

Informal Bid Request Packet

Required When Soliciting Bids less than \$350,000

Child Care Food Program

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INFORMAL BID REQUEST FOR Catered Meal Service

The documents noted below make up the Informal Bid Request Packet and must be completed and sent to caterers in your service area.

1 Request for Bids

- Enter information and send as your cover page with the rest of the documents referenced below.

2 Menu

- All cycle menus are located in MIPS or on the CCFP website.
- Any changes to the cycle menu, or if you have a custom menu, must be submitted for approval to the CCFP Nutrition Team prior to requesting bids.
- Replace Attachment 2 blank page included in the packet with chosen cycle menu or approved menu.

3 Attachment 5: Meal Services to be Provided

- Complete entire page, checking appropriate boxes according to meal service needs.
- Meal Types: Indicate meals and how delivered (bulk or untized)
- Milk: Check milk type(s), size of container, number of children age 1 and number of children age 6+ (if serving flavored milk)
- Sandwich foods: Indicate if sandwich foods will be delivered bulk or pre-assembled
- Disposable meal service items: Check yes or no; if yes, check which items you want
- Serving utensils: Check yes or no; if yes, indicate which type you need

4 Attachment 6: Delivery Schedule

- List delivery location address, contact person, phone number and email address.
- Add number of meals ordered each day for each meal type served.
- Enter requested delivery time and ensure it is no earlier than three hours before the start of hot meal service (Lunch/Supper) listed in MIPS.

5 Price Schedule, Attachment 7

- Center/site completes top portion, column 1 - number of meals needed each day by meal type and age group; and column 2 - estimated number of serving days per year.
- Estimate the number of children age 6+ for each meal type and number of days meals for them will be needed.
- The Boxed Lunch meal type is included for field trips - place a "1" in both columns to secure a price.
- Column 2 is the estimated number of days your center will be open per year (consider weekends/holidays).
- The caterer will fill out columns 3, 4, and enter grand total.

6 Conflict of Interest, Attachment 8

- Center/site completes, signs and dates the top half of the form.
- The caterer will complete, sign and date the bottom half.
- If any question is answered with "yes", then the center/site cannot accept a bid from that caterer.

Keep all emails sent/received and bids received as required documentation of the competitive procurement process.

Request for Bids:

1. Name of Center/Site: _____
2. Contact Name/Phone Number: _____
3. Email: _____
4. Location: _____
5. Response needed by: _____

Please review the documents included in this packet and complete the following:

- **Attachment 7: Price Schedule:**
 - Column 3 – Unit Price per Meal
 - Column 4 – Total Price
 - Column 5 – Grand Total
- **Attachment 8: Conflict of Interest:**
 - Complete bottom half of form, sign and date

Thank you

Attachment 2

**This page is a placeholder.
Remove and replace with
the 4-page cycle menu of
choice**

Attachment 5

Meal Services to be Provided

- 1) **Meal types:** Check the boxes below for the meals you serve, noting whether meals will be delivered in bulk or unitized (individually plated meals).

☐ Breakfast ☐ Bulk ☐ Unitized	☐ Lunch ☐ Bulk ☐ Unitized	☐ Snack ☐ Bulk ☐ Unitized	☐ Supper ☐ Bulk ☐ Unitized
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- 2) **Milk:** Select milk type(s) and size(s) of milk container(s) to be delivered by checking boxes below. Contract price must include the price of milk to be included with program meals.

UNFLAVORED		Maximum # children age 1 (whole milk) _____			
☐ Whole	☐ Gallon	☐ Half Gallon	☐ 8oz - Individual Carton	☐ Other: _____	
☐ 2% (Reduced-Fat)	☐ Gallon	☐ Half Gallon	☐ 8oz - Individual Carton	☐ Other: _____	
☐ 1% (Low-Fat)	☐ Gallon	☐ Half Gallon	☐ 8oz - Individual Carton	☐ Other: _____	
☐ Skim (Fat-Free)	☐ Gallon	☐ Half Gallon	☐ 8oz - Individual Carton	☐ Other: _____	
FLAVORED		Maximum # children age 6 and up (flavored milk) _____			
☐ Whole	☐ Gallon	☐ Half Gallon	☐ 8oz - Individual Carton	☐ Other: _____	
☐ 2% (Reduced-Fat)	☐ Gallon	☐ Half Gallon	☐ 8oz - Individual Carton	☐ Other: _____	
☐ 1% (Low-Fat)	☐ Gallon	☐ Half Gallon	☐ 8oz - Individual Carton	☐ Other: _____	
☐ Skim (Fat-Free)	☐ Gallon	☐ Half Gallon	☐ 8oz - Individual Carton	☐ Other: _____	

- 3) **Sandwich foods:** Indicate below whether sandwiches will be delivered pre-assembled or bulk (center will assemble).

☐ Bulk , Caterer must deliver individual sandwich food components for assembly	☐ Pre-assembled , Caterer must deliver complete sandwiches that are ready to eat
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- 4) **Disposable meal service products:** Contract price must include the price of the disposable meal service products when the "Yes" box below is checked. See minimum paper product specifications below.

