



THE LEON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
3397 WEST THARPE ST.
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303

INVITATION TO BID (ITB) & BIDDER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

POSTING DATE:
June 18, 2015

PURCHASING CONTACT:
Nancy Scott - (850) 488-1206
scottn@leonschools.net

BID TITLE:
Beverages for Nutrition Services

BID NUMBER:
5328-2016

BID OPENING DATE & TIME:

July 8, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M. EST

NOTE: BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE OPENING DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The School District of Leon County, Florida ("School Board") solicits your company to submit a bid on the above referenced goods or services. All terms, specifications and conditions set forth in this request are incorporated by this reference into your response. Bids will not be accepted unless all conditions have been met. In the event of a conflict between the General Bid Terms and Conditions and any Special terms and Conditions attached hereto, the Special Terms and Conditions shall have precedence. All bids must have an authorized signature in the space provided below. All bids must be sealed and received in the School Board's Purchasing Office at 3397 West Tharpe St., Tallahassee, Florida, by the "Bid Opening Date & Time" referenced above. All envelopes containing sealed bids must reference the "Bid Title," "Bid Number" and the "Bid Opening Date & Time." The School Board is not responsible for lost or late delivery of Bids by the U.S. Postal Service or other delivery services used by the Bidder. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening unless otherwise specified.

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED AS PART OF YOUR BID. BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS FORM, SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE BIDDER.

COMPANY NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

FEDERAL EMPLOYER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FEIN):

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (EXT) FACSIMILE NUMBER

EMAIL:

I CERTIFY THAT THIS BID IS MADE WITHOUT PRIOR UNDERSTANDING, AGREEMENT, OR CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER BIDDER SUBMITTING A BID FOR THE SAME MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES, AND IS IN ALL RESPECTS FAIR AND WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD. I AGREE TO ABIDE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS BID AND CERTIFY THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS BID FOR THE BIDDER.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: TYPED OR PRINTED NAME

TITLE: DATE

BID IDENTIFICATION LABEL

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS: A label has been provided to properly identify your bid. Place the bid in a sealed envelope, type the name and address of the bidder on the label and affix the label to the front of the envelope.

The School Board Purchasing office is open from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you are hand delivering a proposal, a Purchasing representative will be available to time/date stamp your submittal during these hours.

Cut out the label below and attach it to your envelope.

Sealed Bid – DO NOT OPEN	Sealed Bid – DO NOT OPEN
Bid Title:	Beverages for Nutrition Services
Bid No.:	5328-2016
Bids Due:	July 8, 2015 @ 2:00 p.m. EST
From:	_____
Address:	_____

Deliver To:	Leon County Schools Purchasing Department 3397 West Tharpe Street Tallahassee, Florida 32303
Sealed Bid – DO NOT OPEN	Sealed Bid – DO NOT OPEN

Procurement Policy Statement for The School District of Leon County, Florida

Introduction

The following procurement policy statement shall govern all purchasing activities that relate to any aspect of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. The intent of this statement is to provide guidance to our personnel and vendors on acceptable and/or required procurement practices. Our goal is to fully implement all required and recommended procurement rules, regulations and policies set forth in 7 CFR 210.21 and 7 CFR Part 3019 or by the State Agency.

Procurement Plan – Small Purchase Procedures (SPP)

The procurement method that shall govern all purchasing activities for this institution is called Small Purchase Procedures, "SPP." This method of procurement is outlined in the National School Lunch Program regulations.

SPP shall be employed to procure all food service program related items that **do not exceed \$100,000 per year**, or per procurement event in aggregate purchases. If this threshold is exceeded or projected to be exceeded, then the sponsor shall use one of the other allowable methods which are: Competitive Sealed Bids, Competitive Negotiation (also called an RFP) or Noncompetitive Negotiation (also called Sole Source).

Note: The actual threshold for purchasing is the lesser of \$100,000 or the bid threshold established in the sponsor's procurement policy.

The sponsor's method of procurement recognizes these essential elements are required for this program to be in compliance with 7 CFR 210.21 and 7 CFR Part 3019.

- A. **COMPETITION:** We shall demonstrate our goods and services are procured in an openly competitive manner.
- B. **COMPARABILITY:** We recognize for true competition to take place, we must maintain reasonable product specifications to adequately describe the products to be purchased and the volume of planned purchases based upon pre-planned menu cycles.
- C. **DOCUMENTATION:** We shall maintain for the current year and the preceding three years all menus, production records, invitations to bid, bid results, and tabulations or any other significant materials that will serve to document our policies and procedures.
- D. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** This program shall be governed by the attached code of conduct and it shall apply to all personnel, employees, directors, agent, officers, volunteers or any person acting in any capacity concerning the food service procurement plan.
- E. **PROCUREMENT REVIEW PROCESS:** This procurement plan shall receive an internal program review on an annual basis by an independent second party staff person who is not associated with food service procurement. This review shall be summarized in written form and kept with the other required program documentation.
- F. **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:** Purchases shall be checked or verified by designated staff to assure that all goods and services are received and prices verified. All invoices and receipts shall be signed, dated, and maintained in the documentation file.

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I. INTRODUCTION & GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose and intent of this Invitation to Bid is to identify qualified vendors, and secure firm pricing for the procurement and delivery of beverages for School Nutrition Services that meets the Smart Snacks In Schools requirements on an as needed basis to multiple sites of the Leon County School District (the District).

II. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

NOTE: The term "Bidder" as used within this Invitation to Bid (ITB) refers to the person, company or organization responding to this ITB. The Bidder is responsible for understanding and complying with the terms and conditions herein.

- A. GENERAL:** Upon a Bid award, the terms and conditions of this Bid or any portion thereof may upon mutual agreement of the parties be extended for an additional term(s) or for additional quantities (all original terms and conditions will remain in effect).
- B. USE OF OTHER CONTRACTS:** The School Board reserve the right to utilize any other District contract, any State of Florida Contract, any contract awarded by any other City or County governmental agencies, any other School Board, any other Community College/State University system cooperative bid agreement, or to directly negotiate/purchase per School Board policy and/or State Board Rule 6A-1.012(6) in lieu of any offer received or award made as a result of this bid, If it is in the best interest to do so. The School Board also reserves the right to separately bid any single order or to purchase any item on this bid if it is in its best interest to do so.
- C. JOINT-BIDDING, COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT:** All bidders submitting a response to this ITB agree that such response also constitutes a bid to all State Agencies and Political Subdivisions of the State of Florida under the same conditions, for the same prices and for the same effective period as this bid, should the bidder(s) deem it in the best interest of their business to do so. This agreement in no way restricts or interferes with any state agency or political subdivision of the State of Florida to rebid any or all items.

State agencies wishing to make purchases from this agreement are required to follow the provisions of s. 287.042(16) (a), F.S. This statute requires the Department of Management Services to determine that the requestor's use of the contract is cost-effective and in the best interest of the State.

Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the agreement of the Contractor, other entities may be permitted to make purchases at the terms and conditions contained herein. Non-Customer purchases are independent of the agreement between Customer and Contractor, and Customer shall not be a party to any transaction between the Contractor and any other purchaser.

- D. AWARD:** In the event of contract award, this contract shall be awarded all or none to the responsible and responsive bidder whose bid is determined to be the most advantageous to the School Board, taking into consideration price and other requirements as set forth in this ITB. The Board reserves the right to use the second most responsive bidder in the event the original successful bidder does not fulfill their contract. Any or all award(s) made as a result of this ITB shall conform to applicable School Board Rules, State Board Rules and State of Florida Statutes.

Once bids are evaluated, the Purchasing Department will post a Notice of Intent to Award by electronic posting at <http://www.leonschools.net/Page/4411> on or about **July 9, 2015** for a period of 72 hours or three business days, whichever is later. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in §120.57 Fla. Stat. shall constitute a waiver of proceedings.

