understood as indicating the type, function, and minimum standard of design, efficiency, and quality desired and shall not be construed in such a manner as to exclude products of comparable quality, design, and efficiency.

If a brand/model is offered other than the one specified, complete descriptive information of the offered product must be included with the proposal. Products being proposed as an equal to the items specified must be available for inspection/evaluation by Houston ISD. Samples, when requested, must be furnished within five (5) working days of the request at no cost to the District. Samples will not be returned to vendor.

Determination of equivalent or approved equal is at the sole discretion of the district. If the vendor takes no exception to specifications of referenced data, brand names, models, etc. must be provided as specified.

3.2.26 **PRE-PRICING**

No pre-priced packages are acceptable.

3.2.27 **LABLING**

All products are to be individually labeled and wrapped to maintain freshness. All products must have a Packing Date, Expiration Date, Manufacturer Product Code, and a Lot Number. Code date information is to be submitted to Heather Kohn, Nutrition Services Quality Assurance Manager at Hkohn@houstonisd.org.

3.2.28 **SHELF LIFE**

One week or more shelf life is expected of delivered product. Out of date product is to be picked up and credited to individual schools. **Shelf life must be noted on item number 5, on the Product Verification Form.**

3.2.29 **OFFICERS ELIGIBLE TO SIGN**

Listed below are the officers that are eligible to sign pages in this bid that require an officer's signature.

1. Chairperson
2. President or CEO
3. Vice-President
4. Assistant Vice-President
5. Corporate Secretary
6. Assistant Corporate Secretary
7. Treasurer or CFO
8. Assistant Treasurer
9. General Counsel
10. Assistant General Counsel

If the bid documents that require an officer's signature are not signed by one of the above individuals, the proposal will not be accepted.

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3.2.30 **HACCP BASED FOOD SAFETY**

1. Documentation and monitoring logs must be provided upon request. These logs must be verified by an acceptable third party auditing firm or government agency.
2. HISD requires processors to maintain records pertaining to HACCP compliance and have those records available upon request to HISD, at a minimum, in the following Key Areas of HACCP compliance.
 - a. Hazard Analysis
 - b. Critical Control Points established and limits set
 - c. Planned procedures in place to correct processes when deviation may occur
 - d. Detailed and accurate record keeping
 - e. Verification procedures
 - f. Equipment installation and maintenance
 - g. Master cleaning and sanitation schedule
 - h. Orientation for all employees
 - i. Ongoing training on food safety and HACCP procedures
 - j. Separation of food and chemical products
 - k. Time / Temperature monitoring
 - l. Refrigerated dock receiving and loading
 - m. Pest Control
1. If processor loses inspection/processing rights or has a recall involving product sold to HISD, the vendor must notify HISD within 24-48 hours.

3.2.31 **BUY AMERICAN ACT**

HISD has a preference for 'US Domestic' products in accordance with USDA Regulation 7 CFR Part 250, and a preference for agricultural products from Texas in accordance with Section 44.042, Texas Education Code. Domestic packers and products only, unless otherwise approved.

3.2.32 **BILLING**

Invoices are to be mailed for payment of delivery to:

Controller's Office
Nutrition Services Accounting
Level 3 North East
4400 W. 18th
Houston, Texas 77092

3.3 **TABULATION SPECIFICATIONS**: Please refer to form F.

3.4 **REFERENCES**

As an extension of your proposal introduction. Provide at least three (3) references of governmental entities (school districts preferred) that have purchased services, products, and/or related items from you in the last 5 years.

Company Name

Address

Contact Name

Phone Number

Email

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3.5 COST

Supplier shall provide a 30-day written notice of any necessary price changes due to a force majeure situation that may arise during the term of the Proposal, and shall provide supporting manufacturer and/or distributor documentation to support such price adjustments. The District reserves the sole right to accept or reject a request for such a price change during the term of the agreement.

3.6 COMPETITIVE RANGE

It may be necessary for the District to establish a competitive range of acceptable proposals as part of the evaluation process. Proposals not in the competitive range are unacceptable and do not receive further award consideration.

