

**Notice of Request for Proposals**  
**Food Service Management Company**  
**RFP SPS-FSMC-2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Board of the STEM Preparatory Schools, Inc.,(hereinafter referred to as **SFA**) is requesting proposals for a food service management company (hereinafter referred to as **Respondent[s]**) to assist with the SFA’s food service program.

Respondents should not construe from this legal notice that the SFA intends to enter into a fixed-price contract with the Respondent unless, in the opinion of the SFA, it is in the best interest of the SFA to do so. The SFA reserves the right to negotiate final contractual terms with the successful Respondent.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) documents are available at  
STEM Prep’s Web site at [www.stem-prep.org/vendors](http://www.stem-prep.org/vendors)

To request the RFP documents, please contact  
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The SFA will record and provide answers to any questions or requests for clarifying information about the RFP during the question-and-answer period.

Respondents must submit **electronic proposals** as a single PDF file labeled:  
**“Proposal – Food Service Management Company SPS-FSMC-2026 ”**  
Proposals must be submitted electronically to the SFA at:  
[jmiramontes@stem-prep.org](mailto:jmiramontes@stem-prep.org)  
**ATTN: Jessica Miramontes**

The SFA will accept all proposals received on or before Friday, May 15, 2026. The SFA will not accept proposals that are received after the deadline. The SFA will open proposals on, Monday May 18, 2026

The SFA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any errors or corrections in a proposal or in the proposal process. The SFA will award the contract based on a review and analysis of the proposals that determines which proposal best meets the needs of the SFA. Following the review and analysis of all responsive proposals, the SFA will make a recommendation to their governing board, as applicable, at its regularly scheduled meeting.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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# Request for Proposal

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## 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 STEM Preparatory Schools, Inc. (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 Model Fixed-price Contract.

The SFA's food service goals are to provide nutritious, high-quality, minimally processed meals to students and participants in National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program, to accommodate special diets where medically necessary, improve the nutritional quality of meals, and maintain a financially viable food service program (Title 7, *Code of Federal Regulations* [CFR] sections 210.10 and 220.8, if applicable).

General food service goals are to:

- Provide appealing, minimally processed meals that meet all local, state and federal nutrition standards.
- Promote student participation in the program through engagement with students, staff, and the community
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- Create awareness of the direct correlation between adequate nutrition for students and their ability to learn and thrive
- Increase participation at all levels of the food service program by improving meal quality, seeking student and parent input, offering menu variations, and improving planning
- Maintain reasonable prices for students participating in the food service program

All procurement transactions are to be conducted in a manner that provides maximum open and free competition consistent with Title 2, *Code of Federal Regulations* (2 CFR), Section 200.319(a)(b)(c)(1-7). The SFA must share with every Respondent all information necessary for submitting a competitive proposal. The release of this RFP, evaluation of Respondents, and award of a contract will use competitive bidding standards established in all applicable California state and federal statutes and regulations.

Outlined below are competitive bidding basic standards:

- The purpose of soliciting competitive proposals is to secure public objectives in the most effective manner and avoid the possibilities of graft, fraud, collusion, etc.
- The SFA released this RFP to benefit the SFA and not the Respondents.
- Fulfillment of RFP specifications is based on full and fair competition and acceptance by the SFA of the most responsive and responsible Respondent to the SFA's requirements, as

determined by the SFA when evaluating proposals based on the criteria contained in the RFP.

- The RFP must provide a basis for full and fair competition among Respondents to a common standard, free of restrictions that tend to stifle competition.

The above four points are for illustrative purposes only, and do not include all California state and federal requirements to achieve competitive bidding.

To respond to this RFP, interested FSMCs must present evidence of experience, ability, and financial standing necessary to meet the requirements stated in this RFP. The SFA will measure this evidence by scoring the proposals, using a point system that will rank each proposal from highest to lowest, to determine which proposals they will consider for the award of a contract.

To be competitive in this solicitation, the Respondent must:

- Carefully read the entire RFP, attachments, exhibits, addenda, and SFA responses to questions before submitting a proposal
- Ask appropriate questions or request clarification before the deadline in the RFP
- Submit all required responses by the required deadlines
- Follow all instructions and requirements of the RFP thoroughly and appropriately

If a Respondent discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other errors in this RFP, the Respondent shall immediately notify the SFA of the error in writing and request clarification or a modification of the RFP. If the Respondent fails to notify the SFA of the error prior to the date for submission of proposals, and is awarded the contract, the Respondent shall not be entitled to additional compensation or time by reason of the error or its later correction.

**Schedule of Events  
for  
RFP # SPS-FSMC-2026**

Release of RFP	Tuesday	April 7, 2026
First Public Notice	Tuesday	April 7, 2026
Second Public Notice	Friday	April 10, 2026
Respondent Question Submission Deadline	Friday	April 24, 2026
SFA Provides Answers	Thursday	April 30, 2026
Deadline for Submission of Sealed Proposal	Friday	May 15, 2026
Proposals Opened	Monday	May 18, 2026
Proposals Evaluated	Monday	May 18, 2026
Board Meeting – Proposal Approval	Wednesday	June 24, 2026
Anticipated Contract Award Date	Thursday	June 25, 2026

The SFA will make every effort to adhere to the schedule. However, the SFA reserves the right to amend the schedule, as necessary, and will post a notice of said amendment at [stem-prep.org/vendors](http://stem-prep.org/vendors)

## General Instructions for Respondents

1. Prepare proposals simply and economically. Provide a straightforward concise description of the Respondent's capability to satisfy the SFA's requirements. Emphasis should be placed on completeness and clarity of content.
2. Submit proposals for the performance of all the services described within this RFP. The SFA will not consider any deviation from these specifications and will reject such proposals.
3. The SFA may reject a proposal if the proposal is conditional or incomplete, deemed nonresponsive, or if it contains any alterations of form or other irregularities of any kind. The SFA may reject any or all proposals or waive any immaterial deviation in a proposal. The SFA's waiver of an immaterial deviation shall in no way modify the RFP document or excuse the Respondent from full compliance with all other requirements if awarded the contract. The SFA may reject a proposal if it is deemed overly responsive or contains language that provides any added value not requested in the RFP.
4. Respondents are responsible for the costs of developing proposals and shall not charge the SFA for any preparation costs.
5. The SFA asks Respondents that do not intend to submit a proposal to notify the SFA in writing.
6. Respondents may modify their proposal after submission by withdrawing the original proposal and resubmitting a new proposal prior to the submission deadline. The SFA will not consider proposal modifications offered in any other manner, either oral or written.
7. The Respondent shall include a 21-Day Cycle menu for all programs to be served (7 *CFR*, sections 210.16[b][1] and 220.7[d][2][i])
8. Respondents may withdraw their proposal by submitting a written withdrawal request to the SFA, signed by the Respondent or their authorized agent, through the contact person named in the "Contact Information" provided on page iv of this RFP. Thereafter, a Respondent may submit a new proposal prior to the proposal submission deadline. Respondents may not withdraw their proposal without cause after the proposal submission deadline.
9. The SFA may modify the RFP prior to the date given for submission of proposals by posting an addendum on [www.stem-prep.org/vendors](http://www.stem-prep.org/vendors). The SFA will notify Respondents so they can obtain any addenda from the SFA's web site or request it by email.
10. The SFA reserves the right to reject all proposals for reasonable cause. If the costs of all proposals are excessive, or a responsive and responsible Respondent is not identified, the SFA is not required to award a contract.
11. The SFA will not consider more than one proposal from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association under the same or different names. Reasonable grounds for believing that any Respondent has submitted more than one proposal for work

contemplated herein will cause the SFA to reject all proposals submitted by the Respondent. If there is reason to believe that collusion exists among the Respondents, the SFA will not consider any of the participants of such collusion in this or future solicitations.

12. The SFA will not consider a joint proposal submitted by two or more entities.
13. Additional charges for regular or express delivery, drayage, parcel post, packing, cartage, insurance, license fees, permits, or for any other purpose shall be included (and separately identified) in the proposal.
14. All proposals shall include the forms provided as attachments to this RFP. Respondents may copy these forms. A proposal is considered responsive if it follows the required format, includes all attachments, and meets all deadlines and other requirements outlined in this RFP.
15. The SFA shall not accept proposals after the submission deadline specified in the RFP and shall return the unopened proposals to the respective Respondents. The SFA will not consider late proposals under any circumstances.
16. Respondents are responsible for examining the entire RFP package, seeking clarification for any item or requirement that may not be clear to them, and checking all responses in their proposal for accuracy before submitting it.
17. Respondents may submit their questions regarding the information presented in this RFP to Jessica Miramontes at [jmiramontes@stem-prep.org](mailto:jmiramontes@stem-prep.org) no later than April 24, 2026, at 9am. The SFA will answer all questions received by the deadline in writing without exposing the query source. This will be the sole process for asking and answering questions regarding this RFP. Respondents may not contact SFA employees directly to ask questions.
18. SFA representatives reserve the right to inspect a Respondent's other food service operations prior to any award of a contract.
19. The SFA reserves the right to negotiate the final terms and conditions of the contract, which may differ from those contained in the proposal, provided the SFA considers such negotiation to be in its best interest. Any change in the terms and conditions must not create a material change, which is any alteration or modification to the original terms stated in the RFP that would have resulted in different proposals from all respondents. A material change will require the SFA to rebid the contract.
20. Interested Respondents are required to inspect the SFA's premises prior to submitting a proposal to determine all requirements associated with the proposed contract. The inspection of premises will occur during the Mandatory Tour (if applicable).
21. Respondents shall submit an electronic copy of their proposal in a commonly accessible digital format (e.g., PDF). The electronic submission must contain the original signature of the individual(s) authorized to bind the Respondent contractually and be labeled "Master Copy".