It is anticipated that a recommendation for award will be presented to the School Board for consideration at its **July 21, 2015** meeting.

- E. TERM:** The initial term of this contract will be after School Board approval, on or about **July 22, 2015 through June 30, 2017** and may, by mutual agreement between the School Board of Leon County, Florida and the awardee, upon final School Board approval, be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods, and, if needed, ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the current contract period. All prices shall be firm for the term of the contract. The successful vendor(s) agree to this condition by signing its bid.
- F. BID OPENING AND FORM:** Bid openings will be public on the date and time specified on the Bidder's Acknowledgement form. All Bids received after the time indicated will be rejected as non-responsive and returned unopened to sender. Bids by Email, fax, telegram, or verbally by telephone or in person will not be accepted. To protect any confidential information contained in their Bid, companies must invoke the exemptions to disclosure provided by law in response to the ITB, and must identify the data and other material to be protected, and must state the reasons why such exclusion from public disclosure is necessary.

- G. PUBLIC RECORDS LAW:** Pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 119.071(1), proposals received as a result of this ITB will not become public record until thirty (30) days after the date of opening or until posting of a recommendation for award, whichever occurs first. Thereafter, all proposal documents or other materials submitted by all Proposers in response to this ITB will be open for inspection by any person and in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. To the extent a Bidder asserts any portion of its proposal is exempt or confidential from disclosure under Florida's public records, the burden shall be on the Proposer to obtain a protective order from a jurisdictional court protecting such information from disclosure under Florida's public records laws and also timely provide a certified copy of such protective order to the School Board prior to the School Board's release of such information into the public domain.
- H. BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY:** Before submitting their Bid, each bidder is required to carefully examine the ITB specifications and to completely familiarize themselves with all of the terms and conditions that are contained within this request. Ignorance on the part of the bidder will in no way relieve them of any of the obligations and responsibilities which are a part of this ITB.
- I. OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE:** The contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining throughout the contract period any required occupational license and other licenses required pursuant to the laws of Leon County, the City of Tallahassee, or the State of Florida. Every contractor submitting a bid on this invitation for bids shall include a copy of the company's local business or occupational license(s) or a written statement on letterhead indicating the reason no license exists.
- J. WARRANTY:** All goods and services furnished by the Bidder, relating to and pursuant to this ITB will be warranted to meet or exceed the Specifications contained herein. In the event of breach, the Bidder will take all necessary action, at Bidder's expense, to correct such breach in the most expeditious manner possible.
- K. PRICING:** All pricing submitted will include all packaging, handling, shipping charges and delivery to any point within Leon County, Florida to a secure area or inside delivery. **The School Board is exempt and does not pay Federal Excise and State of Florida Sales taxes.**
- L. QUANTITIES:** Quantities listed in the bid are estimates provided for bidder information purposes only. No guarantee is given or implied as to the exact quantities which will be purchased from this bid. The School Board reserves the right to increase or decrease all estimated quantities during the term of this contract or to delete any item or items as it deems appropriate, without affecting the bid pricing or the terms and conditions of the bid.
- M. TERMS OF PAYMENT / INVOICING:** The normal terms of payment will be Net 30 Days from receipt and acceptance of goods or services and Bidder's invoice. Itemized invoices, each bearing the Purchase Order Number must be mailed on the day of shipment. Invoicing subject to cash discounts will be mailed on the day that they are dated.
- N. PURCHASING CARDS:** The School Board may choose to use a "Purchasing Card" for ordering of goods and materials or payment of invoices under this contract. The Vendor, by submitting a proposal, agrees to accept this manner of payment and may not add additional handling charges or service fees to purchases made with the School Board's Purchasing Card(s). Refusal to accept this condition may cause the proposal to be declared non-responsive, or result in revocation of the contract, if already awarded. No third party payment, i.e. Pay pal will be considered
- O. TRANSPORTATION AND TITLE:** (1) Title to the goods will pass to the School Board upon receipt and acceptance at the destination indicated herein. Until acceptance, the Bidder retains the sole insurable interest in the goods. (2) The shipper will prepay all transportation charges. The School Board will not accept collect freight charges. (3) No premium carriers will be used for the School Board's account without prior written consent of the Director of Purchasing.
- P. PACKING:** All shipments will include an itemized list of each package's content, and reference the School Board's Purchase Order Number. No charges will be allowed for cartage or packing unless agreed upon by the School Board prior to shipment.
- Q. INSPECTIONS AND TESTING:** The School Board will have the right to expedite, inspect and test any of the goods or work covered by this ITB. All goods or services are subject to the School Board's inspection and approval upon arrival or completion. If rejected, they will be held for disposal at the Bidder's risk. Such inspection, or the waiver thereof, however, will not relieve the Bidder from full responsibility for furnishing goods or work conforming to the requirements of this Bid or the Bid Specifications, and will not prejudice any claim, right, or privilege the School Board may have because of the use of defective or unsatisfactory goods or work.
- R. STOP WORK ORDER:** The School Board may at any time, by written notice to the Bidder stop all or any part of the work for this Bid award. Upon receiving such notice, the Bidder will take all reasonable steps to minimize additional costs during the period

of work stoppage. The School Board may subsequently either cancel the stop work order resulting in an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule and/or the price, or terminate the work in accordance with the provisions of the Bid terms and conditions.

- S. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION:** The Bidder agrees to indemnify and save harmless the School Board, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims and liabilities (including expenses) for injury or death of persons or damage to any property which may result, in whole or in part, from any act or omission on the part of the Bidder, its agents, employees, or representatives, or are arising from any Bidder furnished goods or services, except to the extent that such damage is due solely and directly to the negligence of the School Board. **The Bidder will carry comprehensive general liability insurance, including contractual and product liability coverage, with minimum limits acceptable to the School Board. The Bidder will, at the request of the School Board, supply certificates evidencing such coverage and listing the Leon County School Board as “Additional Insured” on said policies.**
- T. RISK OF LOSS:** The Bidder assumes the following risks: (1.) all risks of loss or damage to all goods, work in process, materials and equipment until the delivery thereof as herein provided; (2.) all risks of loss or damage to third persons and their property until delivery of all goods as herein provided; (3.) all risks of loss or damage to any property received by the Bidder or held by the Bidder or its suppliers for the account of the School Board, until such property has been delivered to the School Board; (4) all risks of loss or damage to any of the goods or part thereof rejected by the School Board, from the time of shipment thereof to Bidder until redelivery thereof to the School Board.
- U. LAWS AND REGULATIONS:** Bidders will comply with all applicable Federal, State and Local laws, statutes and ordinances including, but not limited to the rules, regulations and standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, the Federal Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, and the rules and regulations promulgated there under. Bidders agree not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, sex, religion, color, age, disability or national origin.
- All agreements as a result of an award hereto and all extensions and modifications thereto and all questions relating to its validity, interpretation, performance or enforcement shall be governed and construed in conformance to the laws of the State of Florida.**
- V. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES:** A Bidder, person, or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Florida State Statute, Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
- W. PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS:** Bidders agree to indemnify and save harmless the School Board, its officers, employees, agents, or representatives using the goods specified herein from any loss, damage or injury arising out of a claim or suit at law or equity for actual or alleged infringement of letters of patent by reason of the buying, selling or using the goods supplied under this bid, and will assume the defense of any and all suits and will pay all costs and expenses thereto.
- X. FUNDING OUT/CANCELATION OR TERMINATION WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE:**
- 1. WITH CAUSE:** In the event any of the provisions of the Contract are violated by the bidder, the Superintendent or designee shall give written notice to the bidder stating the deficiencies and unless the deficiencies are corrected within ten days, recommendation will be made to the School Board or its designee for immediate cancellation. Upon cancellation, hereunder the School Board may pursue any and all legal remedies as provided herein and by law. In the event that it is subsequently determined that a cancellation under this paragraph was incorrect, the termination shall be converted to a termination for convenience pursuant to the next paragraph.
 - 2. WITHOUT CAUSE:** The School Board or its designee reserves the right to terminate any contract resulting from this Invitation to Bid at any time and for no reason whatsoever, upon giving 30 days prior written notice to the bidder. If the Contract should be terminated for convenience as provided herein, the School Board shall be relieved of all obligations under said Contract. The School Board or its designee shall only be required to pay to the successful bidder that amount of the Contract actually performed to the date of termination.