3.7 FACILITY TOURS

Based on the results of the preliminary evaluation meeting, the District may request a walk-thru inspection tour of the proposer's facilities to ensure proposer's ability to provide services as stated in this RFP. An initial evaluation score of 70% or greater must be achieved in order to be considered for a facility tour. The proposer will be contacted by the district if the walk-thru is requested and make appropriate arrangements.

3.8 MULTIPLE AWARDS

HISD reserves the right to award contracts to multiple vendors. The decision to award multiple contracts, award only one contract, or to make no awards rests solely with HISD. HISD. May make multiple awards; this fact should be taken into consideration by each potential vendor.

3.9 MARKET BASKET SURVEY

HISD reserves the right, in its sole discretion to use a "Market Basket Survey: method, based on strategically selected criteria to determine the most advantageous proposal(s).

3.10 EVALUATION FACTORS:

The evaluations committee will conduct a comprehensive, fair and impartial evaluation of all proposals received in response to this RFP. Each proposal received will be analyzed to determine overall responsiveness and completeness as defined in the scope section and in the instructions on submitting a proposal. Failure to comply with the instructions or to submit a complete proposal may deem a proposal non-responsive and may at the discretion of the Evaluation Committee be eliminated from further evaluation.

If the evaluation committee has reasonable grounds to believe that the proposer with the highest ranking score is unable to perform the required services to the satisfaction of HISD, HISD reserves the right to make an award to another proposer who in the opinion of the evaluation committee would offer HISD the best value. Some indicators (but not a complete list) of probable supplier/proposer performance concerns are: past supplier performance; the proposer's financial resources and ability to perform; the proposer's experience or demonstrated capability and responsibility; and the supplier's ability to provide a reliable on-going business relationship and the maintenance of on-going agreements and support.

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Criteria #	Criteria Description	Weighted Value
1	the purchase price	30%
2	the reputation of the Proposer and of the Proposer's goods or services a) References b) Years in Business	5%
3	the quality of the Proposer's goods or services a) Infrastructure Solutions b) Quality of Vendors Product(s) / Services	20%
4	the extent to which the goods or services meet the District's needs a) Minimum shipping quantity meets district's needs b) Pack size meets district's needs c) Nutritional	15%
5	the Proposer's past relationship with the District a) On-time deliveries b) Complied with terms of the bid project c) Ability to provide service requirements (invoicing, delivery appointments, deliver complete orders)	5%
6	the impact on the ability of the District to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses a) M/WBE analysis	10%
7	the total long-term cost to the District to acquire the Proposer's goods or services	5%
8	for a contract for goods and services, other than goods and services related to telecommunications and information services, building construction and maintenance, or instructional materials, whether the vendor or the vendor's ultimate parent company or majority owner: (A) has its principal place of business in this state; or (B) employs at least 500 persons in this state	5%
9	List and weigh any other relevant factors a) Samples, paperwork, submitted and complete b) Product code matches sample, paperwork, and/or proposal c) Samples are submitted as requested d) Product meets specification e) Can deliver product in a reasonable amount of time f) Can guarantee price for contract term	10 %

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IV. PRICING SHEETS INCLUDING ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS.

“4.1 – This section intentionally left blank.”

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V. FORM A - COMPANY INFORMATION:

Notice

This form requires a manual signature after each subsection, a manual signature on the final page and a notary attestation at the conclusion of the form, and must be included with the proposal in tab 2 of the Proposal.

STATE OF _____

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**AFFIDAVIT OF OWNERSHIP, CONTROL
AND CORPORATE INFORMATION**

COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED

_____ [FULL NAME]

(HEREAFTER "AFFIANT"), _____ [STATE

TITLE/CAPACITY WITH PROPOSAL] OF (PROPOSAL'S CORPORATE/LEGAL NAME), WHO BEING BY ME DULY SWORN ON OATH

STATED AS FOLLOWS:

1. AFFIANT IS AUTHORIZED TO GIVE THIS AFFIDAVIT AND HAS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS AND MATTERS HEREIN STATED;
2. PROPOSER(S) SEEKS TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE DISTRICT IN CONNECTION WITH _____
_____ [DESCRIBE PROJECT OR MATTER] WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE AMOUNT THAT EXCEEDS \$10,000.
3. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSAL, SUBMISSION OR BID OF PROPOSER IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROJECT OR MATTER.

