

Solicitation Number: GAGA-2021-R-0103

Caption: Produce Distribution for Seven Schools

Date: August 09, 2021

No	Question
1	Does DCPS or DC Government issue any requiremen exemptions to waivers for SWaM Certified Businesses? Particulary for insurance requirements.
2	Would Section H.5 - 51% District Resident New Hires apply to 4P Foods, a VA-based contractor?
3 (a)	Several of the produce items listed in attachment J12_Produce Document_1 are listed as "local".
3(b)	Do these items need to be local? If yes, what is the local radius in miles?
4	Pending a winning proposal, how would the contractor receive orders? Will there be one point of contact from DCPS for procurement?
5	How much lead time will be given to the contractor to procure the items listed in attachment J12_Produce Document?
6	Under Section C.9.4 - how much lead time/notice will be given to the contractor to deliver product following an emergency scenario?

7	If items listed in attachment are not available locally or within the preferred geographic region at the time of menuing, is the contractor permitted to purchase from outside the preference zone. As a follow-on, will menus be created taking into account seasonality of local and regionally sourced items?
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Answer

DCPS or DC Government follows the criteria set forth by Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD). For complete information use this website: <https://dslbd.dc.gov>.

51% DISTRICT RESIDENTS NEW HIRES REQUIREMENTS AND FIRST SOURCE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT. Source Employment Agreement Act of 1984, as amended, D.C. Official Code § 2-219.01 et seq. (First Source Act). Yes this law applies. If the contractor hires any new employees specifically for this contract, yes, it must be 51% of new hires only for this contract.

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Orders would be placed by individual school site FNS Leads or an Authorized designee. Ideally, DCPS prefers to utilize an electronic upload/export from its foodservice enterprise software. There will be an additional point of contact for special order needs, such as the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable programs.

Menu planning is completed quarterly by DCPS, at minimum. For planning purposes, the Vendor will be informed of which items will be utilized and the estimated quantities. DCPS will work within the parameters of seasonality and market availability. DCPS will work with the contractor on lead times for ordering purposes. For execution, orders will be placed twice per week with regularly scheduled delivery days to ensure the highest levels of quality. Currently listed as each Tuesday and Thursday.

Contractors will be provided as much notice as possible under emergency circumstances. Please note that staff may not discover a need for emergency service until they arrive at 7:00am, daily. Same-day items may be needed as quickly as 10:00am for lunch service

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