3. **FUNDING OUT:** Florida School Laws prohibit the School Board or its designee from creating obligations on anticipation of budgeted revenues from one fiscal year to another without year-to-year extension provisions in the contracts. It is necessary that fiscal funding out provisions be included in all bids in which the terms are for periods of longer than one year.

Therefore, the following funding out provisions are an integral part of this Invitation to Bid and must be agreed to by all bidders:

The School Board or its designee may, during the contract period, terminate or discontinue the items covered in this bid for lack of appropriated funds upon the same terms and conditions.

Such prior written notice will state:

- a. That the lack of appropriated funds is the reason for termination, and
- b. School Board agrees not to replace the equipment or services being terminated with equipment and services with functions similar to those performed by the equipment covered in this bid from another vendor in the succeeding funding period.

“This written notification will thereafter release the School Board of Leon County, Florida of all further obligations in any way related to such equipment covered herein”.

- Y. **AUDITS, RECORDS, AND RECORDS RETENTION:** The School Board or its representative reserves the right to inspect and/or audit all the Bidder's documents and records as they pertain to the products and services delivered under this agreement. Such rights will be exercised with notice to the Bidder to determine compliance with and performance of the terms, conditions and specifications on all matters, rights and duties, and obligations established by this agreement. Documents/records in any form shall be open to the School Board's representative and may include but are not limited to all correspondence, ordering, payment, inspection and receiving records, and contracts or sub-contracts that directly or indirectly pertain to the transactions between the School Board and the Bidder.
1. To establish and maintain books, records, and documents (including electronic storage media) in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and practices, which sufficiently and properly reflect all revenues and expenditures of funds provided by the School Board under this contract.
 2. To retain all contractor records, financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to this contract for a period of five (5) years after termination of the contract, or if an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of five (5) years, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings or any litigation which may be based on the terms of this contract.
 3. Upon completion or termination of the contract and at the request of the School Board, the Contractor will cooperate with the School Board to facilitate the duplication and transfer of any said records or documents during the required retention period as specified in paragraph 1 above.
 4. To assure that these records shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, or audit by Federal, state, or other personnel duly authorized by the School Board.
 5. Persons duly authorized by the School Board and Federal auditors, pursuant to Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 92.36 (l) (10), and Title 34, Section 80.36(i), shall have full access to and the right to examine any of provider's contract and related records and documents, regardless of the form in which kept, at all reasonable times for as long as records are retained
 6. To include these aforementioned audit and record keeping requirements in all approved subcontracts and assignments.
- Z. **WEAPONS AND FIREARMS:** The School Board prohibits any contractor from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon, including a concealed weapon, on School Board property and any setting that is under the control and supervision of the School Board as specified in School Board Policy 7217. Violations will be subject to the immediate termination of the contract.

- AA. LEVEL 2 SCREENING REQUIREMENTS:** The following provisions, which implement the requirements of School Board Policy 8475, Florida Statute Sections 1012.315, 1012.32, 1012.465 (Jessica Lunsford Act), 1012.467 and 1012.468 are included as additional terms and conditions of the contract:

Finger Printing and Background Check:

The vendor/contractor agrees to comply with all requirements of School Board Policy 8475 and Florida Statute Sections 1012.315, 1012.32, 1012.465 (Jessica Lunsford Act), 1012.467 and 1012.468 by certifying that any/all employees have completed the mandatory background screenings as required by the referenced policy and statutes and shall provide the School Board with proof of compliance. These certifications will be provided to the Leon County School Board, Safety & Security Department in advance of the vendor/contractor providing any/all services as required herein. The vendor/contractor will bear the cost of acquiring the background screening required and any/all fees imposed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and or the School Board to maintain the fingerprints provided with respect to vendor/contractor and its employees. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the School Board, its officers, agents and employees from any liability in the form of physical injury, death, or property damage resulting from the Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements of these cited policies and statutes. The vendor/contractor will follow procedures for obtaining employees background screening as established by the Leon County School Board, Safety & Security Department.

Where: Leon County School Board –Safety & Security Department

2757 W. Pensacola St.

Tallahassee, Florida 32304

When: Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Point of Contact: Donald Kimbler @ 850-487-7293

LCSB Policy 8475 is subject to review and change. As a provision of this contract, if awarded, any changes made to this policy will automatically become a part of and be incorporated in this contract. It is the responsibility of the awardee(s) to be aware of any changes that may occur.

- BB. RECIPROCITY OF FLORIDA SCHOOL I.D. BADGES:** If contractor has a Level II clearance registered with another Florida School Board, they may be able to obtain a Leon County School Board vendor i.d. badge. Contractor should check with the Safety & Security Department Fingerprint Services office to verify clearance and obtain a vendor i.d. badge.
- CC. CONTACT WITH STUDENTS:** No employees or independent contractors, material men, suppliers or anyone involved in any manner with projects resulting from this proposal shall have direct or indirect contact with students at project sites. A violation of this provision shall result in immediate termination of the offender and issuance of a trespass notice from the School Board. Vendor/Proposer shall be responsible for insuring compliance by all employees, independent contractors and sub-contractors or other persons involved in any manner with projects resulting from this proposal.
- DD. SAMPLES AND BRAND NAMES:** Specifications referencing specific brand names and models are used to reflect the kind and type of quality in materials and workmanship, and the corresponding level of performance the School Board expect to receive as a minimum. Bidders offering equivalents or superior products to the brand/model specified will be considered. The School Board reserves the right to determine the acceptability of any alternatives offered.
- EE. EVALUATION CRITERIA:** Primary factors used to decide the award hereunder will be price, availability and responsiveness. Other factors that may be used in the evaluation of this bid will be: (1.) administrative costs incurred by the School Board in association with the discharge of any subsequent award; (2.) alternative payment terms; (3.) Bidder's past performance. The School Board reserves the right to evaluate by lot, by partial lot, or by item, and to accept or reject any bid in its entirety or in part, and to waive minor irregularities if the bid is otherwise valid. In the event of a price extension error, the unit price will be accepted as correct. The School Board has sole discretion in determining testing and evaluation methods.
- FF. CLARIFICATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS:** The School Board reserves the right to allow for clarification of questionable entries, and for the Bidder to withdraw items with obvious mistakes. Any questions concerning terms, conditions or specifications will be directed to the designated Purchasing Agent referenced on the ITB Acknowledgement. Any ambiguities or inconsistencies shall be brought to the attention of the designated Purchasing Agent in writing at least seven workdays prior to the opening date of the Bid. Failure to do so, on the part of the bidder will constitute an acceptance by the bidder of consequent decision. An addendum to the ITB shall be issued and posted for those interpretations that may affect the eventual outcome of this bid. It is the bidder's responsibility to assure the receipt of all addendum issued. No person is authorized to give oral interpretations of, or make oral changes to the Bid. Therefore oral statements given before the bid opening date will not be binding. The School

Board will consider no interpretations binding unless provided for by issuance of an addendum. Addenda will be made available at least five workdays prior to the opening date at <http://www.leonschools.net/Domain/195>. The bidder shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda by signing and enclosing said addenda with their proposal.

