

APPENDIX D
Acknowledgment of Amendments
Request for Information (Q&A)
Produce IFB 26-2150-P005

Amendment Number # 1
April 14, 2026

Question 1. *Redacted:* Since the only bid requirements are a fixed fee based on individual items, how will the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Office of Child Nutrition (OCN) determine the lowest price of each item?

Answer 1. The Invitation for Bid will be awarded by region based upon the lowest, most responsive bid using the fixed fees multiplied by the usage. The total for each line will be added together to give us a total by region. Once the bid is awarded, the MDE OCN will monitor the cost of each item using the market information and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Market Services Pricing Reports to ensure that prices are justifiable and within reason.

Question 2. *Redacted:* On item 4001 Carroteenies (Snack Bag), does it matter how many bags are in a case if each bag meets the ½ cup vegetable serving?

Answer 2. Page 1 of the Produce Bid Sheet: Item 4001 fixed fee is to be bid by the pound; there is no limit to the number of bags that are in the case if each bag meets the ½ cup vegetable requirement.

Question 3. *Redacted:* On item # 4206 Red Seedless Grape, the MDE specification requires the case weight to be 22 pounds; the industry standard is 18 pounds per case. May I place my bid using an 18-pound case?

Answer 3. The standard for domestic grapes is 23-pound cases, and the standard for grapes imported from Chile is 18-pound cases. The bid specification for line 4206 will be amended to reflect that the fixed fee for line 4001 will now be based on a per-pound rate as opposed to a per-case rate. ***Please see the revised Produce Bid Sheet attached. (Please note the usage on this item is still per 22-pound case)**

Question 4. *Redacted:* If I send my bid response back by FEDEX, do I send it to: The Mississippi Department of Education Office of Child Nutrition, 500 Greymont Ave Ste F, Jackson, MS 39202?

Answer 4. IFB 26-2150-P005 Page 3 Paragraph 1 The address stated is correct except for the zip code. The zip code for it to be shipped to us via FEDEX is 39205.

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NOTE: *This amendment one is hereby made a part of the Mississippi Department of Education's Request for Proposals/Applications/Qualifications/Invitation for Bid. The Vendor acknowledges receipt of said amendment and is made aware of the changes contained therein. By signing this form, the Offeror accepts the changes as part of the contract requirement.*

Authorized Signature

Date

Printed Name

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