- a. The Respondent must ensure the electronic file is complete and includes all required materials. Incomplete submissions may be deemed non-responsive.
- b. Electronic submissions must be clearly labeled with the SFA's RFP title, the FSMC name, RFP number and the SFA name, contact and address, as shown in the following example:

Proposal—Food Service Management Company

RFP # SPS-FSMC-2026

STEM Preparatory Schools, Inc.

Jessica Miramontes

3200 W Adams Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90018

## Proposal Requirements

To be eligible for evaluation, a proposal must adhere strictly to the format set forth below; failure to do so may result in disqualification. Respondents must complete, label, and separate each section, and number all pages. The content and sequence of the proposal will be as follows:

### Section 1 - Administrative Requirements

#### A. Cover Letter

Only the individual(s) authorized to bind the Respondent contractually may sign the cover letter, which shall be a part of the proposal package. If the cover letter is unsigned, the SFA will reject the proposal. The SFA may reject the proposal if the Respondent fails to include the following required information:

- Name and address of responding company
- Organizational structure of the responding company (e.g., corporation, partnership, etc.)
- Respondent's Federal Employee Identification Number and Corporate Identification Number, if applicable
- Name, title, phone number, fax number, and email address of the representative who will be designated as the primary liaison to the SFA
- Name, title, phone number, and email address of the representative(s) authorized to bind the Respondent in a contract if different from the primary liaison
- A statement expressing the Respondent's willingness to perform the services described in this RFP
- A statement expressing the Respondent's ability to perform the services required in the Scope of Work, including availability of staff and other required resources to meet all deliverables as described in this RFP
- A statement regarding the Respondent's proprietary information; if applicable, the Respondent must clearly mark in the upper right-hand corner those pages to be considered proprietary (**Note:** The Respondent cannot consider the entire proposal to be proprietary)
- The following certification:

By signing this cover letter, I (we) certify that the information contained in this proposal is accurate and that all attachments required to be submitted as part of the proposal are certified to be true and binding upon our company.

#### B. Table of Contents

Immediately following the cover letter, include a comprehensive Table of Contents that lists all submitted proposal sections, subsections, attachments, and materials.

## **Section 2 – Required Attachments**

### **A. Attachment Checklist**

The Respondent shall include a checklist containing all documents identified in the Attachments Checklist (as listed on Attachment A). The SFA may reject proposals that do not include the proper required attachments.

### **B. Mandatory Tour (optional)**

It is optional for the SFA to hold a mandatory tour (Attachment B). The tour schedule includes the sites. Prospective Respondents may not contact any sites or employees outside of the scheduled visit. The SFA requests that Respondents do not take pictures during the tour as the SFA has not obtained releases from parents, students, and employees.

### **C. Minimum Qualifications**

The SFA will only consider Respondents that **meet all minimum qualifications** (as listed on Attachment C).

### **D. FSMC Professional Standards**

Establishes minimum professional standards for school nutrition personnel who manage and operate the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs (as listed on Attachment D).

### **E. Proposal Questionnaire**

The Proposal Questionnaire (as listed on Attachment E) is intended to provide the SFA with specific information concerning the Respondent's capability to provide services as described in this RFP. Respondents should limit their responses to the number of pages noted in the questionnaire and answer each question in the same order.

### **F. Respondent References**

Respondents must provide three references on the Respondent References form (Attachment F). The SFA reserves the right to contact any of the references listed and retains the right to conduct reference checks with individuals and entities beyond those listed.

### **G. Authorization Agreement**

The Respondent or their authorized representative must sign the Authorization Agreement (Attachment G) and return it with the proposal package.

### **H. Fee Proposal**

The Respondent must complete the Fee Proposal (Attachment H) and return it with the proposal package.

## **I. Certifications**

The Respondent must complete the certifications (Attachment I) and return them with the proposal package.

## **J. Certificate of Independent Price Determination**

The Respondent must complete the certifications (Attachment J) and return them with the proposal package.

## **K. Certificate of Compliance for Buy American and California Agricultural Preference Requirements**

The Respondent must complete the certification (Attachment K) and return it with the proposal package.

## **L. 21-Day Cycle Menu**

The Respondent must submit a 21 Day Cycle menu (Attachment L) for all programs to be served (7 *CFR*, sections 210.16[b][1] and 220.7[d][2][i], if applicable) for the proposal package.

## **Evaluation of Proposals**

Proposals will be opened on or after the date and time specified in the Schedule of Events. During the evaluation process, the SFA may ask Respondents to clarify information in the proposals, but Respondents may not change their proposals.

An error in the proposal may cause the SFA to reject that proposal; however, the SFA may, at its sole discretion, retain the proposal and make certain corrections. When determining if a correction will be made, the SFA will consider the conformance of the proposal to the format and content required by the RFP and that the Respondent's intent is clearly established based on review of the whole proposal. Based on that established intent, the SFA may choose to correct errors such as obvious grammatical or punctuation errors and arithmetic errors. The Master Copy of the proposal shall have priority over additional proposal copies.

The SFA will open proposals to determine if they contain all the required information in accordance with this RFP. Contracts must be awarded to the responsible offeror/Respondent whose proposal is most advantageous to the SFA considering price and other factors. (2 *CFR* 200.320[b][2][iii]). The SFA will evaluate qualifying proposals using the following criteria:

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>MAXIMUM POINTS</b>
<b>Cost</b>	40
<b>Administrative Requirements: Did the Respondent include all required information in accordance with the General Instructions and Proposal Requirements?</b>	5
<b>Experience with School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs.</b>	10
<b>Based on the Proposal Questionnaire responses and the Cover Letter, the Respondent demonstrates a complete understanding of the SFA's food service program and its service requirements, as described in the RFP and the Scope of Work, and can perform those services to the SFA's satisfaction.</b>	10
<b>The financial stability of the Respondent.</b>	20
<b>Corporate capability and experience as measured by performance record, years in the industry, relevant experience, number of SFAs served, client retention and satisfaction, and references.</b>	15
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	100

The SFA will score and rank selected proposals by assigning a score between zero and the maximum score to each proposal criterion. The SFA will recommend awarding the contract to the most responsive and responsible Respondent with the highest total proposal score.

## Attachment A: Attachments Checklist

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Respondent Company Name

Please complete this checklist to confirm that the items listed below have been included in your proposal. Place a checkmark or "x" next to each item submitted to the SFA. For your proposal to be considered, all required attachments must be returned, including this checklist. Submit one copy of your proposal in a sealed package.

Attachment	Attachment Name
<input type="checkbox"/> A	Attachments Checklist
<input type="checkbox"/> N/A B	Mandatory Tour (optional)
<input type="checkbox"/> C	Minimum Qualifications
<input type="checkbox"/> D	FSMC Professional Standards
<input type="checkbox"/> E	Proposal Questionnaire
<input type="checkbox"/> F	Respondent References
<input type="checkbox"/> G	Authorization Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/> H	Fee Proposal
<input type="checkbox"/> I	Certifications Regarding Lobbying Activities, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters
<input type="checkbox"/> J	Certificate of Independent Price Determination
<input type="checkbox"/> K	Certificate of Compliance for Buy American and California Agricultural Preference Requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> L	21-Day Cycle Menu (Include)

**Attachment B: Mandatory Tour**

Intentionally Omitted – Not  
Applicable

### Attachment C: Minimum Qualifications

A Respondent must meet all the following minimum qualifications to the SFA's satisfaction to be given further consideration. Failure to satisfy any of the minimum qualifications may result in the immediate rejection of the proposal.

As of June 30,2026 both the Respondent's company and its key personnel meet all the following minimum qualifications:

1. The Respondent has at least 5 years of experience with food service programs.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Respondent has the resources and ability to provide 300,000 of meals per fiscal year.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Respondent has knowledge and experience with the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs as well as the Child and Adult Care Food Program.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. The Respondent has professional references that demonstrate and evidence the ability to perform the required services.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. The Respondent is licensed to do business in the state of California.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment D: FSMC Professional Standards

### FSMC Employees Professional Standards

Professional Standards regulations (7 *CFR* 210.30 and 235.11[h]) establishes minimum professional standards for school nutrition personnel who manage and operate the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. In the Final Rule, the following definitions are established:

1. **School Nutrition Program Director.** The school nutrition program director is any individual directly responsible for the management of the day-to-day operation of school food service for all participating schools under the jurisdiction of the school food authority.
2. **School Nutrition Program Manager.** The school nutrition manager is any individual directly responsible for the management of the day-to-day operation of school food service for a participating school(s).
3. **School Nutrition Program Staff.** School nutrition program staff are those individuals, without managerial responsibilities, involved in day-to-day operations of school food service for a participating school(s).