GG. DISPUTE: In case of any doubt or difference of opinion as to the items to be furnished hereunder, the decision of the School Board shall be final and binding on both parties. In the event a dispute occurs, or a clarification of contract terms becomes necessary, please indicate your company representative for arbitration proceedings.

Representative's Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Our School Board Representative will be:

**Mr. Jeff Wahlen
Ausley & McMullen
(850) 224-9115**

HH. PROTESTING BID SPECIFICATIONS: Any person desiring to protest the conditions/specifications in this Bid or any Addenda thereto, shall file a written notice of protest within 72 hours after receipt of the Bid or Addendum and shall file a formal written protest within ten days after the date the notice of protest was filed. Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays or days during which the School Board administration is closed shall be excluded in the computation of the 72 hour period. If the tenth calendar day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the formal written protest must be received on or before 4:30 p.m. of the next calendar day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day during which the School Board administration is closed.

Failure to file a notice of protest or to file a formal written protest within the time prescribed by Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes and School Board Policy 6320.02.

II. PROTESTS TO CONTRACT AWARD: The School Board shall provide notice of a decision or intended decision concerning a solicitation, contract award, or exceptional purchase by electronic posting which can be accessed at the Purchasing Department's website <http://www.leonschools.net/Domain/195>. Any person desiring to protest the intended decision shall file a written notice of protest, within 72 hours after the official posting in the Purchasing Department office of the Notice of Intent to Award concerning this ITB, and shall file a formal written protest within ten days after filing the notice of protest. Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays and days during which the School Board administration is closed shall be excluded in the computation of the 72-hour period. If the tenth calendar day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the formal written protest must be received on or before 4:30 p.m. of the next calendar day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or day during which the School Board administration is closed. Section 120.57(3) (b), Florida Statutes, states that "the formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based." Any person who files an action protesting an intended award shall post with the Purchasing Department, at the time of filing the formal written protest, a bond payable to the Leon County School Board consistent with F.A.C. Rule 28-110.005(2), and School Board Policy 6320.02. The bond shall be conditioned upon the payment of all costs which may be adjudged against protester in an Administrative hearing in which the action is brought and any subsequent appellate court proceeding. **Failure to file a notice of protest within the time prescribed by Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes and School Board Policy 6320.02.**

JJ. CONTACT: All questions for additional information regarding this ITB must be directed to the designated Purchasing Agent noted on page one.

All contact and requests for clarifications should be submitted via e-mail to: scott@leonschools.net no later than **June 30, 2015**. Responses will be distributed no later than **July 1, 2015**.

Prospective bidders shall not contact any member of the Leon County School Board, Superintendent or staff regarding this bid prior to posting of the final tabulation and award recommendation on the website and in the Purchasing Office. Any such contact shall be cause for rejection of your bid.

KK. BID PREPARATION COSTS: Neither the School Board nor its representatives shall be liable for any expenses incurred in connection with the preparation of a response to this proposal.

III. **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

These "SPECIAL CONDITIONS" are in addition to or supplement Section II General Terms and Conditions. In the event of a conflict, these SPECIAL CONDITIONS shall have precedence.

- A. **CONTRACT:** The submission of your bid constitutes a firm offer by the bidder. Upon acceptance by the School Board, the Purchasing Department will issue a notice of award and purchase order(s) for any supplies, equipment and/or services as a result of this bid. The Invitation to Bid and the corresponding purchase order(s) will constitute the complete agreement between the successful bidder and the School Board. Unless otherwise stipulated in the bid documents or agreed to in writing by both parties, no other contract documents shall be issued or accepted.
- B. **FIRM OFFER:** Any bid may be withdrawn until the date and time set for the opening of the bids. Any bid not so withdrawn shall constitute an irrevocable offer to provide the School Board the services/products set forth in this ITB. Such offer shall be held open for a period of sixty (60) days from ITB opening date or until one of the bids has been awarded by the School Board.
- C. **RESERVATION FOR REJECTION OR AWARD:** The School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities or technicalities, and to request rebids. The School Board reserves the right to award on an individual item basis, any combination of items, total low bid or, if an alternate bid is accepted, on such terms as are specified for the alternate bid, whichever manner is in the best interest of the School Board.
- D. **CLARIFICATIONS:** The School Board reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted and/or request related additional information or materials from the Bidder, to accurately evaluate the bid. Such information shall not materially change the original bid response nor serve to allow the addition of new information that was not originally expressed or referenced.
- E. **COMPLIANCE WITH STATE/FEDERAL REGULATIONS:** All contracts involving federal funds will contain certain provisions required by applicable sections of CFR 34, Section 80.36(l) and Part 85.510, Florida Statute 257.36, or Florida Administrative Code Chapter 1B. The vendor certifies by signing the bid that the vendor and his/her principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in federally funded transactions and may, in certain instances, be required to provide a separate written certification to this effect.

During the term of any contract with the School Board, in the event of debarment, suspension, proposed debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in federally funded transactions, the vendor shall immediately notify the Director of Purchasing, in writing. Vendors will also be required to provide access to records, which are directly pertinent to the contract and retain all required records for three (3) years after the School Board makes final payment.

For all contracts involving Federal funds in excess of \$10,000, the School Board reserves the right to terminate the contract for cause, as well as for convenience, by issuing a certified notice to the vendor.

- F. **SBDO PROGRAM:** The School Board established the Small Business Development Office to support innovative race and gender neutral strategies to promote qualified small business participation as specified in School Board Policy 6325.
- G. **LOCAL PREFERENCE:** This ITB is subject to the local preference provisions as specified in School Board Policy 6450.
- H. **FLORIDA PREFERENCE:** This ITB is subject to §284.084 Florida Statutes, which requires, among other things, the following: "A vendor, whose principal place of business is outside this state must accompany any written bid, proposal, or reply documents with a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in that foreign state, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that state to its own business entities whose principal places of business are in that foreign state in the letting of any or all public contracts." Any vendor, regardless of whether its principal place of business is located inside or outside of this state, who submits any written bid, proposal or reply documents is responsible for understanding and complying with the requirements of §284.084 Florida Statutes.
- I. **TIE BID:** According to FS 287.087, tie bid preference shall be awarded to vendors with Drug Free Work Place programs. Whenever two or more are equal with regard to price, quality, and service, a bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a Drug Free Work Place program shall be given preference in the award process. In the event both vendors have a Drug Free Work Place, preference shall be awarded in the following order: Local Vendor as specified in School Board Policy 6450, SBE certified as specified in School Board Policy 6325. If both vendors meet all requirements, according to standard purchasing practice, the Director of Purchasing will flip a coin to break the tie. Vendor's company name closest to the letter "A" will always be assigned heads in the coin toss.