☐ Yes Caterer must supply disposable meal service products	☐ No Caterer not required to supply disposable meal service products
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Minimum Disposable Meal Service Products:

☐ paper cup ☐ foam cup ☐ soft plastic, clear cup ☐ Plastic straws, individually wrapped ☐ Paper straws, individually wrapped	☐ 3-compartment plate ☐ 5-compartment plate ☐ foam plate ☐ paper plate ☐ plastic plate ☐ plastic bowl ☐ foam bowl	☐ 1 ply, white, ¼ fold napkins ☐ Paper towels: _____ ☐ Plastic forks, medium weight ☐ Plastic spoons, medium weight ☐ 8 oz. plastic container ☐ Other: _____
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- 5) **Serving utensils:** Indicate below if Caterer shall supply with each delivery, clean serving utensils (scoops and/or ladles and/or measuring-serving spoons of standard sizes, disposable or stainless)

☐ Yes , Caterer must supply serving utensils ☐ Disposable serving utensils ☐ Stainless steel	☐ No , Caterer not required to supply serving utensils ☐ Disposable serving utensils ☐ Stainless steel
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Attachment 6 Delivery Schedule

This form is used to identify delivery information for the Caterer. Make additional copies, if needed.

- **Organization will delete or add sites using this form at least one week prior to required date of service.**
- **Specify delivery time and ensure it is no earlier than 3 hours before hot meal service (CCFP approved start time).**

Deliver same day snack and next day breakfast at the specified delivery time for each hot meal service (Lunch and Supper)

Site Name	Address	Contact Person Name & Phone #	Type of Meal* & Estimated Total # Needed Per Day						Delivery Time
			B	L	AS	S	ES	MS	

*B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; AS=Afternoon Snack; S=Supper; ES=Evening Snack; MS=Morning Snack

Attachment 7

Price Schedule

The Institution or Facility must complete columns 1 & 2 (in ink and retain copy) prior to obtaining bids from selected caterers. Caterer must complete remainder of form and return completed bid by date and time specified in the bid request packet. Failure to do so will be at the Caterer's risk.

The Caterer is required to provide meals for children with disabilities when a valid Medical Statement is on file. The Caterer may elect to charge a higher unit price for meal modifications; but both parties must agree to the price in writing.

Institution/Facility Name: _____ CCFP Authorization No.: _____				
Attachment 2: Name of Cycle Menu Selected _____				
☐ Check here if milk will be purchased by organization and NOT included in meal prices below.				
Type of Meal per Contract Specifications	Estimated Total No. of Meals per Day 1	Estimated No. of Serving Days per Year 2	Unit Price per Meal 3	Total Price 4
Breakfast (Ages 1-5*)				
Breakfast (Ages 6-18)				
Lunch (Ages 1-5*)				
Lunch (Ages 6-18)				
Supper (Ages 1-5*)				
Supper (Ages 6-18)				
Morning Snack (Ages 1-5*)				
Morning Snack (Ages 6-18)				
Afternoon Snack (Ages 1-5*)				
Afternoon Snack (Ages 6-18)				
Evening Snack (Ages 1-5)				
Evening Snack (Ages 6-18)				
"Boxed" Lunches (Ages 1-5)				
"Boxed" Lunches (Ages 6-18)				
Note: "Boxed" lunches may be requested by the organization for field trips. Organization must keep documentation of field trip and menu served.				
*Ages 1-5 based on meal pattern portion sizes for ages 3-5.				
Grand Total 5				

By affixing my signature on this bid, I hereby state that I have read all contract terms, conditions and specifications and agree to all terms, and conditions, provisions, and specifications. I certify that I will provide and deliver to the location(s) specified in the contract.

Caterer Company Name: _____

Authorized Caterer Representative: _____
(Signature) (Date)

Name and Title: _____
(Print or Type)

Attachment 8

Institution or Facility Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

The authorized ***Institution or Facility*** representative must complete this attachment.

Yes

No

1. Do you, your immediate family, or business partner, have financial or other interests in the potential Caterer?
2. Have gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value been offered to you or accepted by you from the potential Caterer?
3. Have you been employed the potential Caterer within the last 24 months?
4. Do you plan to obtain a financial interest, e.g., stock, in the potential Caterer?
5. Do you plan to seek or accept future employment with the potential Caterer?
6. Are there any other conditions which may cause a conflict of interest?

If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, please provide a written explanation of your answer.

I declare that the above questions are answered truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.

Institution or Facility

**Signature of Authorized
Institution Representative**

Date

Caterer Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

The authorized ***Caterer*** representative must complete this attachment.

1. Do you, your immediate family, or business partner, have financial or other interests in the Institution or Facility of which you are submitting this bid?
2. Have gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value been offered to you or accepted by you from the Institution or Facility?
3. Have you been employed by the Institution or Facility within the last 24 months?
4. Do you plan to obtain a financial interest, e.g., stock, in the Institution or Facility?
5. Do you plan to seek or accept future employment with the Institution or Facility?
6. Are there any other conditions which may cause a conflict of interest?

If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, please provide a written explanation of your answer.

I declare that the above questions are answered truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.

Caterer

**Signature of Authorized
Caterer Representative**

Date