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5.1 SUBSECTION I - COMPANY INFORMATION:

COMPANY NAME _____

DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM (DUNS) NUMBER _____

HOME OFFICE _____ LOCAL OFFICE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____ TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME _____

CONTACT PERSON'S TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

CONTACT PERSON'S E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

1. NUMBER OF YEARS YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS OPERATION _____

2. NUMBER OF YEARS YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS UNDER ITS PRESENT BUSINESS NAME _____

3. DOES YOUR COMPANY PAY TAXES TO THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT? _____

4. ARE YOUR TAX PAYMENTS TO HISD CURRENT? _____

5. DOES ANY OFFICER, PARTNER, OWNER, SALES REPRESENTATIVE AND/OR SPOUSE WORK FOR THE

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HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

YES NO

6. TYPE OF BUSINESS ENTITY: PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION PRIVATE CORPORATION LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
 PARTNERSHIP SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP NOT FOR PROFIT ENTITY

7. IF CORPORATION, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

DATE OF INCORPORATION _____

STATE OF INCORPORATION _____

CHARTER NUMBER _____

PRESIDENT _____

VICE PRESIDENT _____

CORPORATE SECRETARY _____

TREASURER _____

8. IF PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION , DATE OF ORGANIZATION CREATION _____

9. IF SOLE PROPRIETOR, NUMBER OF YEARS IN BUSINESS _____

10. NUMBER OF YEARS DOING BUSINESS WITH HISD _____

11. DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS? _____ YES _____ NO

12. IF YES, PLEASE LIST NAMES OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS _____

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13. IS YOUR COMPANY CAPABLE OF PROVIDING A DEDICATED WEBSITE WITH YOUR CATALOG WITH HISD'S PRICING?
_____ YES; _____ NO. IF YES, CAN YOUR WEBSITE INTERFACE WITH SAP PUBLIC SECTION 7.0 / ECC
6.0 OPEN CATALOG INTERFACE (OCI) COMPLIANT? _____ YES _____ NO.

14. CAN YOUR COMPANY PROVIDE HISD WITH PERIODIC PREFORMATTED FLAT FILE UPDATES OF YOUR CATALOG?
_____ YES; _____ NO.

15. NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS OF ALL PARTNERS LISTED ON A SEPARATE SHEET AND ATTACHED.

16. IF OTHER THAN CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP, DESCRIBE ORGANIZATION AND NAME OF PRINCIPALS:

17. MINORITY OWNERSHIP:

IS YOUR FIRM A MINORITY AND/OR WOMAN OWNED FIRM? YES NO

PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP THAT IS MINORITY OR WOMAN OWNED _____

MARK ALL THAT ARE APPROPRIATE:

ANGLO AFRICAN AMERICAN HISPANIC AMERICAN INDIAN ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER
 MALE FEMALE

LOCATION: HOUSTON TEXAS OUT OF STATE OUT OF STATE WITH LOCAL OFFICE

MARK ALL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE ISSUED YOUR MINORITY STATUS:

THE HOUSTON BUSINESS COUNCIL SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION METRO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
 CITY OF HOUSTON

18. CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

PROPOSER WILL PROVIDE GOODS AND SERVICES WITH OWN WORK FORCE
 PROPOSER WILL PURCHASE GOODS DIRECTLY FROM THE MANUFACTURER OR OTHER SUPPLIER

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19. NAME OF STATE WHERE YOUR HOME OFFICE/HEADQUARTERS IS LOCATED: _____
IF NOT TEXAS, DOES THE STATE HAVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT ON BIDS YES NO
IF YES, WHAT PERCENTAGE: _____%

20. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER INFORMATION

THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CAN ONLY DO BUSINESS WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS.