- J. **MOST FAVORED CUSTOMER STATUS:** The awarded vendor shall afford the School Board the most favored customer status for all items herein. Accordingly, if during the term of this contract, the contractor offers more favorable promotional or contract pricing to another entity for the same specification with similar quantities and conditions, the price under this contract shall be immediately reduced to the lower price. Additionally, if a current state of Florida contract contains more favorable pricing for the same specification with similar quantities and conditions, the contractor will be afforded an opportunity to adjust its contract price to match that of the state of Florida contract. Should the contractor decline, LCSB reserves the right to purchase the item(s) from the state of Florida contract.
- K. **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE:** All legal proceedings brought in connection with this contract shall only be brought in a state or federal court located in the state of Florida. Venue in state court shall be in Leon County, Florida. Venue in federal court shall be in the United States District Court, Northern District of Florida, Tallahassee Division. Each party hereby agrees to submit to the personal jurisdiction of these courts for any lawsuits filed there against such party arising under or in connection with this contract. In the event that a legal proceeding is brought for the enforcement of any term of the contract, or any right arising there from, the parties expressly waive their respective rights to have such action tried by jury trial and hereby consent to the use of non-jury trial for the adjudication of such suit. All questions concerning the validity, operation, interpretation, construction and enforcement of any terms, covenants or conditions of this contract shall in all respects be governed by and determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida without giving effect to the choice of law principles thereof and unless otherwise preempted by federal law.
- L. **NONDISCRIMINATION CONTACT INFORMATION:** No person shall on the basis of gender, marital status, sexual orientation, race, religion, national origin, age, or disability be denied employment, receipt of services, access to or participation in school activities or programs if qualified to receive such services, or otherwise be discriminated against or placed in a hostile environment in any educational program or activity including those receiving Federal financial assistance, except as provided by law. Any employee, student, parent or applicant alleging discrimination with respect to employment, or any educational program or activity may contact Dr. Kathleen Rodgers, Equity & Title IX Compliance Officer, 2757 W. Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, FL 32304; (850) 487-7129; rodgersk@leonschools.net.
- M. **CHARTER SCHOOLS:** Items or services awarded under this contract shall be made available to Charter Schools approved by the School Board. The School Board is not responsible or liable for purchases that may be made by Charter Schools.
- N. **COMPLIANCE WITH SCHOOL CODE:** Bidder agrees to comply with all sections of the Florida K-20 Education Code, Title XLVIII, Florida Statutes as it presently exists and further as it may be amended from time to time. Further, Contractor agrees that failure to comply with the Florida K-20 Education Code shall constitute a material breach of this Contract and may result in the termination of this Contract by the School Board.
- O. **PRICE ESCALATION:** In the event of unforeseen circumstances that directly impact the pricing and/or servicing of this contract, the School Board reserves the right to negotiate the established bid price with the contractor at any time during the duration of this contract after completion of the initial contract term. Price negotiations will be at the sole discretion of the School Board.

The School Board may consider pricing increases of the bid item(s) if the following conditions occur:

1. There is a verifiable price increase of the bid item(s) to the contract supplier.
2. The contractor submits to the School Board, in writing, notification of price increases.
3. The price increase shall be comparable to documented manufacturers' or distributors' price changes or changes in industry related indices.
4. The contractor shall submit the above information to the Director of Purchasing thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of the price increase. Requests for price increases may only be made after the first term of the contract.

When the contractor complies with the abovementioned conditions, the Director of Purchasing will review the information to determine if it is in the best interest of the School Board to adjust the pricing on the products bid, in conjunction with the contractor's effective date of price increase. The School Board reserves the right to deny any requests for price increases. The contractor must receive written notification from the Director of Purchasing that the School Board is in acceptance of the new prices before processing any orders with the new costs.

P. SCHOOL BOARD RIGHTS: The School Board reserves the right to:

1. Reject any and all offers received as a result of the ITB and to re-bid the services if it is in the best interest of the School Board.
2. Disqualify a bidder from receiving the award if such bidder, or anyone in the bidder's employment, has previously failed to perform satisfactorily in connection with public bidding or contracts.
3. Seek clarification of information submitted and to waive minor irregularities in any proposal.
4. Accept and utilize any and all ideas submitted in any proposal.
5. Negotiate further with any bidder responding to this ITB if it will best serve the interest of the School Board.
6. Re-negotiate terms and conditions of this ITB due to regulatory changes or other factors that may impact this contract.

Subsequent to establishing a contract resulting from this ITB, if the School Board determines that additional features, service, modifications, or deletions are needed and it is in the School Board's best interest, the School Board may enter into negotiations with the contractor to amend the contract.

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IV. INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

- A. **SCOPE:** The purpose and intent of this ITB is to establish a term contract for the procurement and delivery of beverages to the nutrition service departments of schools and special sites as identified herein.
- B. **NUTRITIONAL DATA SHEETS:** Nutritional data sheets are required for all awarded products within fifteen (15) days of award notification, when requested by the school district.
- C. **REGULATIONS:** All items furnished under this bid shall be identified as having been officially inspected for wholesomeness and sanitation under a federal or state regulatory program. All items shall comply in all respects to the standards and regulations established by Federal and/or Florida State Laws..
- D. **ORDER PROCEDURE:** All orders will be placed directly to the awarded contractor(s) by the individual cafeteria managers or their designee. Regular orders will be placed at least seventy-two (72) hours (three working days) prior to delivery times. Emergency orders should be filled as soon as possible.
- E. **DELIVERY:** Product delivery will be to all secondary school cafeterias and specified adult programs and are not for delivery to any central location. Prices quoted shall be FOB destination, freight prepaid to various schools and include inside delivery. All deliveries are to be placed in designated areas, as specified, by the School Nutrition Service manager/designee.
1. Products must be delivered weekly as specified by the cafeteria managers between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Errors will be reported within 24 hours of delivery. No deliveries will be accepted during lunch service times of 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or on weekends.
 2. The delivery person shall leave two (2) invoices, an original and a carbon copy at each school for every transaction. An authorized person at the school must sign all invoices. Invoices shall list total number of units, unit price, and extension.
 3. Drivers shall request the authorized school receiver, or the designated representative, to verify the accuracy of items, quantities of each item, total quantities, and condition of merchandise. Each delivery (invoice) ticket shall be receipted (signed) by a designated school receiver. Failure to obtain an authorized signature may result in non-payment of invoice.
 4. Variations from norm, i.e. shortages, damages, etc., shall be noted on each ticket by the designated school receiver and initialed by both the delivery personnel and school receiver. Items delivered in damaged or unsafe condition, or substitute items not previously approved shall be refused.
 5. Delivery sites are listed on Attachment A (page 30) for a detailed list of addresses and phone numbers. The District reserves the right to add/delete sites as necessary.
- F. **DELIVERY SCHEDULE:** Delivery schedules shall be submitted to the school Nutrition Service office manager or designee two (2) weeks prior to the initial delivery for approval and shall remain constant from week to week. Deliveries shall be made in accordance with the frequency and hours previously designated in this document. The Nutrition Service Director or office manager shall be contacted promptly should there be any deviation from the approved delivery.
- G. **SPECIAL OR INTERMEDIATE DELIVERIES:** May be required in the case of an emergency, if a school is undergoing construction or renovation, if a contractor fails to deliver a product on a regularly scheduled delivery, if a substitute item has been delivered without prior approval, or if an item is delivered in an unacceptable condition; in which case the contractor shall make delivery within twenty-four (24) hours or as otherwise requested by the Nutrition Service Director or designee, at no additional cost to the District. During the term of the contract period, the awarded vendor shall maintain sufficient inventories of each item to supply quantities ordered by each school as requested.
- H. **EMERGENCY DELIVERIES:** In the event of strikes, natural disasters (fire, hurricane, etc.), or other emergency situations, deliveries will be adjusted accordingly. These deliveries must be coordinated with the Nutrition Service Director or designee at (850) 488-7426.
- I. **FAILURE TO DELIVER:** Failure to deliver as specified and at bid price will authorize the School District to purchase these items on the open market. On all such purchases, the vendor failing to meet the bid requirements will be charged the additional cost. Further, the Purchasing Department may recommend to the School Board that the vendor failing to deliver as specified be removed as a future bidder on all bids for a period of up to three (3) years.