7 *CFR* Section 210.2 establishes these definitions above. The function/role rather than the specific title within the school food service structure apply whether or not the school food service is operated by an FSMC. Therefore, as of the effective date of this contract, the minimum professional standards established by 7 *CFR* sections 210.30 , and described therein, shall apply to FSMC staff performing any of the duties described above.

The FSMC shall only place staff for work in the school district that meet the minimum professional standards outlined in 7 *CFR*, Section 210.30, which can be viewed at the following web page:

eCFR :: 7 *CFR* 210.30 -- School nutrition program professional standards.

- The SFA shall ensure that all staff the FSMC proposes for placement meet the minimum professional standards.
- The FSMC shall ensure their employees take the required annual training as outlined in the professional standards and provide certification of such training to the SFA. The FSMC shall remove from the SFA premises any staff who fail to take the required annual training.
- The FSMC shall provide the SFA with a list of proposed employees and evidence that they meet the professional standards.

## Attachment E: Proposal Questionnaire

This proposal questionnaire is intended to provide the SFA with specific information concerning the Respondent's capability to provide services as described in the RFP. Please be as concise and limit your responses **to no more than two pages per question, unless instructed otherwise.** **Type each question in the same order as listed in the questionnaire.**

1. Provide a general description of your company's qualifications and experience relevant to the minimum qualifications in Attachment C, along with any necessary substantiating information. Limit your responses to information about your company's capabilities.
2. Provide a statement indicating the year your company was founded; what the primary business(es) of the company is(are); the length of time the company has been providing food service management services (consulting, food purchase, etc.), and related services as described in this RFP. In addition, provide the duration and extent of experience the company has with similar SFA food management services.
3. Provide a general description of how your company will be able to provide the experience, ability, and financial standing necessary to meet the requirements set forth in this RFP.
4. Provide a complete list of SFAs that have discontinued or terminated your company's services in the last five years and the reason(s) why.
5. Provide an organization chart for your company, a description of the lines of communication, and the responsibilities at each corporate level.
6. Provide a complete balance sheet or annual report (verified by a certified public accountant) for the last three years of operation.
7. Provide a description of promotional and marketing materials you will use to attract students to the program.
8. Provide a recommended transition plan that describes the steps the Respondent will take to begin providing the services described in this RFP.

### Attachment F: Respondent References

List three references to which the Respondent has provided food service management services within the past 3 year(s).

Failure to complete and return this Attachment will cause your proposal to be rejected.

Reference 1		
Name of Reference		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person	Contact Title	Contact Phone Number
Brief Description of Services Provided		
Dates of Service		

Reference 2		
Name of Reference		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person	Contact Title	Contact Phone Number
Brief Description of Services Provided		
Dates of Service		

Reference 3		
Name of Reference		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person	Contact Title	Contact Phone Number
Brief Description of Services Provided		
Dates of Service		

## Attachment G: Authorization Agreement

Request for Proposal for Food Service Management Company  
RFP Number: SPS-FSMC-2026

We, [*Enter FSMC Name*], by our signature on this document certify the following:

1. That we will operate in accordance with all applicable California state and federal laws, regulations, and statutes.
2. That the terms, conditions, warranties, and representations made within this RFP and our proposal shall be binding upon us and shall be considered a part of the contract as if incorporated therein.
3. That the proposal submitted is a firm and irrevocable offer good for one year.
4. That we have carefully examined all terms and conditions set forth in the Model Fixed-price Contract issued by STEM Preparatory Schools, Inc.
5. That we have made examinations and verifications and are fully conversant with all conditions under which services are to be performed for STEM Preparatory Schools, Inc.
6. That negligence in the preparation or presentation of, errors in, or omissions from proposals shall not relieve us from fulfillment of any and all obligations and requirements in the resulting contract.

FSMC Name:

Address:

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip:

Email Address:

Web Site Address:

Name of Authorized Representative:

Title of Authorized Representative:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date Signed:

## Attachment H: Fee Proposal

All costs are based on an average daily participation of 1,440 meals served on 182 school days.

COST BREAKDOWN		
Respondent Instructions <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Provide a breakdown of all costs included in the fixed price, including personnel costs.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Provide the cost per meal; base all food costs on the attached 21–day cycle menu.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Clearly identify all costs		
Item #	Description <i>(Include All Goods and Services included in the Fixed Price)</i>	Annual Cost
1.		\$
2.		\$
3.		\$
4.		\$
Sub Total		\$
	<b>Personnel Costs</b>	Annual Cost
5.	Management Fee Per Meal	\$
6.	Consultant Fee Per Meal	\$
Sub Total		\$
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>

COST PER MEAL			
Respondent Instructions: <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Provide the cost per meal; base all food costs on the attached 21–day cycle menu.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Prices must not include values for USDA Foods and must include all meal programs applicable.</b>			
1. LINE ITEM	2. UNITS	3. RATE	4. TOTAL
Breakfast	125,000	\$	\$
Lunch	137,000	\$	\$
Snacks	0	\$	\$
Nonreimbursable Meals	0	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$	\$

**Attachment I: Certification Regarding Lobbying**

**The undersigned certifies, to the best of their knowledge and belief, that:**

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents of all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub- recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

Organization:

Street address:

City, State, Zip:

Certified by: (type or print)

Title

Signature

Date

### Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352  
(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

<p><b>1. Type of Federal Action:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> contract</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> grant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> cooperative agreement loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> loan guarantee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> loan insurance</p>	<p><b>2. Status of Federal Action:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> bid/offer/application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> initial award</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> post-award</p>	<p><b>3. Report Type:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> initial filing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> material change</p> <p>For material change only: Year _____ quarter Date of last report _____</p>
<p><b>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b></p> <p>_____ Prime    _____ Subawardee</p> <p>Tier _____, if Known:</p>  <p>Congressional District, if known:</p>	<p><b>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee,</b></p> <p>Enter Name and Address of Prime:</p>   <p>Congressional District, if known:</p>	
<p><b>6. Federal Department/Agency:</b></p>	<p><b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b></p>  <p>CFDA Number, if applicable: _____</p>	
<p><b>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</b></p>	<p><b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b></p> <p>\$ _____</p>	
<p><b>10a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant</b> <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i></p>	<p><b>10b. Individuals Performing Services</b> <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i></p>	

<p>11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.</p>	<p>Signature: Print Name: Title:  Telephone No.: _____ Date:  _____</p>
<p>Federal Use Only</p>	<p>Authorized for Local  Reproduction Standard Form -  LLL (Rev. 7-97)</p>

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**

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

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier.

Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.

5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
- 10.(a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.  
  
(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
- 11.The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

## Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, for prospective participants/Respondents in primary covered transactions:

- A. The Respondent certifies that it and its principals:
- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
  - (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
  - (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- B. Where the Respondent is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, they shall attach an explanation to this application.

Contractor/Company Name

Award Number, Contract Number, or Project Name

Name(s) and Title(s) of Authorized Representatives

Signature(s)

Date

## Attachment J: Certificate of Independent Price Determination

The Respondent(s) shall execute this Certificate of Independent Price Determination.

Name of Respondent	

- A. By submission of this offer, the offeror (Respondent/FSMC) certifies and, in the case of a joint offer, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization that in connection with this procurement:
1. The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently without, for the purposes of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, with any other offeror or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit an offer, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;
  2. The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor, before a bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and
  3. No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any person or firm to submit, or not to submit, an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.
- B. If the offeror deletes or modifies subparagraph (A)(2) above, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.
- C. Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory:
1. Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that they have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (A)(1) through (A)(3) above; or
  2. Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in offering that those principals have not participated in, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (A)(1) through (A)(3) above.
    - (i) Insert full names of person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of their position in the offeror's organization.

- (ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (C)(2)(i) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (A)(1) through (A)(3) above; and
- (iii) (iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (A)(1) through (A)(3) above.

Signature of FSMC's Authorized Representative	Title	Date	

*In accepting this offer, the SFA certifies that no representative of the SFA has taken any action that may have jeopardized the independence of the offer referred to above.*

## **Attachment K: Certificate of Compliance for Buy American and California Agricultural Preference Requirements**

The Respondent certifies that it:

**1. Provision of Domestic Commodities and Products**

Will provide meals and snacks purchased with domestic commodities and products to the greatest extent practicable, document exceptions when nondomestic products are purchased, adhere to nondomestic cap for exceptions, and adhere to all other Buy American regulations for the provision of meals and snacks in compliance with 7 *CFR* Sections 210.21(d) and 220.16(d).

**2. Certification of Processed Agricultural Products**

Will submit statements for all processed agricultural products to the SFA at the time of delivery for each processed agricultural product certifying that the food product was processed domestically and that the percentage of domestic content in the food component of the processed food product is over 51 percent, by weight or volume in compliance with 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1760(n), 7 *CFR* Sections 210.21(d)(1)(ii) and 220.16(d)(1)(ii) and USDA Policy Memo SP 38-2017.