CURRENT TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES _____ NUMBER OF MALES _____ NUMBER OF FEMALES _____

OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED, PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NUMBER OF ANGLO _____ NUMBER OF AFRICAN AMERICAN _____

NUMBER OF HISPANIC _____ NUMBER OF OTHER MINORITIES _____
MEXICAN-AMERICAN / SPANISH SURNAMES

DO YOU ADVERTISE AS AN "EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER"? YES NO

DO YOU HAVE A WRITTEN NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY OF EMPLOYMENT? YES NO

HAS THIS POLICY BEEN CIRCULATED THROUGHOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION? YES NO

NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY INFORMATION ISSUES:

NAME _____ TITLE _____

21. LIST YOUR BANKING REFERENCE:

BANK NAME _____ OFFICER'S NAME _____

BANK ADDRESS _____ CITY STATE ZIP _____

OFFICER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ OFFICER'S FAX NUMBER _____

I attest that I have answered the questions regarding company information truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.

CORPORATE OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

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5.2 SUBSECTION II - CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

A person or business entity entering into a contract and/or agreement with HISD is required by Texas Law to disclose, in advance of the contract and/or agreement award, if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The disclosure should include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony as provided in section 44.034 of the Texas Education Code. The requested information is being collected in accordance with applicable law. This requirement does not apply to a publicly held corporation.

If an individually owned Company:

Has the owner(s) ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If a Corporation, Partnership, Limited Partnership, etc:

Has any owner, or partner, of your business entity been convicted of a felony? Yes No

Has any manager or director of your entity been convicted of a felony? Yes No

Has any employee of your entity been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If Yes, give details:

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please provide a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of the felony, including the Case Number, the applicable dates, the State and County where the conviction occurred, and the sentence. (Attached additional pages, if necessary.)

I attest that I have answered the questions concerning prior convictions truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.

CORPORATE OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

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5.3 SUBSECTION III - FREE OF INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT:

The Texas Education Code (Section 44.044) provides that school districts, by resolution of the Board of Trustees, may establish regulations requiring that persons or entities entering into a contract and/or agreement or transaction with the District not be indebted to the District. The Board of Education has approved a resolution establishing policy that requires that the awarded, or selected, suppliers be free of any indebtedness to the District. The following information must be completed by individual and/or business entities.

List all the tax account numbers for all property taxes due the Houston Independent School District:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Are all City, County, and Houston Independent School District property taxes, both real and personal, assessed against property owned by individual and/or business entity paid?

Yes No

If you answer “no” to this question, provide detail of the amounts due the District and your current plan to satisfy this indebtedness.

I attest that I have answered the questions regarding indebtedness to the Houston Independent School District truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.

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5.4 SUBSECTION IV - CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION:

The undersigned certifies on behalf of the company and its key employees that neither the company nor its key employees have been proposed for debarment, debarred or suspended by any Federal Agency.

The undersigned agrees to notify the District in the event that the company or any of its key employees are proposed for debarment, debarred or suspended by any Federal Agency or by any State of Texas agency. Notification shall take place within five (5) business days after the company or employee is notified of either debarment or suspension or possible debarment or suspension. Notification shall be sent to Mr. Gilberto Carles, MBA; General Manager – Procurement Services; Houston Independent School District; 4400 West 18th Street; Houston, Texas 77092.

I attest that I have answered the questions regarding debarment and suspension truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.