- J. **ADDITION OR DELETION OF SITES:** The District reserves the right to add or delete locations at its discretion at any time throughout the term of this bid. Any additional equipment/facility added during the term of this agreement will be handled in accordance with the conditions and prices of this agreement.
- K. **QUANTITIES:** The quantities listed on the bid proposal forms are estimates only. No guarantee is given or implied as to the total quantity or dollar value of this bid. Only items listed on the bid are approved for purchase. No product shall be delivered that is not on the bid without prior approval from the Nutrition Service Director. **No minimum order requirements may be imposed by the awarded contractor.**
- L. **SAMPLES:** Samples are required only upon request. When requested, samples must be furnished at no expense to the School Board.
- M. **PRODUCT CONTAINERS:** **Glass containers are NOT acceptable.** Awarded bidder shall submit a sample of containers when requested. Containers shall be sizes indicated and must be leak-proof and disposable, with a Food and Drug Administration approved opening for pouring. This container shall be used for the contract period and shall be accepted at the discretion of the school board. Containers shall be delivered in a clean condition, free of dirt, sand, grease, or other foreign material in clean carrying cases. Leaking, empty, partially empty cartons, or cartons containing sour or contaminated product will be replaced without charge the day following delivery. The conditions causing the cartons to be replaced must not be extensive nor a consistently recurring problem.
- N. **PACKAGING/RECEIVING CONDITION:** Delivered items shall be identical to the submitted and approved item samples. All packaging or wrapping shall be adequate to ensure that items will be received in a sanitary, wholesome and undamaged condition. Items which do not fulfill the product specifications or are received in an unacceptable condition will be refused. Refused items will be immediately removed and replaced by the awarded contractor(s) at no additional cost to the District.
- O. **RETURNS:** Goods which fail to meet the requirements of the specifications or are found to be inferior shall be returned to the vendor at their expense for a complete refund.
- P. **ASSIGNMENT:** Successful bidder shall not assign any part or whole of this bid to another party, subcontractor, or company, nor shall they assign any money due, without the previous written consent of the District.
- Q. **MATERIALS:** All materials shall be fresh and made from quality, wholesome ingredients. Awarded contractor will provide information on identifying “use by date” for all products ordered.
- R. **ITEM SUBSTITUTIONS:** If the awarded contractor(s) or distributor is temporarily out of stock of the particular item awarded, the substitution of an equal or superior item at an equal or lower price is permissible with the prior approval of the Nutrition Service Director or his authorized designee.
- S. **NEW AND/OR ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS:** The awarded contractor can submit new and/or additional products with pricing and nutrient data sheets that become available and are not included on the bid proposal form to the Nutrition Service Director for evaluation and acceptance. Upon approval of item(s) and successful price negotiations, the new product information will be distributed to the cafeteria managers.
- T. **PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS:** Promotional materials to include, but not limited to, posters, table tents, etc. will be provided upon request at no charge to the District.
- U. **EQUIPMENT:** Refrigerated cabinets suitable for the storage of beverage items as specified are to be supplied by the awarded contractor to hold the supply of products. All electrical hook-ups and/or plumbing hook-ups shall meet all electrical/plumbing codes. The refrigerated cabinets should have locks or the ability to be furnished with a locking device on request. The refrigerated cabinets are to be supplied at no cost to the District and in a quantity that meets the needs of each individual sites needs. Any malfunctioning equipment shall be replaced at no charge. **NOTE: Equipment loaned to the schools will not be for the exclusive use of the vendor’s product, but their product will be displayed in all loaned equipment along with other products.**
- V. **EQUIPMENT SERVICING:** The awarded contractor must service all refrigerated cabinets and replace with new cabinets when necessary at no cost to the District. Spoilage costs due to mechanical failure of the equipment must be absorbed by the contractor. All equipment must be completely installed and in good working condition by **August 10, 2015**. Cabinets must be replaced or repaired within twenty-four (24) hours after problem has been reported to the contractor. Refrigerated cabinets must have electrical capacity of 110 voltage. Upon termination of this contract, equipment must be removed from sites within seven (7) days

- W. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT:** The products furnished under this bid must be manufactured by a plant that meets the sanitation rating of 90% or higher in compliance with “United States Public Health Service Sanitation Compliance List” at the time of the bid opening for duration of bid term.

- X. USDA BUY AMERICAN PROVISION:** It is the intent of the Board to strictly adhere to the USDA’s Buy American Provision. A domestic food product is a product processed in the United States substantially using domestic agricultural commodities. Substantially means that a minimum of 51% of the processed food comes from American produced products. Vendor is required to state each product’s country of origin or where that product was grown if either occurred in a country other than the United States. The Board will be the sole decision maker on determining the acceptability of products produced or grown outside of the United States. The Board will take into consideration the quality of the product and the economic impact of supply and demand when determining recommendations for award. USDA request products that meet the Buy American Provision should have labeling on the product that states “Grown in _____” or “County of Origin _____”.

- Y. PROCESSING COMMODITY CONTRACTS/REBATES:** In the event the United States Department of Agriculture donated commodity items, or school rebates are available, the Board reserves the right to participate in a Commodity Processing Contract/Rebate Program. All rebate proceeds shall accrue to the Board.

- Z. FACILITY INSPECTION:** The Director of Nutrition Services has the prerogative of inspecting the supplier’s facilities at any time throughout the contract period.

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Bid Proposal Form
Bid No. 5328 - 2016 – Beverages for Nutrition Services

Vendor Acknowledgment and Approval

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies or equipment, and in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. The following information, including an authorized representative signature is required to be submitted with your bid in order to be considered for evaluation and award. The person signing below acknowledges and agrees with all proposed information as submitted and has the authorization of the said company to enter into a contractual agreement with the School Board of Leon County for the purposes as proposed and as described herein. Please print and sign below where required.

Authorized Representative's Name/Title	Authorized Representative's Signature	Date
Company's Name	Telephone Number	FAX Number
Address	City	State Zip Code
Area Representative	Telephone Number	FAX Number

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED ANNUAL CASE QUANTITY	PRODUCT BRAND BID	PER CASE		PRICE PER UNIT
				QUANTITY IN CASE	PRICE PER CASE	
1.	BOTTLED WATER – 16 FLUID OZ. SERVING, PLASTIC RESEALABLE BOTTLES	1,200				
2.	BOTTLED WATER – 20 FLUID OZ. SERVING, PLASTIC RESEALABLE BOTTLES	380				
3.	100% FRUIT JUICE – 10 FLUID OZ. SERVING ASSORTED FLAVORS, NO ADDED SWEETENERS, PLASTIC RESEALABLE BOTTLES	2,000				
4.	100% CARBONATED FRUIT JUICE – 8 FLUID OZ. SERVING, ASSORTED FLAVORS, NO ADDED SWEETENERS, CAN	250				

ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGMENT: The undersigned also acknowledges the receipt of the following Addenda:

ADDENDUM NO. _____	DATED _____	ADDENDUM NO. _____	DATED _____
ADDENDUM NO. _____	DATED _____	ADDENDUM NO. _____	DATED _____

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATE

Bidder **must** execute either Section I or Section II hereunder relative to Florida Statute 112.313(12). Failure to execute either section may result in rejection of this bid proposal.

SECTION I

I hereby certify that no official or employee of the School Board requiring the goods or services described in these specifications has a material financial interest in this company.

_____	_____
<i>Signature</i>	<i>Company Name</i>
_____	_____
<i>Name of Official (Type or print)</i>	<i>Business Address</i>

	<i>City, State, Zip Code</i>

SECTION II

I hereby certify that the following named Leon County School Board official(s) and employee(s) having material financial interest(s) (in excess of 5 %) in this company have filed Conflict of Interest Statements with the Supervisor of Elections, 315 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Leon County, FL prior to bid opening.

Name	Title or Position	Date of Filing
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

_____	_____
<i>Signature</i>	<i>Company Name</i>
_____	_____
<i>Name of Official (Type or print)</i>	<i>Business Address</i>

	<i>City, State, Zip Code</i>



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APPLICATION FOR VENDOR STATUS
(IRS W-9 Facsimile)

NEW VENDOR
UPDATE

COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (____) _____

FAX NUMBER: (____) _____

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____

ZIP + 4: _____ - _____

REMITTANCE: NAME (if different from above): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____

ZIP + 4: _____ - _____

WEBSITE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX: Individual/Sole Proprietor S Corporation C Corporation
 Partnership Other _____
 LLC – Type (Check one) C D P

TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: _____ - _____ **OR** _____ - _____ - _____
Federal Employer Identification Number Social Security Number

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Service Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons, businesses, or agencies that are required to file information returns with the IRS. Purchase orders will not be issued to vendors who fail to provide a TIN.