**3. Notification and Approval of Nondomestic Products**

Will notify the SFA in writing at least **10** days prior to delivering a nondomestic agricultural commodity or product and request prior approval for delivery of a nondomestic agricultural commodity or product. This written notification must list alternative domestic substitutes if available for the SFA to consider and provide an explanation for the following:

- (i) The product is listed on the Federal Acquisitions Regulations Nonavailable articles list found at 48 *CFR*, Section 25.104 and/or is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality; and/or
- (ii) That competitive bids reveal the cost of the domestic product is (20% or more) than the nondomestic product.

Note: Neither regulations nor the USDA has defined a dollar amount or percentage triggering the significantly higher cost exception. However, for SFAs that receive \$1 million or more annually in federal School Nutrition Program (SNP) reimbursement, significantly higher is defined as 25 percent in accordance with *California Food and Agriculture Code (FAC)* Section 58596.3.

**4. Preference for California Agricultural Products**

Will prioritize the use of California agricultural product, per *FAC* Section 58595(c), when:

- (i) The bid or price of the California-grown agricultural food product does not exceed the lowest bid or price for a domestic agricultural food product produced outside the state.
- (ii) The quality of the California-grown agricultural food product is comparable to that domestic agricultural food product produced outside the state.

**5. Adherence to Non-Domestic Food Purchase Cap**

Will document exceptions and adhere to the annual cap on non-domestic food purchases per 7 *CFR* 210.21(d)(5)(ii) and 220.16(d)(5)(ii):

- (i) Beginning in SY 2025-26, the annual non-domestic food purchase cap will be 10 percent of the total annual commercial food costs that the SFA purchases per school year.
- (ii) Beginning in SY 2028-29, the annual non-domestic food purchases cap will be 8 percent of the total annual commercial food costs that the SFA purchases per school year.
- (iii) By SY 2031-32, the annual non-domestic food purchases cap will be 5 percent of the total annual commercial food costs that the SFA purchases per school year.

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**Signature:**

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[Authorized Representative Name]

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[Title]

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[Date]

**Attachment L: 21-Day Cycle Menu**  
Please attach to your Proposal

**Exhibit 1: Model Fixed-Price Contract**  
**FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

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**Model Fixed-Price Contract**

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## Contract Summary

<b>FOOD SERVICES CONTRACT</b>		<b>CONTRACT NUMBER</b>	
		<b>REGISTRATION NUMBER</b>	
<b>1</b>	This contract is entered into between the school food authority and the food service management company named below:		
	<b>SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY NAME</b>		
	<b>FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY NAME AND FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>The term of this Contract is for one year, commencing on</b>	<b>and ending on</b>	
<b>3</b>	The maximum dollar amount of this Contract is equal to the fixed price per meal multiplied by the number of meals served	\$	
<b>4</b>	The parties herein agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following exhibits, which are by this reference made a part of the Contract.		
	Request for Proposal Released	<i>Enter page(s)</i>	
	Contractor Proposal Received	<i>Enter page(s)</i>	
	Attached Terms and Conditions	<i>Enter page(s)</i>	
	Exhibit A: Scope of Work	<i>Enter page(s)</i>	
	Exhibit B: Schedule of Fees	<i>Enter page(s)</i>	
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract.			
<b>FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY</b>		<i>California Department of Education Use Only</i>	
NAME of FSMC <i>(if other than an individual, state whether a corporation, partnership, etc.)</i>			
<b>BY (Authorized Signature)</b> <i>✍</i>		<b>DATE SIGNED (do not type)</b>	
<b>PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING</b>			
<b>ADDRESS</b>			
<b>SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY</b>			
<b>NAME of SFA</b>			
<b>BY (Authorized Signature)</b> <i>✍</i>		<b>DATE SIGNED (do not type)</b>	
<b>PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING</b>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt per:	

## Model Fixed-Price Contract

### I. Introduction

STEM Preparatory Schools, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the school food authority (SFA), enters into this Contract with **[food service management company name]**, hereinafter referred to as the FSMC to provide food service management assistance for the SFA’s food service program, hereinafter referred to as “Services.” **During the term of this Contract, the FSMC will provide services to the SFA as described in the Scope of Work (Exhibit A) of this Contract.**

### II. General Terms and Conditions

#### A. Term

The term of this contract is one year. The FSMC shall commence providing Services under the Contract on July 1, 2026 and continue through June 30, 2027 After careful consideration, the SFA may annually renew this Contract for four additional one-year periods upon agreement between both parties. Execution of all contracts and amendments is contingent on approval by the California Department of Education (CDE). The SFA may cancel this Contract upon notification from the CDE that it or any part of the bidding process has been determined noncompliant with state and federal laws and regulations (Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations [7 CFR], Section 210.16[a][10] and 210.16[d]).

#### B. Designated Contract Liaisons

SFA Liaison for Services		FSMC Liaison for Services	
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Phone:	Cell Phone:	Phone:	Cell Phone:
Fax:	Email:	Fax:	Email:

Respondents shall serve or deliver by postal mail all legal notices to:

SFA	FSMC
Name:	Name:
Title:	Title:
Address:	Address:

## C. Fees

### 1. Fixed-price Contracts

The SFA will pay the FSMC at a fixed rate per meal. The fixed rate per meal includes all fees and charges indicated in the Schedule of Fees (Exhibit B) of this Contract. The SFA must determine, and the FSMC shall credit the SFA for, the full value of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Foods. The FSMC must follow all procurement requirements provided in section V. Compliance with the Law. The FSMC's fixed-price invoice will be fully compliant with procurement requirements for the National School Lunch, Special Milk and School Breakfast Programs, set forth in 7 *CFR*, parts 210, 215, and 220. The FSMC shall take discounts, rebates, and other credits into account when formulating their prices for this fixed-price contract (2 *CFR*, Section 200.406[a]).

### 2. Payment Terms

The FSMC shall submit monthly invoices by 15 of the following month that reflect all activity for the previous calendar month. The FSMC must submit detailed cost documentation, including the quantity and cost of nondomestic items subject to the Buy American Provision, monthly to support all charges to the SFA. Charges and expenses are included in the Schedule of Fees (Exhibit B). All costs, charges, and expenses must be mutually agreeable to the SFA and the FSMC and must be allowable costs consistent with the cost principles in 2 *CFR*, Part 200, as applicable. The SFA will pay invoices submitted by the FSMC within 30 days of the invoice date. The SFA will pay invoices received by its accounting department only if the invoices pass the SFA's audit. The SFA will notify the FSMC of invoices that do not pass audit, which the SFA will not pay until the invoices have passed audit, with no penalty accruing to the SFA.

### 3. Interest, Fines, Penalties, Finance Charges, Income and Expenses

Interest, fines, penalties, finance charges, income and expenses that may accrue under this Contract are not allowable expenses to the nonprofit school food service (cafeteria fund) (2 *CFR*, Section 200.441). The SFA is prohibited from paying unallowable expenses from the SFA's cafeteria fund.

### 4. Spoiled or Unwholesome Food, Food Not Meeting Detailed Food Component Specifications or Contract Requirements.

The SFA shall make no payment to the FSMC for food that, in the SFA's determination, is spoiled or unwholesome at the time of delivery, does not meet detailed food component specifications as developed by the SFA for the meal pattern, or does not otherwise meet the requirements of this Contract (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[c][3]).

The SFA shall make no payment to the FSMC for meals that, in the SFA's determination, are spoiled or unwholesome at the time of delivery, do not meet detailed food component specifications as developed by the SFA for the meal pattern, or do not otherwise meet the requirements of this Contract. (7 CFR, Section 210.16[c][3])

#### **D. Contract Cost Adjustment**

The contract price (which can include General and Administrative Expense and Management Fees) may be increased on an annual basis by the Yearly Percentage Change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Food Eaten Away from Home [Los Angeles (CPI)]. The March CPI value will be used as a representation of the change in CPI. Such increases shall be effective on a prospective basis on each anniversary date of this Contract and will be allowed only if approved in advance by the SFA. CPI Fee increases for the upcoming Contract renewal year must be submitted to the SFA. Of note, the CPI fee increases should be applied to individual meal or unit costs.

The renegotiation of price terms under this Contract is permitted only upon the occurrence of unpredictable, unexpected conditions beyond the control of both parties. If those conditions create a significant and material change in the financial assumptions upon which the price terms of this Contract were based, then those price terms so affected may be renegotiated by both parties. Renegotiation of price terms under such conditions must be mutual and both parties must agree on any changes in price terms. Any adjustments so negotiated and agreed upon must accurately reflect the change in conditions. The occurrence of contingencies that are foreseeable and predictable, but not certain, should be calculated into the defined price terms, to the extent possible, with the goal of minimizing the need for renegotiation of price terms during the term of the Contract. Substantive changes of the Contract will require the SFA to rebid the Contract.

#### **E. Availability of Funds**

Every payment obligation of the SFA under this Contract is conditioned upon the availability of funds appropriated or allocated for the payment of such obligation. The SFA may terminate this Contract at the end of the period for which funds are available if funds are not allocated and available for the continuance of this Contract. In the event the SFA exercises this provision, no liability shall accrue to the SFA and the SFA shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments or for any damages resulting from termination under this provision.