CORPORATE OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

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5.5 SUBSECTION V - STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION:

The undersigned Proposer does hereby certify:

- a) That all statements of fact in such proposal are true.
- b) That such proposal was not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization or corporation.
- c) That such proposal is genuine and not collusive or sham.
- d) That Proposer(s) has not, directly or indirectly by agreement, communication or conference with anyone, attempted to induce action prejudicial to the interest of the District or of any other bidder or anyone else interested in the proposed procurement.
- e) That Proposer(s) did not, directly or indirectly, collude, conspire, connive or agree with anyone else that said bidder or anyone else would submit a false or sham bid or proposal, or that anyone should refrain from bidding or withdraw his bid or proposal.
- f) That Proposer(s) did not, in any manner, directly or indirectly seek by agreement, communication or conference with anyone to raise or fix the bid or proposal price of said bidder or of anyone else, or to raise or fix any overhead, profit or cost element of his bid or proposal price, or that of anyone else.
- g) That Proposer(s) did not, directly or indirectly, submit his bid or proposal price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulge information on data relative thereto, to any corporation, partnership, company, association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof, or to any individual or group of individuals, except to the District, or to any person or persons who have a partnership or other financial interest with said Proposer in his business.
- h) That Proposer(s) did not provide, directly or indirectly to any officer or employee of the District any gratuity, entertainment, meals, or anything of value, whatsoever, which could be construed as intending to invoke any form of reciprocation or favorable treatment.

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- i) That no officer or principal of the undersigned firm is related to any officer or employee of the District by blood or marriage within the third degree or is employed, either full or part time, by the District either currently or within the last two (2) years.

- j) That no officer or principal of the undersigned firm nor any subcontractor to be engaged by the principal has been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of any charge of fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy or any other act in violation of any state or federal anti-trust law in connection with the bidding, award of, or performance of any public work contract and/or agreement with any public entity.

I attest that I have answered the questions regarding non-collusion truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.

CORPORATE OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

TITLE

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5.6 SUBSECTION VI - SUBSECTION VI ANTITRUST CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

(Texas Government Code §2155.005)

I affirm under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Texas that:

1. I am duly authorized to execute this agreement/contract/proposal on my own behalf or on behalf of the company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual (Company) listed below;
2. In connection with this proposal, neither I nor any representative of the Company have violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus & Comm. Code Chapter 15;
3. In connection with this bid, neither I nor any representative of the Company have violated any federal antitrust law; and
4. Neither I nor any representative of the Company have directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of this proposal to a competitor of the Company or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Company.

Company Name _____

Company Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Facsimile _____

Proposer Signature _____

Proposer Printed Name _____

Position with Company _____

(IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

Official Authorizing Proposal

Corporate Officer's Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Position with Company _____

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5.7 SUBSECTION VII - CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE FORM:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE		FORM CIQ
For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity		
<p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.</p> <p>A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.</p>	OFFICE USE ONLY	
<p>1 Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p> 	<p>Date Received</p> 	
<p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)</p>		
<p>3 Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of Officer</p> <p>This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.</p> <p>A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.</p> 		
<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 150px;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 150px;">Date</p>		

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COMPANY NAME

CORPORATE OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

TITLE

Affiant certifies that he or she is duly authorized to submit the above information on behalf of the Proposer, that Affiant is associated with the Proposal in the capacity noted above and has personal knowledge of the accuracy of the information provided herein, and that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of Affiant's knowledge and belief.

Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

(seal)

Notary Public

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VI. FORM B - M/WBE INSTRUCTIONS:

Please refer to Attachment B-MWBE Participation Report that is located on HISD's Procurement Web Site.

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VII. FORM C - ADDENDUM FOR AGREEMENT FUNDED BY U.S. FEDERAL GRANT

(NON-CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS)

The Houston Independent School District ("the District") is required to obtain certain certifications from organizations receiving District payments paid from federal funds budgets.

Pursuant to Circular A-110, all contracts, including small purchases, awarded by the District and the District's sub-contractors shall contain the procurement provisions of Appendix A to Circular A-110, as applicable. Accordingly, the parties agree that the following terms and conditions apply to the agreement, dated [date] (the "Agreement"), between the District and [name of vendor] ("Vendor") in all situations where the vendor has been paid from federal funds.

