

Introduction / Purpose of Solicitation

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to enter into a Fixed-Price Contract with a food service management company (FSMC) that will provide Canton School District (hereinafter referred to as the school food authority (SFA) with food service management assistance for their food service operation. The FSMC will provide services to the SFA as described in the Scope of Work in the prototype Fixed-Price Contract.

The SFA's food service goals are to provide nutritious, high-quality meals to students and participants in the food service program to accommodate special diets where medically necessary, improve the nutritional quality of meals, and maintain a financially viable food service program. The SFA currently operates:

- National School Lunch Program
- School Breakfast Program
- USDA Food Distribution Program
- And participates in: adult meals, ala carte, salad bar, lunch and breakfast choices, catering, and contracted meals

The SFA's general food service goals include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Provide an appealing and nutritionally sound program for students as economically as possible.
- * • Breakfast daily for K-12 is to include a choice of two (2) main entrees (one to be hot). Breakfast is served at both locations.
- * • Lunch daily for K-5 at the Elementary School would include a choice of three main entrees daily (one may be cold), a hot vegetable at least twice a week, and a fresh fruit and veggie bar. Lunches daily for grades 6-12 at the middle school/high school would include a choice of three (3) main entrees daily (one may be cold, a hot vegetable at least twice a week, and a fruit and veggie bar. Please include details regarding the fresh fruit and vegetable bar.
- Stimulate student participation in the program through improved relations with students, and the community by creating awareness of the direct correlation between adequate nutrition for students and their ability to learn.
- Increase participation at all levels of the food service program by improving meal quality, seeking student and parent input, and offering menu variations.
- Work to maintain and/or increase student morale

SFAs shall conduct all procurement transactions in a manner that provides maximum open and free competition consistent with Title 2, *Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR)*, Part 200.319(a)(1-7). The SFA must share with every Respondent all information necessary for submitting a competitive proposal. The release of this RFP, evaluation of