#### **F. Timeliness**

Time is of the essence in this Contract.

#### **G. Approval**

This Contract has no force or effect until it is signed by both parties and is approved by the CDE. (7 *CFR*, Sections 210.16[a][10] and 210.19[a][5])

#### **H. Amendment**

No amendment or variation of the terms of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by both parties, and approved by the CDE. Any oral understanding or agreement not incorporated into the Contract in writing and approved by the CDE is not binding on either party (7 *CFR*, Sections 210.16[a][10] and 210.19[a][5]).

#### **I. Substantive Changes to Contract**

Any change to this Contract that results in a material change, or any proposed renewals of this Contract may, at the determination of the CDE, either void this Contract or require the SFA to rebid the Contract. Following are examples of substantive changes that could require the SFA to rebid the Contract:

- The addition of a program
- A major shift in responsibilities for FSMC or SFA staff

#### **J. Subcontract/Assignment**

No provision of this Contract shall be assigned or subcontracted without prior written approval of the SFA. If subcontracts are let, the FSMC should have taken steps to contract with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses, and labor surplus area firms when possible. (2 *CFR*, Section 200.321)

#### **K. Written Commitments**

Any written commitment by the FSMC relative to the services herein shall be binding upon the FSMC. Failure of the FSMC to fulfill any such commitment shall render the FSMC liable for damages due to the SFA. Such written commitments include, but are not limited to:

- Any warranty or representation made by the FSMC in any publication, drawing, or specifications accompanying or referred to in the proposal pertaining to the responsiveness of the proposal
- Any written notifications, affirmations, or representations made by the FSMC in, or during the course of, negotiations that are incorporated into a formal amendment to the proposal

#### **L. Trade Secrets/Copyrights**

The FSMC and SFA shall designate any information they consider confidential or proprietary—including recipes, surveys and studies, management guidelines,

operational manuals, and similar documents—that the SFA and FSMC regularly use in the operation of their business or that they develop independently during the course of this Contract. Information so designated and identified shall be treated as confidential by the FSMC and the SFA, and the FSMC and the SFA shall exercise the same level of care in maintaining the confidences of the other party as they would employ in maintaining their own confidences, unless disclosure is otherwise required under the law. All such materials shall remain the exclusive property of the party that developed them and shall be returned to that party immediately upon termination of this Contract. Notwithstanding, the federal awarding agency reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, make works available through agency-designated public access repositories, and authorize others to use the work for federal purposes. (2 *CFR*, Section 200.315[b]).

**M. Severability**

Should any provision(s) of this Contract be declared or found to be illegal, unenforceable, ineffective, and/or void, then each party shall be relieved of any obligations arising from such provision(s). The balance of this Contract, if capable of performance, shall remain and continue in full force and effect.

**N. Counterparts**

This Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

**O. Silence/Absence/Omission**

Any silence, absence, or omission from the Contract specifications concerning any point shall mean that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. Only those materials (e.g., food, supplies, etc.) and workmanship of a quality that would normally be specified by the SFA are to be used.

**P. Indemnification**

The FSMC shall indemnify and hold harmless the SFA, or any employee, director, agent, or Board Member of the SFA, from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses (including attorney’s fees and court costs incurred to defend litigation), and decrees or judgments whatsoever arising from any and all injuries, including death or damages to or destruction of property resulting from the FSMC’s acts or omissions, willful misconduct, negligence, or breach of the FSMC’s obligations under this Contract by the FSMC, its agents, employees, or other persons under its supervision and direction.

The FSMC shall not be required to indemnify or hold harmless the SFA from any liability or damages arising from the SFA’s sole acts or omissions.

**Q. Sanctions**

If the FSMC fails to perform the contract terms, the following penalties may be imposed:

- FSMC will be required to provide in writing to the SFA how they will ensure future contract compliance
- Continued nonperformance will result in termination of this contract
- FSMC may be prohibited from bidding on future contracts with the SFA

List other sanctions that the SFA and their legal counsel deem appropriate.

## **R. Breach of Contract**

For the breach of the Contract and associated benefits:

If the FSMC causes the breach, the FSMC assumes liability for any and all damages, including excess cost to the SFA in procuring similar services, and is liable for administrative, contractual, and legal remedies, as applicable.

## **S. Penalties**

Cost resulting from the SFA's violations, alleged violations of, or failure to comply with federal, state, tribal, local, or foreign laws and regulations are unallowable, except when incurred as a result of compliance with specific provisions of the federal award, or with prior written approval of the federal awarding agency. (2 *CFR*, Section 200.441)

## **T. Force Majeure**

1. Neither party shall be liable to the other for delay in, or failure of, performance nor shall any such delay in, or failure of, performance constitute default if such delay or failure is caused by force majeure. Force majeure means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Force majeure may include, but is not restricted to, acts of God, the public enemy, acts of the state in its sovereign capacity, fires, floods, power failure, disabling strikes, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, and freight embargoes.
2. Force majeure does not include any of the following occurrences:
  - Late delivery of equipment or materials caused by congestion at a manufacturer's plant or elsewhere, or an oversold condition of the market

- Late performance by a subcontractor, unless the delay arises out of a force majeure occurrence
  - Inability of either the FSMC or any of its subcontractors to acquire or maintain any required insurance, bonds, licenses, or permits
3. If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of work by force majeure, the delayed party shall notify the other party in writing of such delay, as soon as practicable and no later than the following workday or the commencement thereof, and shall specify the causes of such delay. Such notice shall be delivered by hand or sent by postal mail with a certified return receipt requested and shall make a specific reference to this article, thereby invoking its provisions. The delayed party shall cause such delay to cease as soon as practicable and shall notify the other party in writing when it has done so. The time for completion shall be extended by contract amendment, as long as the amended period does not violate *7 CFR*, Section 210.16(d).
  4. Any delay or failure in performance by either party caused by force majeure shall not constitute default, nor give rise to any claim for damages or loss of anticipated profits.

#### **U. Nondiscrimination**

Both the SFA and FSMC agree that no child who participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP) will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. FSMCs and SFAs shall comply with the requirements of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. sections 2000d et seq. and 2000e et seq.); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title 20 U.S.C. sections 1681 et seq.); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Title 29 U.S.C. Section 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. sections 6101 et seq.); the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (P.L.101-336); all provisions required by USDA Nondiscrimination Regulations [*7 CFR* parts 15, 15a, 15b, 16, and *7 CFR* Section 210.23(b)]; FNS Instruction 113-1; and Department of Justice Enforcement Guidelines for Enforcement of Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs.

#### **V. Compliance with the Law**

The FSMC shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of all applicable federal, state, county, and city governments, bureaus, and agencies regarding purchasing, sanitation, health, and safety for the food service operations and shall procure and maintain all necessary licenses and permits. The SFA shall cooperate, as necessary, in the FSMC's compliance efforts.

The FSMC must comply with all federal and state procurement standards for purchasing and contracting as required by 2 *CFR* sections 200.317–200.327, 7 *CFR* sections 210.21, 220.16, 225.17 and 250.50 (as applicable); *California Education Code (EC)* sections 45103.1, 45103.5 and 49554, *FAC* sections 58595(c) and 58596.3, and *Public Contract Code* Section 20111(c), as applicable. Failure to comply with federal and state procurement standards may result in corrective action to require a new procurement and award, payment hold, and repayment of the nonprofit school food service account for unallowable costs. (2 *CFR* sections 200.339 and 200.410).

The FSMC shall comply with all applicable federal regulations in 2 *CFR*, parts 200 and 400 and 7 *CFR*, parts 210 (NSLP), 220 (SBP), 245 (Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk in Schools) as applicable, 250 (Donation of Foods for Use in the United States, its Territories and Possessions and Areas Under its Jurisdiction), USDA FNS Instructions and policy, federal laws and regulations, *EC*, *FAC*, and California laws and regulations, where applicable.

#### **W. Choice of Law**

This Contract shall be construed under the laws of the state of California, where applicable, without giving effect to the principles of conflict of laws. Any action or proceeding arising out of this Contract shall be heard in the appropriate courts in California.

#### **X. Advice of Counsel**

Each party acknowledges that, in executing this Contract, such party has had the opportunity to seek the advice of independent legal counsel and has read and understood all the terms and provisions of this Contract.

### **III. Relationship of the Parties**

- A.** The FSMC's relationship with the SFA will be that of an independent contractor and not that of an employee of or supervisor for the SFA. The FSMC will not be eligible for any employee benefits, nor will the SFA make deductions from payments made to the FSMC for taxes, all of which will be the FSMC's responsibility. The FSMC agrees to indemnify and hold the SFA harmless from any liability for, or assessment of, any such taxes imposed on the SFA by relevant taxing authorities. The FSMC will have no authority to enter into contracts that bind the SFA or create obligations on the part of the SFA.
- B.** When the SFA is a public school district or program operated by the county Office of Education, the FSMC, as an independent contractor, shall have no authority to supervise food service classified personnel operating the NSLP, SBP, or Afterschool Meal Supplements (AMS) under the NSLP. (*EC* Section 45103.5)

- C. All services to be performed by the FSMC will be as agreed between the FSMC and the SFA. The FSMC will be required to report to the SFA concerning the services performed under this Contract. The SFA shall determine the nature and frequency of these reports.
- D. The SFA is the responsible authority, without recourse to USDA or CDE, for the settlement and satisfaction of all contractual and administrative issues arising in any way from this Contract. Such authority includes, but is not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, claims, or other matters of a contractual nature.