1. Equal Employment Opportunity – In fulfilling its obligations under the Agreement, Vendor shall comply with E.O. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by E.O. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and as supplemented by regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

2. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement – To the extent that the Agreement requires the performance of experimental, developmental or research work, Vendor agrees that the District shall have rights in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the District from which received financial assistance to carry out the work contemplated by the Agreement.

3. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*), as amended – In the event that the fees payable to Vendor under the Agreement exceed \$100,000, Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*). Violations shall be reported to the Awarding Agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

4. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. § 1352) - In the event that the fees payable to Vendor under the Agreement exceed \$100,000, vendor shall file the certification required under 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall certify to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures shall be forwarded from tier to tier up to the vendor.

5. Debarment and Suspension (E.O.s 12549 and 12689) – Vendor certifies that it and its principal employees are not listed on the General Services Administration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs in accordance with E.O.s 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension." This list contains the names of parties debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded by agencies, and contractors declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than E.O. 12549. Contractors with awards that exceed the small purchase threshold shall provide the required certification regarding its exclusion status and that of its principal employees.

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6. Access to Records – Vendor agrees that the Inspector General of the District or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Vendor that are directly pertinent to Vendor’s discharge of its obligations under the Agreement for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions.

7. Applicability to Subcontractors – Vendor agrees that all contracts it awards pursuant to the Agreement shall be bound by the foregoing terms and conditions.

Company Name

Corporate Officer’s Signature

Printed Name

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

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VIII. FORM D - PRICING AND SERVICE AFFIRMATION

Proposal of: _____
(Proposer Company Name)

To: Houston Independent School District

RFP Number: _____

RFP Name: _____

Proposer will provide the product/services to the Houston Independent School District (“HISD”) and possibly other governmental agencies (through Interlocal-agreements). Additionally, the focus is on identifying all costs associated with the product/services. HISD is looking to quantify all fees and work towards solutions that minimize costs, while maintaining or improving current service levels. Please see Price Schedule (**Form F**) to this RFP.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Having carefully examined all the specifications and requirements of this RFP and any attachments thereto, the undersigned proposes to furnish the products/services required pursuant to the above- referenced RFP upon the terms quoted below.

__.1 **Price and Products/Services Quotation**

The prices quoted shall be HISD’s pricing for the product or service. There shall be no separate or additional charges, fees, handling or other incidental costs associated in the acquisition of the product/services not disclosed herein. Proposer understands that HISD makes no guarantee as to the volume, amount or type of product/services that may be purchased under any Agreement.

Proposer certifies and agrees that all prices and any promotion or rebates quoted in the proposal have been reviewed and are the final proposed price and product/service offering for this initial RFP response.

__.2 **Price Assurance**

Proposer agrees that, if Proposer is awarded a contract, equal and identical pricing may be extended to another governmental agency (see section 2.15.2 and 2.29 of this RFP).

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__3 HISD Payment Terms

HISD's standard payment terms for services are "net 30 days" from receipt of the invoice. Indicate below the prompt payment discount that Proposer will provide to HISD:

__4 General Terms and Conditions

Proposer agrees to the General Terms and Conditions and all other Terms and Conditions of this RFP unless exceptions are identified in the Exception Form (Form E).

Prompt Payment Discount _____% _____days / net 30 days.

Respectfully submitted:

Company Name: _____

By: _____
(Corporate Officer's Signature)

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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IX. FORM E - EXCEPTION FORM

All deviations and exceptions to this RFP must be expressly stated in this Exception Form (additional pages to this form may be added if necessary). In the absence of any entry on this Exception Form, the Proposer(s) assures HISD of their full agreement and compliance with all specifications, terms and conditions, requirements and obligations of the RFP. **THIS EXCEPTION FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY EACH PROPOSER(S) WHETHER THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS LISTED OR NOT, AND SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL.**

SECTION #, PARAGRAPH # (OR SUBSECTION #) AND PAGE	EXCEPTION
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Company Name

Corporate Officer's Signature

Printed Name

Date

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X. FORM F - (PRICE SCHEDULE)

Proposer is asked to submit pricing as identified in Section IV. A hard copy of Form F must be submitted under Tab 7 in the proposal.