PLEASE INDICATE THE FOLLOWING: *Minority Vendor? Yes No Male Female
Race: White: Hispanic: African American:
Asian: American Indian: Other: _____

**If yes, certification required –
(Please submit with form)*

By: _____
SIGNATURE PRINTED NAME DATE

LCSB site contact requesting vendor: _____
NAME PHONE/EMAIL

**THE LEON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
3397 WEST THARPE STREET
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303**

CUSTOMER REFERENCE FORM

Bid No. 5328 - 2016 – Beverages for Nutrition Services

Please provide all requested information for each reference.

Company Name: _____

Business Type: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Date Last Supplied Products or Services: _____

Company Name: _____

Business Type: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Date Last Supplied Products or Services: _____

Company Name: _____

Business Type: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

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Date Last Supplied Products or Services: _____

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VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE

Bid No. 5328 - 2016 – Beverages for Nutrition Services

Please provide written responses to the following questions. If the answer to any of the questions is `Yes`, Vendor shall describe fully the circumstances, reasons therefore, the current status, and ultimate disposition of each matter that is the subject of this inquiry.

Has Vendor been declared in default of any contract?

Yes No

Has Vendor forfeited any payment of performance bond issued by a surety company on any contract?

Yes No

Has an uncompleted contract been assigned by Vendor's surety company on any payment of performance bond issued to Vendor arising from its failure to fully discharge all contractual obligations there under?

Yes No

Within the past three years, has Vendor filed for reorganization, protection from creditors, or dissolution under the bankruptcy statutes?

Yes No

Is Vendor now the subject of any litigation in which an adverse decision might result in a material change in the firm's financial position or future viability?

Yes No

Is Vendor currently involved in any state of a fact-finding, negotiations, or resistance to a merger, friendly acquisition, or hostile take-over, either as a target or as a pursuer?

Yes No

Within the next year, does Vendor plan any personnel reductions? If so, explain by attachment.

Yes No

Within the next year, does Vendor plan any divestments? If so, explain by attachment.

Yes No

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

Preference shall be given to vendors submitting a certification with their bid/proposal certifying they have a drug-free workplace in accordance with Section 287.087, Florida Statutes. Whenever two or more bids that are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received by the State or by any political subdivision for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. Established procedures for processing tie bids will be followed if none of the tied vendors have a drug-free workplace program. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall:

IDENTICAL TIE BIDS – Preference shall be given to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. Whenever two or more bids, which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service, are received by the State or any political subdivision for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. Established procedure for processing tie bids shall be followed if none of the tied vendors have a drug-free workplace program.

A business shall:

- 1) Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
- 2) Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- 3) Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
- 4) In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employees will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
- 5) Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
- 6) Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

VENDOR'S SIGNATURE: _____

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION -LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

(BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ INSTRUCTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE)

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Organization Name

PR/Award Number or Project Name

Name(s) of Authorized Representative(s)

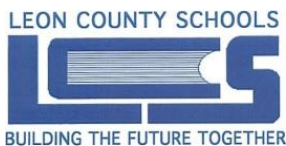
Title(s) of Authorized Representative(s)

Signature(s)

Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION OF DEBARMENT

1. By signing and submitting this form, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out on the reverse side in accordance with these instructions.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.



**SWORN STATEMENT – NEW CONTRACTS
SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1012.465,
FLORIDA STATUTES AS AMENDED BY
HB 1877, THE JESSICA LUNSFORD ACT**

***THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO IN THE PRESENCE OF
A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.***

1. This sworn statement is submitted to The School Board of Leon County, Florida (*hereinafter "Board" or "School Board"*) by _____
(Print individual's name and title)

for _____
(Print name of entity submitting sworn statement)

whose business address is _____

and its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____
If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number (SSN) of the individual signing this sworn statement and so indicate.

2. I, _____ am duly authorized to make this sworn statement
(Print individual's name and title)

on behalf of: _____

(Print name of entity submitting sworn statement)

3. I understand that during the 2005 Legislative Session, House Bill 1877, The Jessica Lunsford Act (*hereinafter "The Act" or "Act"*) was passed and approved by Governor Bush on May 2, 2005, with an effective date of September 1, 2005.

4. I understand that the Act amends the background screening requirements of section 1012.465, Florida Statutes (2004) for all non-instructional School Board employees or **"contractual personnel"** by requiring all non-instructional School Board employees or contractual personnel who are permitted access on school grounds when students are present to undergo and pass "level 2 background screening," and further I understand the Act defines **"contractual personnel"** to include any vendor, individual, or entity under contract with the School Board.

5. I understand that pursuant to section 1012.465, Florida Statutes as amended by the Act, non-instructional School Board employees or contractual personnel who are permitted access on school grounds when students are present, who have direct contact with students or who have access to or control of school funds must meet level 2 screening requirements as described in sections 1012.32 and 435.04, Florida Statutes.

6. I understand that as a _____ (*eg. a charter bus company*)
(Type of entity)

all contractual personnel, as defined in section 1012.465, Florida Statutes, must meet Level 2 screening requirements as outlined in sections 1012.32 and 435.04, Florida Statutes in order to do business with the School Board.

- 7. I understand that “level 2 screening requirements” as defined in sections 1012.32 and 435.04, Florida Statutes means that fingerprints of all contractual personnel must be obtained and submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for state processing and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for federal processing.
- 8. I understand that the School Board has implemented School Board Policy 2.021 to comply with level 2 screening requirements, as defined in sections 1012.32 and 435.04, Florida Statutes. I understand that my company must comply with these local procedures as they are developed or amended from time to time.
- 9. I understand that any costs and fees associated with the required background screening will be borne by my company.
- 10. I understand that any personnel of the contractor found through fingerprint processing and subsequent level 2 background screening to have been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to any offense outlined in Section 435.04, Florida Statutes (or any similar statute of another jurisdiction), **shall not be permitted** to come onto school grounds or any leased premises where school-sponsored activities are taking place when students are present, shall not be permitted direct contact with students, and shall not be permitted to have access to School Board funds.
- 11. I understand that the failure of any of the company’s or my affected personnel to meet level 2 screening standards as required by section 1012.465, Florida Statutes, may disqualify my company from doing business with the School Board.
- 12. I hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct in relation to the company for which I am submitting this sworn statement. I further certify that this statement is being given knowingly and voluntarily by me on behalf of my company.

The company submitting this sworn statement agrees to be bound by the provisions of SECTIONS 1012.32, 1012.465, AND 435.04 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES AS AMENDED BY HB 1877, THE JESSICA LUNSFORD ACT 2005.

I CERTIFY THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH ONE (1) ABOVE BINDS THE COMPANY TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE BACKGROUND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 1012.32, AND 435.04, FLORIDA STATUTES.

(Signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 20_____

_____ is personally known to me OR produced identification

by showing _____
(Type of Identification)

Notary Public – State of _____ My commission expires on: _____

Signature of Notary Public

(Printed, typed or stamped commissioned name of Notary Public)

AFFIDAVIT FOR CLAIMING LOCAL PURCHASING PREFERENCE
Bid No. 5328 - 2016 – Beverages for Nutrition Services

Proposer/Bidder/Quoter/Supplier affirms that it is a local or adjacent county business as defined by Policy #6450 of Leon County Schools and the regulations thereto.