#### **IV. Food Service Program**

##### **A. Food Service Management Company Responsibilities**

1. The FSMC will not directly or indirectly restrict the sale or marketing of fluid milk at any time or in any place on school premises or at any school-sponsored event. (7 *CFR*, Section 210.21[e]).
2. The FSMC shall have state or local health certification for any facility outside the school in which it proposes to prepare meals and the FSMC shall maintain this health certification for the duration of the Contract. (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[c][2]).
3. The FSMC will not disclose the eligibility status of individual students or confidential information provided (*EC* Section 49558).

##### **B. School Food Authority Responsibilities**

1. The SFA shall ensure that the food service operation is in conformance with the SFA's Permanent Single Agreement with the CDE and will monitor the food service operation through periodic on-site visits. (7 *CFR*, sections 210.16[a][2] and 210.16[a][3]).
2. The SFA retains control of the quality, extent, and the general nature of its food service; the prices children are charged for meals (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][4]), and a la carte prices. The SFA may not contract with the FSMC to provide only nonprogram food (e.g., a la carte and adult meals) unless the FSMC offers free, reduced-price, and paid reimbursable lunches to all eligible children. (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a]).
3. SFAs with more than one school shall perform no less than one on-site review of the lunch counting and claiming system employed by each school under its jurisdiction. The on-site review shall take place prior to February 1 of each school year. Further, if the review discloses problems with a school's meal counting or claiming procedures, the SFA shall ensure that the school implements corrective action and, within 45 days of the review, conduct a follow-up on-site review to determine that the

corrective action resolved the problem. Each on-site review shall ensure that the school's claim is based on the counting system authorized by the CDE under 7 *CFR*, Section 210.7(c) and that the counting system, as implemented, yields the actual number of reimbursable free, reduced-price, and paid lunches respectively, served for each day of operation. (7 *CFR*, Section 210.8[a][1]).

4. The SFA shall retain responsibility for developing the meal pattern for students with disabilities, when their disability restricts their diet, and for those students without disabilities who are unable to consume the regular lunch because of medical or other special dietary needs. (7 *CFR*, Section 210.10[m]).
5. The SFA shall retain signature authority for the food services application, agreements, Free and Reduced-Price Policy Statement, monthly Claim for Reimbursement, reports, program renewal, the verification of applications, letters to households, and all correspondence to the CDE relating to the food service program. (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][5]).
6. The SFA shall retain signature authority and be responsible for all contractual agreements entered into in connection with the food service program. This includes retaining authority and responsibility for all information, documents and claims submitted in the Child Nutrition Information and Payment System (CNIPS). (7 *CFR*, Section 210.21(b) and CNIPS User Acceptance Agreement).
7. The SFA shall be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the free and reduced-price meals eligibility roster. (*EC* Section 49558).
8. The SFA shall be responsible for the development, distribution, and collection of the letter to households and Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals and/or Free Milk. (7 *CFR*, sections 245.5 and 245.6).
9. *EC* Section 49501.5 (a)(2)(B) requires a SFA that is a public school district, charter school or county office of education, to conduct a direct certification matching through the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System on a monthly basis as a condition of receiving funding. Private schools, nonpublic schools and residential child care institutions must obtain the direct certification list at least three times annually as required in 7 *CFR* Section 245.6(b).
10. The SFA shall be responsible for conducting any hearings related to determinations regarding free and reduced-price meal eligibility. (7 *CFR*, Section 245.7).

11. The SFA shall be responsible for verifying applications for free and reduced-price meals as required by federal regulations. (7 *CFR*, Section 245.6).
12. The SFA shall ensure that all USDA Foods received by the school food authority and made available to the food service management company accrue only to the benefit of the school food authority's nonprofit school food service and are fully utilized therein. (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][6]).
13. The SFA shall establish and maintain an advisory board composed of parents, teachers, and students to assist with menu planning. (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][8]).
14. The SFA shall maintain applicable health certification and ensure that all state and local regulations are being met by the FSMC preparing or serving meals off-site at an SFA facility. (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][7]).

## **V. Buy American and California Agricultural Preference Requirements**

### **A. Food Service Management Company Responsibilities**

1. The FSMC will provide meals and snacks purchased with domestic commodities and products to the greatest extent practicable, document exceptions when nondomestic products are purchased, adhere to nondomestic cap for exceptions, and adhere to all other Buy American regulations for the provision of meals and snacks. (7 *CFR*, sections 210.21[d] and 7 *CFR* 220.16[d]).
2. The FSMC will submit statements for all processed agricultural products to the SFA at the time of delivery for each processed agricultural product certifying that the food product was processed domestically and that the percentage of domestic content in the food component of the processed food product is over 51 percent, by weight or volume in compliance with 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1760(n), 7 *CFR* sections 210.21(d)(1)(ii) and 220.16(d)(1)(ii), and USDA Policy Memo SP 38-2017.
3. The FSMC must notify the SFA in writing at least 10 days **prior** to delivering a nondomestic agricultural commodity or product and request prior approval for delivery of a nondomestic agricultural commodity or product. This written notification must list alternative domestic substitutes if available for the SFA to consider and provide an explanation for the following Buy American exceptions (7 *CFR*, sections 210.21(d)(5) and 220.16(d)(5):

- a) The product is listed on the Federal Acquisitions Regulations Nonavailable articles list found at 48 *CFR*, Section 25.104 and/or is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality; and/or
  - b) Competitive bids reveal the cost of the domestic product is significantly higher than the nondomestic product
4. California Food and Agriculture Code (*FAC*) 58596.3, applies to SFAs that receive \$1 million or more annually in federal SNP reimbursement. It states that SFAs must specify in their bid or solicitation that they will only purchase domestic agricultural products unless the bid or price of a nondomestic agricultural food product is more than 25 percent lower than the bid or price of the domestic agricultural food product.
5. Also, *FAC* 58595(c) requires SFAs accept a bid or price for an agricultural food product when it is grown in California before accepting a bid or price for a domestic agricultural food product that is grown outside the state, when both of the following are met:
- a) The bid or price of the California-grown agricultural food product does not exceed the lowest bid or price for a domestic agricultural food product produced outside the state.
  - b) The quality of the California-grown agricultural food product is comparable to that domestic agricultural food product produced outside the state
6. The FSMC will provide certification of domestic origin for products which do not have country of origin labels. (7 *CFR* sections 210.21[d][1][ii] and 220.16[d][1][ii], and USDA Policy Memo SP 38-2017).
7. Per 7 *CFR* sections 210.21(d)(5)(ii) and 220.16(d)(5)(ii) the FSMC must adhere to the cap on non-domestic food purchases:
- a) Beginning in SY 2025-26, the non-domestic food purchase cap will be 10 percent of the total annual commercial food costs that the SFA purchases per school year;
  - b) Beginning in SY 2028-29, the non-domestic food purchases cap will be 8 percent of the total annual commercial food costs that an SFA purchases per school year; and

c) Beginning in SY 2031-32, the non-domestic food purchases cap will be 5 percent of the total annual commercial food costs that the SFA purchases per school year.

8. The FSMC must make available purchase records and documentation identifying non-domestic commercial food program purchases per food item and unit cost of each non-domestic program purchase, as well as total commercial food program purchases made during a given school year. This information must be provided to the SFA no less than annually at the end of the school year or more frequently as requested by the SFA. In addition, the FSMC must provide the SFA with a report that aggregates total non-domestic commercial food program purchases, domestic commercial food program purchases and total commercial food program purchases in a format that is requested by the State Agency and/or USDA no less than annually at the end of the school year or more frequently as requested by the SFA. (7 *CFR* sections 210.21[d][5][iii] and [iv]) 220.16[d][5][iii] and [iv])

## **B. School Food Authority Responsibilities**

1. The SFA shall maintain documentation provided by the FSMC of the meal and snack components that were comprised of domestic and non-domestic products, including assurance that components were processed domestically. (7 *CFR* sections 210.21[d][iii] and [iv] and 220.16[d][iii][iv], and USDA Policy Memo SP 38-2017). This will be kept on file for the term of the contract plus any extensions and three additional school years thereafter. This will be made available during an on-site administrative review and an off-site procurement review. (2 *CFR* Section 200.318[i], 7 *CFR* sections 210.23[c], 210.21[d][5][iii] and 220.16[d][5][iii]).
2. The SFA shall monitor the contract to ensure the FSMC's adherence to the Buy American Provision (7 *CFR* sections 210.16[d] and 220.16[d]) and California FAC Section 58596.3 requirements, including documentation of nondomestic exceptions and associated caps. (2 *CFR*, Section 200.318[b]).