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XI. FORM G - SUPPLIER RELATIONS – CHE (LOCAL) QUESTIONNAIRE:

Board of Education Policy CHE (Local) adopted October 11, 2012 requested that all proposers supply the Board of Education the information contained below. While this information is requested in other parts of Form A this questionnaire provides the information specifically related to CHE (Local).

Legal Name of Business: _____

Type of Business and
types of products or services provided: _____

Business Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Business Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Names of parent company, subsidiaries, or other name under which they are currently conducting or have previously conducted business with the District:

Parent Company

Subsidiaries	Subsidiaries

Other Names	Other Names

Number of Full Time Employees: _____ Part Time Employees: _____

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FORM H SUBSECTION I

Certification Regarding Lobbying

Applicable to Grants, Subgrants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts Exceeding \$100,000 in Federal Funds.

Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction and is imposed by section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than 10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered subawards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Name/Address of Organization

Printed Name/Title of Submitting Official

Signature

Date

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Instructions for Completion of SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Use the SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet for additional information if the space on the form is inadequate. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal Action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal Action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal Action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants, and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal Agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the lobbying entity engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action. (b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. Enter the amount of compensation paid or reasonably expected to be paid by the reporting entity (item 4) to the lobbying entity (item 10). Indicate whether the payment has been made (actual) or will be made (planned). Check all boxes that apply. If this is a material change report, enter the cumulative amount of payment made or planned to be made.
12. Check the appropriate box(es). Check all boxes that apply. If payment is made through an in-kind contribution, specify the nature and value of the in-kind payment.
13. Check the appropriate box(es). Check all boxes that apply. If other, specify nature.
14. Provide a specific and detailed description of the services that the lobbyist has performed, or will be expected to perform, and the date(s) of any services rendered. Include all preparatory and related activity, not just time spent in actual contact with Federal officials. Identify the Federal official(s) or employee(s) contacted or the officer(s), employee(s), or Member(s) of Congress that were contacted.
15. Check whether or not a SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet(s) is attached.
16. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, D.C. 20503.

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**FORM H
SUBSECTION II**

US Department of Agriculture

Certification Regarding Clean Air and Water Act

- 1) Read the statement listed below;
- 2) An officer of the company must sign below only if compliant with the Clean Air and Water Act in the space provided at the bottom of the page.

Statement:

I, the vendor, am in compliance with all standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Water Act of 1970, as Amended (42 U.S.C. 1857 (h), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1368), executive Order 117389 and Environmental protection Agency Regulation, 40 CFR Part 15 as required under OMB Circular A -102, Attachment O, Paragraph 14(1) regarding reporting violations to the grantor agency and to the United States Environment Protection Agency Assistant Administrator of the Enforcement.

Name of Company_____

Signature of Officer_____

Printed Name and Title of Officer_____

Date_____

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FORM H
SUBSECTION III

Houston Independent School District

Certification Regarding Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP)

1. Read the statement listed below;
2. All products purchased by the Houston Independent School District (“HISD or, “the district”) must be manufactured in compliance with HACCP regulations. The District requires all proposers to complete the statement below regarding HACCP compliance.

Statement:

I certify all products bid on this proposal are processed and packaged in a HACCP compliant plant, and by signing this statement I understand certification of compliance by a qualified and recognized third party HACCP auditor is required to be considered HACCP compliant.

Signature of Company Officer

Printed Name of Company Officer

State of _____
County of _____

Title of Company Officer

Before me the undersigned authority appeared _____ who is the _____ of _____ and states that he/she is signing this document for the purposes and intentions therein stated.

My Commission Expires

Notary Public

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Affiant certifies that he or she is duly authorized to submit the above information on behalf of the Proposer, that Affiant is associated with the Proposal in the capacity noted above and has personal knowledge of the accuracy of the information provided herein, and that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of Affiant's knowledge and belief.

Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

(seal)

Notary Public