A Leon/adjacent county vendor is a private independent vendor that has been licensed for at least six (6) months preceding the bid or proposal opening, as required by local, State, and Federal law to provide the goods, services, or construction to be purchased. The vendor must have a physical business address, staffed by at least one (1) person, in the geographical boundaries of Leon County or in the adjacent counties of Gadsden, Jefferson, or Wakulla, Florida. The vendor, on a day-to-day basis, should provide to the School Board the needed goods and/or services substantially from the local business address. Post Office boxes are not verifiable and shall not be used for the purpose of establishing said physical address.

Please complete the following in support of the self-certification:

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

_____	_____	_____
<i>Phone</i>	<i>Fax</i>	<i>Email</i>
County: _____	Length of time at this location: _____	# of employees at this location _____

Is your business certified as a small business through Leon County Schools? _____

Signature of Authorized Representative *Date*

State of FLORIDA

County of _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public for the above State and County, on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public *My Commission Expires*

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

In consideration of this Contract, if awarded, the Vendor agrees without reservation to the indemnification and insurance clauses contained herein. These clauses are attached to and form a part of **Bid No. 5328 - 2016 – Beverages for Nutrition Services**.

The Vendor shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend the indemnities (as hereinafter defined) against any claim, action, loss, damage, injury, liability, cost or expense of whatsoever kind or nature including, but not by way of limitation, attorneys' fees and court costs arising out of bodily injury to persons including death, or damage to tangible property arising out of or incidental to the performance of this Contract (including goods and services provided thereto) by or on behalf of the Vendor, whether or not due to or caused in part by the negligence or other culpability of the indemnities, excluding only the sole negligence or culpability of the indemnities. The following shall be deemed to be indemnities: The School Board of Leon County, Florida and its members, officers and employees.

INSURANCE

Prior to being recommended for award, the Vendor has five business days after notification to submit proof of insurance as required herein. Failure to submit a fully completed certificate of insurance signed by an authorized representative of the insurer providing such insurance coverage's may cause the Vendor to be considered non-responsive and not eligible for award of the Contract. The insurance coverage's and limits shall meet, at a minimum, the following requirements:

1. **Commercial General Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.**
2. **Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles used in connection with the operation of the Vendor, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.**
3. **Workers' Compensation Insurance for all employees of the Vendor as required by Florida Statutes.**

"The School Board of Leon County, Florida" must be listed as additional insured on all liability coverage's except Workers' Compensation.

The insurance coverage required shall include those classifications, as listed in standard liability insurance manuals, which most nearly reflect the operations of the Vendor.

All insurance policies shall be issued by companies with either of the following qualifications:

1. The company must be:
 - a. authorized by subsisting certificates of authority by the Department of Insurance of the State of Florida or
 - b. an eligible surplus lines insurer under Florida Statutes. In addition, the insurer must have a Best's Rating of "A" or better and a Financial Size Category of "IV" or better according to the latest edition of Best's Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company.

or

2. With respect only to the Workers' Compensation insurance, the company must be:
 - a. authorized as a group self-insurer pursuant to Florida Statutes or
 - b. authorized as a commercial self-insurance fund pursuant to Florida Statutes

Neither approval nor failure to disapprove the insurance furnished by the Vendor to the School Board shall relieve the Vendor of the Vendor's full responsibility to provide insurance as required by this Contract.

The Vendor shall be responsible for assuring that the insurance remains in force for the duration of the contractual period; including any and all option years that may be granted to the Vendor. The certificate of insurance shall contain the provision that the School Board be given no less than thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation. If the insurance is scheduled to expire during the contractual period, the

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Vendor shall be responsible for submitting new or renewed certificates of insurance to the School Board at a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days in advance of such expiration.

Unless otherwise notified, the certificate of insurance must be delivered to the following address:

**Leon County School Board
Purchasing Department
Attn: June Kail, Director of Purchasing
3397 W. Tharpe St.
Tallahassee, Florida 32303**

The name and address of Leon County Public Schools, as shown directly above, must be listed as Certificate Holder on the Certificate of Insurance as well as clearly noted as "Additional Insured".

The Vendor may be in default of this Contract for failure to maintain the insurance as required by this Contract. Any questions and/or inquiries should be directed to Janet Maxwell at (850) 487-7113.

**Attachment A
Listing of Sites for Delivery**

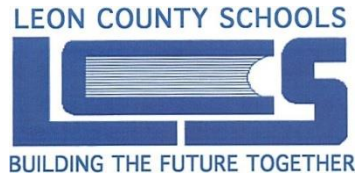
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Code No.	School Site		Code No.	School Site
0561	Ft. Braden K-8 15100 Blountstown Hwy, 32310 488-9374		0032	Cobb Middle 915 Hillcrest Ave., 32308 488-3364
0531	Deerlake Middle 9902 Deerlake W., 32312 922-6545		0451	Fairview Middle 3415 Zillah St., 32301 488-6880
0222	Griffin Middle 800 Alabama St., 32304 488-8436		0291	Nims Middle 723 W. Orange Ave., 32310 488-5960
1201	Montford Middle 5789 Pimlico Drive, 32309 922-6011		1151	Swift Creek Middle 2100 Pedrick Rd., 32317 487-4868
0092	Raa Middle 401 W. Tharpe St., 32303 488-6287		1141	Chiles High 7200 Lawton Chiles Lane, 32312 488-1756
0161	Godby High 1717 W. Tharpe St., 32303 488-1325		0021	Leon High 550 E. Tennessee St., 32308 488-1971
1091	Lincoln High 3838 Trojan Trail, 32311 487-2110		0051	Rickards High 3013 Jim Lee Road, 32301 488-1783
0204	SAIL High 2006 Jackson Bluff Rd., 32304 488-2468		0191	Ghazvini Learning Center 860 Blountstown Hwy., 32304 488-2087
0361	Lively Technical Center 500 N. Appleyard Dr., 32304 487-7555		0411	Gretchen Everhart 2750 Mission Rd., 32304 488-5785
9612	Central Kitchen 3397 W. Tharpe St., 32303 488-7426			

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BID SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS / CHECKLIST: To help ensure that you include all the submittals necessary to complete a thorough evaluation of your proposal, we suggest that you use this checklist as a reminder. Please include this checklist along with your response. Items checked “Required” must be submitted with your response or your proposal may be declared non-responsive.

Required	Included	Verified	Description of Submittal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			ITB – Bidder Acknowledgement Form – page 1
			Bidder Identification Label (affixed to submittal) – page 2
			Occupational Licenses as required – page 5, item I
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Dispute Contact – page 9, item GG
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Bid Proposal Form – page 16
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Conflict Of Interest Certificate – page 17
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Application for Vendor Status – page 18
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Customer Reference Form – page 19
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Vendor Questionnaire – page 20
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Drug Free Workplace Certification – page 21
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Certification Regarding Debarment – pages –22 – 23
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Sworn Statement / Jessica Lunsford Act – pages 24- 25
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Affidavit For Claiming Local Purchasing Preference – page 26
			Attachment A: Listing of Sites for Delivery – page 29
			Bid Submittal Requirements Checklist – page 30
			Statement of No Bid – page 31



STATEMENT OF NO BID

If you are not bidding on this service/commodity, please complete and return this form to: Purchasing Department, Leon County Schools, 3397 W. Tharpe Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303. (Please print or type, except signature)

Failure to respond may result in deletion of vendor’s name from the qualified bidder’s list for the School Board of Leon County.

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

We, the undersigned, have declined to bid on your **Bid No. 5328 - 2016 – Beverages for Nutrition Services.**

- We do not offer this product or the equivalent.
- Insufficient time to respond to the invitation to bid.
- Remove our name from this bid list only.
- Our product schedule would not permit us to perform.
- Unable to meet bond requirements.
- Other. (Specify below)

REMARKS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____