## **VI. U.S. Department of Agriculture Foods**

### **A. Food Service Management Company Responsibilities**

1. The FSMC shall fully use, to the maximum extent possible, USDA Foods made available by the SFA solely for the purpose of providing benefits for the SFA's nonprofit school food program. (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][6]).

2. The method and frequency of crediting USDA Foods will be in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 250.51(b). The FSMC must ensure that it follows the negotiated method and frequency of crediting agreed upon by the parties. In accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 250.53, the FSMC shall comply with the following provisions relating to the use of USDA Foods, as applicable:
  - a) The FSMC must credit the SFA for the value of all USDA Foods (including both entitlement and bonus foods) received for use in the SFA's meal service in the school year or fiscal year. The credit must include the value of USDA Foods contained in processed end products if the FSMC procures processed end products on behalf of the SFA, or acts as an intermediary in passing on the USDA Foods value of processed end products to the SFA. (7 *CFR*, Section 250.53[a]).
  - b) The FSMC shall account for the full value of USDA Foods in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 250.51 and 250.58(e) by:
    - i) Subtracting the value of all USDA Foods received for use in the SFA's food service from the SFA's (monthly/quarterly) invoice, and
    - ii) Using the national average value of donated foods for the school year in which the USDA Foods are received by the SFA. This listing is available from the USDA Food Distribution web page at Value of Donated Foods Notices | Food and Nutrition Service.
3. The FSMC will be responsible for any activities relating to in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 250.50(d), as applicable, and will ensure that such activities are performed in accordance with the applicable requirements in 7 *CFR*, Part 250.
4. The FSMC shall accept liability for any negligence on its part that results in any loss of, improper use of, or damage to USDA Foods. 7 *CFR* Section 250.16[a])
5. The FSMC must use all USDA beef, pork, and all processed end products, in the SFAs food service, and must use all other USDA Foods, or commercially purchased foods of the same generic identity, of U.S. origin, and of equal or better quality than the USDA Foods, in the recipient agency's food service (unless the contract specifically stipulates that the donated food, and not such commercial substitutes, be used). (7 *CFR*, Section 250.51[d]).

6. The FSMC shall ensure that the processing agreement's value will be used in crediting the SFA for the value of USDA Foods contained in end products. (7 CFR, Section 250.53[a][7]).
7. The FSMC will provide assurance that it will not itself enter into the processing agreement with the processor required in subpart C of 7 CFR, Part 250. (7 CFR, Section 250.53[a][8]).
8. The FSMC will provide assurance that it will comply with the storage and inventory requirements for USDA Foods. (7 CFR, Section 250.53[a][9]).
9. The FSMC will maintain records to document its compliance with requirements relating to USDA Foods. (7 CFR, Section 250.54[b]).

## **B. School Food Authority Responsibilities**

1. The SFA shall retain title to all USDA Foods and ensure that all USDA Foods received by the SFA and made available to the FSMC accrue only for the benefit of the SFA's nonprofit school food service and are fully used therein. (7 CFR, Section 210.16[a][6]).
2. The SFA will maintain records to document its compliance with requirements relating to USDA Foods and conduct reconciliation (at least annually and upon termination of the Contract) to ensure that the FSMC has credited the value of all USDA Foods. (7 CFR, Sections 250.54[a] and [c]).
3. The SFA will not extend or renew any Contract if the FSMC did not fulfill all Contract provisions relating to USDA Foods. (7 CFR, Section 250.53[a][12]).

## **VII. Meal Responsibilities**

### **A. The FSMC shall:**

1. Serve meals and snacks on such days and at such times as requested by the SFA.
2. Offer free, reduced-price, and paid reimbursable meals and snacks to all eligible children through the SFA's food service program.
3. Provide meals and snacks through the SFA's food service program that meet the requirements as established in 7 CFR, parts 210 and 220, as applicable.

## **VIII. Food Service Management Company Employees**

- A.** The FSMC shall only place employees for work at the SFA that meet the minimum professional standards outlined in 7 *CFR*, Section 210.30 which can be viewed at the following web page: School Nutrition Program Professional Standards.

The SFA shall ensure that all employees the FSMC proposes for placement meet the minimum professional standards. The FSMC shall ensure their employees take the required annual training as outlined in the professional standards. The FSMC shall track the training completed by each employee and maintain documentation to validate that training was completed. The FSMC shall remove from the SFA premises any employee who fails to take the required training.

The FSMC shall provide the SFA with a list of employees and evidence that they meet the required professional standards.

- B.** The SFA reserves the right to interview and approve the on-site food service consultant(s)/employee(s) provided by the FSMC.
- C.** The FSMC shall provide the SFA with a schedule of employees, positions, assigned locations, salaries, and work hours. The FSMC will provide specific locations and assignments to the 4 calendar weeks prior to the commencement of operation.
- D.** The FSMC shall comply with all wage and hour requirements under federal and state laws. The FSMC will be responsible for supervising and training their personnel.
- E.** The FSMC agrees to assume full responsibility for the payment of all contributions and assessments, both state and federal, for all of its employees engaged in the performance of this Contract.
- F.** The FSMC agrees to furnish the SFA, upon request, a certificate or other evidence of compliance with state and federal laws regarding contributions, taxes, and assessments on payroll.
- G.** The FSMC will be solely responsible for all personnel actions regarding employees on its respective payroll. The FSMC shall withhold and/or pay all applicable federal, state, and local employment taxes and payroll insurance with respect to its employees, insurance premiums, contributions to benefit and deferred compensation plans, licensing fees, and workers' compensation costs, and shall file all required documents and forms. The FSMC shall indemnify, defend, and hold the SFA harmless

from and against any and all claims, liabilities, and expenses related to, or arising out of, the indemnifying party's responsibilities set forth herein.

## **IX. Books and Records**

- A.** The SFA and the FSMC must provide all documents as necessary for an independent auditor to conduct the SFA's single audit. The FSMC shall maintain such records as the SFA will need to support its Claims for Reimbursement. Such records shall be made available to the SFA upon request and shall be retained in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 210.16(c)(1).
- B.** The SFA and the FSMC shall, upon request, make all accounts and records pertaining to the nonprofit food service program available to the CDE, USDA FNS and Office of Inspector General of the United States for audit or review at a reasonable time and place. Each party to this Contract shall retain such records for a period of three (3) years after the date of the final Claim for Reimbursement for the fiscal year in which this Contract is terminated, unless any audit findings have not been resolved. If audit findings have not been resolved, then records shall be retained beyond the three-year period as long as required for resolution of issues raised by the audit. (7 *CFR*, Section 210.9[b][17]).
- C.** The FSMC shall not remove state or federally required records from the SFA premises upon contract termination.
- D.** The USDA, Inspector General, the Comptroller of the United States, and the CDE, or any of their duly authorized representatives must have the right of access to any documents, papers, or other records of the FSMC and the SFA which are pertinent to the federal award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to the FSMC and SFA's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. (2 *CFR*, Section 200.337[a]).
- E.** The distributing agency/CDE, recipient agency/SFA, the Comptroller General, the USDA, or their duly authorized representatives, may perform on-site reviews of the FSMC's food service operation, including the review of records, to ensure compliance with requirements for management and use of USDA Foods. (7 *CFR*, Section 250.53[a][10]).

## **X. Monitoring and Compliance**

- A.** The FSMC shall monitor the food service operation of the SFA through periodic on-site visits in order to develop recommendations for improvement of the food service program.
- B.** The FSMC warrants and certifies that in the performance of this Contract it will comply with all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and orders of the United States and the state of California.
- C.** The SFA shall establish internal controls that ensure the accuracy of lunch counts prior to the submission of the monthly Claim for Reimbursement in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 210.8(a). At a minimum, these internal controls shall include all the following:
  - An on-site review of the lunch counting and claiming system and readily observable general areas of review required under 7 *CFR* Section 210.18(h) employed by each school within the jurisdiction of the SFA.
  - Comparisons of daily free, reduced-price, and paid lunch counts against data that will assist with the identification of lunch counts in excess of the number of free, reduced-price, and paid lunches served each day to children eligible for such lunches
  - A system for following up on lunch counts that suggest the likelihood of lunch counting problems

## **XI. Equipment, Facilities, Inventory, and Storage**

- A.** The SFA will make available to the FSMC, without any cost or charge, area(s) of the premises agreeable to both parties in which the FSMC shall render its services. The SFA shall provide the FSMC with local telephone service. The SFA shall not be responsible for loss or damage to equipment owned by the FSMC and located on the SFA's premises.
- B.** The FSMC shall notify the SFA of any equipment belonging to the FSMC on the SFA's premises within 10 days of its placement on the SFA's premises.
- C.** The SFA shall have access, with or without notice, to all the SFA's facilities used by the FSMC for purposes of inspection and audit.
- D.** Ownership of the beginning inventory of food and supplies shall remain with the SFA.

- E. Ownership of all nonexpendable supplies and capital equipment shall remain with the SFA. However, the FSMC must take such measures as may be reasonably required by the SFA for protection against loss, pilferage, and/or destruction.

## **XII. Certifications**

- A. The FSMC warrants and certifies that in the performance of this Contract, it will comply with the rules and regulations of the CDE and the USDA, and any additions or amendments thereto, including but not limited to 2 *CFR*, parts 200 and 400, and 7 *CFR*, parts 210, 215, 220, 245, 250, and USDA FNS instructions and policy, *EC*, and California laws and regulations, where applicable. The FSMC agrees to indemnify the SFA and the CDE against any loss, cost, damage, or liability by reason of the FSMC's violation of this provision.
- B. The FSMC shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; USDA regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and any additions or amendments to any of these regulations, and statutes.
- C. The SFA and FSMC shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued.

For contracts in excess of \$150,000, the SFA and FSMC shall comply with the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. sections 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1251) as amended. (Appendix II to 2 *CFR*, Part 200, Section G)

- D. **Debarment and Suspension**

The parties shall not enter into contracts with parties listed on the General Services Administration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Nonprocurement programs (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 and 2 *CFR*, Part 200, Appendix II, Section H).

- E. **Lobbying**

The Certification Regarding Lobbying and a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (2 *CFR*, Part 418) must accompany each subsequent four (4) additional one-year renewals. Contract renewals that do not include this certification will not be accepted for consideration. (Appendix II to 2 *CFR* Part 200[I], Byrd Anti-Lobbying [31 U.S.C Section 1352]).

### **XIII. Insurance**

The parties shall maintain the following insurances:

#### **A. Workers' Compensation Insurance**

Each party shall maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage as required by state law, and Employers' Liability in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for each accident covering all employees employed in connection with child nutrition program operations.

#### **B. Comprehensive or Commercial Insurance**

The FSMC shall maintain during the term of this Contract, for protection of the SFA and the FSMC, Comprehensive or Commercial General Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Insurance with a Combined Single Limit of not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) for each occurrence, including, but not limited to, Personal Injury Liability, Broad Form Property Damage Liability on the FSMC-owned property, Blanket Contractual Liability, and Products Liability, covering only the operations and activities of the FSMC under the Contract and, upon request, shall provide the SFA with a certificate evidencing such policies. The insurance policies shall contain covenants by the issuing company that the policies shall not be canceled without 30 days prior written notice of cancellation to the SFA. With the exception of Workers' Compensation Insurance, the SFA shall be named as an additional insured under the FSMC's policies of insurance to the extent the SFA is indemnified pursuant to this Contract.

#### **C. Property Insurance**

The SFA shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, a system of coverage either through purchased insurance, self-insurance, or a combination thereof to keep the buildings, including the premises, and all property contained therein insured against loss or damage by fire, explosion, or other cause normally covered by standard broad form property insurance.

### **XIV. Termination**

Either party may cancel for cause with a 60-day notification if either party breaches a provision of this Contract. (7 *CFR*, sections 210.16[d] and 250.12[f][9]) The nonbreaching party shall give the other party notice of such cause. If the cause is not remedied within 10 days, the nonbreaching party shall give a 60-day notice to the breaching party of their intent to terminate this Contract upon expiration of the 60-day period. This Contract may be terminated, in whole or in part, for convenience by the SFA with the consent of the FSMC, in

which case the two parties shall agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated (2 *CFR*, Section 200.340[a][3]). The Contract may also be terminated, in whole or in part, by the FSMC upon written notification to the SFA, setting forth the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. However, in the case of a partial termination, if the SFA determines that the remaining portion of the Contract will not accomplish the purposes for which the Contract was made, the SFA may terminate the Contract in its entirety (2 *CFR*, Section 200.340[a][4]). The rights of termination referred to in this Contract are not intended to be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights or remedies available to either party at law or in equity.

## Scope of Work

### 1. Overview of STEM Preparatory Schools Food Service Program

- A. Scale. The SFA employs 7 persons (1.75 Full-Time Equivalent) who provide food service to approximately 1,300 children at 3 school sites, approximately 600,000 meals annually.
- B. Financial Goals. The SFA's goal is to keep all food service costs less than or equal to food service revenue. The SFA uses a non-pricing model, so all revenue comes in the form of state and federal reimbursement.
- C. Food Service Office and Staff. The food service office is located at 3200 W Adams Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90018. Jessica Miramontes, Director of Compliance, is responsible for day-to-day operations of the food service program. The SFA employs no full-time food service staff.
- E. National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

### Participation

PROGRAM	GRADES	MAX ENROLLMENT*	AVERAGE DAILY PARTICIPATION	FULL PAY*	FREE*	REDUCED*
National School Lunch (NSLP)	TK-12	1300	87	234	912	154
School Breakfast Program (SBP)	TK-12	1300	82	234	912	154
NSLP Afterschool Meal Supplements (AMS) (Snacks)	TK-12	1300	80	234	912	154
Seamless Summer Feeding Option (SSFO)	TK-12	1300	60	234	912	154

## **2. Description of FSMC Responsibilities**

General: Under the direction of the SFA's Food Service Director, the FSMC selected pursuant to this RFP will provide meals to the SFA that comply with the nutrition standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the New Food-Based Menu Planning. The FSMC will prepare meals at a site that maintains the appropriate state and local health certifications for the facility and will package and deliver these meals in accordance with the food safety guidelines of the appropriate governing health departments. In addition, the FSMC will provide qualified professionals to serve meals.

Responsibilities of the FSMC shall include:

### **A. Purchasing of Supplies for the Food Service Program**

Recommend (or be responsible for) purchasing standards and specifications that will result in the best quality of products and services at the lowest price for the food service program.

All transactions shall be conducted in a manner so as to provide maximum open and free competition as provided by statute and regulation.

The grade, purchase unit, style, weight, ingredients, formulation, etc., shall be in compliance with applicable statutes and regulations.

Purchase food and/or supplies (if applicable); if authorized by the SFA, the FSMC shall purchase food used by the food service operation and the purchasing of food shall not displace SFA staff or delegate responsibilities of the SFA to the FSMC.

Recommend new or improved procedures for the requisition, receipt, and verification of all supplies used by the food service operation

### **B. Facility or Site Operations**

The FSMC shall recommend:

- Safety programs for employees
- Sanitation standards for housekeeping, preparation, storage, and equipment
- Adjustments to practices and operation of equipment as required
- A Food Safety Plan and participate in the development, implementation, and maintenance of said plan

- Methods to increase participation at all levels of the SFA's food service programs, improve food quality, and upgrade equipment and facilities
- Hours and number of positions at each site to meet food service operational needs

### **C. Menus**

Adhere to the 21-day cycle menu for the first 21 days of meal service; thereafter, the FSMC may only make changes with the SFA's approval. (7 CFR 210.16[b][1]). Provide recommendations for menu development that will result in the best quality of products and services at the lowest price for the food service program.

Seek student and parent input on successful menu variation and planning.

Provide, upon request by the SFA, recommended menus to assure compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations; include menu recommendations to meet the needs of students with special dietary needs or disabilities.

### **D. Quality Control**

Recommend or establish a formal structure to routinely and continuously gather input from students, staff, and parents about food services.

Recommend or establish a structure or process to routinely and continuously gather input from food service employees to ensure the most effective and efficient operation possible.

### **E. Staff**

Recommend management staff and structure that will enhance the SFA's food service programs and ensure that the SFA's food service programs are of consistent top quality and held in positive regard by students, staff, and the public.

Recommend or establish and conduct management and staff training programs that will ensure staff development, proper supervision, professional and health certifications, and consistent quality control both in production and service.

### **F. Records**

Maintain full and complete financial and inventory records sufficient to meet federal and state requirements and that are in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures.

Maintain employment records that show FSMC staff have all professional and health certifications as required by federal or state law and the SFA.

#### **G. Education**

Recommend actions or events to promote the nutrition education aspects of the food service program and recommend or cooperate with efforts to merge these actions or events with classroom instruction; the FSMC will work in partnership with the SFA to educate students, parents, teachers, and the community about efforts to promote better nutrition and health.

Coordinate meeting times with the Food Service Director, other SFA staff, and parents or students to discuss ideas to improve the food service program; arrange meetings between an acceptable management representative of the FSMC and the Food Service Director, other SFA staff, and the school board, upon request.

#### **H. Reports**

Provide the SFA with monthly operating statements and other information determined by the SFA regarding the food service programs.

#### **I. Point of Service**

Provide and/or implement an accurate point of service meal and milk count; such meal and milk counting system must eliminate the potential for the overt identification of free and reduced-price eligible students under 7 *CFR*, Section 245.8.

## Exhibit B

### Schedule of Fees

The costs included in the Cost per Meal table comprise the fixed price per meal. The fees are agreed upon by both parties and represent allowable food service costs in accordance with 2 *CFR*, Part 200.

**All costs are based on the average daily participation of 1275 students in the district and 182 number of school days.**

### Cost per Meal

Note: Prices must **not** include values for USDA Foods, and must include all meal programs.

LINE ITEM	UNITS*	RATE	TOTAL
<b>Breakfast</b>	125,000	\$	\$
<b>Lunch</b>	137,000	\$	\$
<b>Snacks</b>	0	\$	\$
<b>Seamless Summer Feeding Option</b>	8,000	\$	\$
<b>Non-reimbursable Meals</b>	N/A	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	270,000	\$	\$