

SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITIES AND FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANIES MUST READ THIS PAGE

How to Use This Prototype Request for Proposal and Fixed-Price Contract

The South Dakota Department of Education (“State Agency”) is providing this prototype Request for Proposal (“RFP”) and Fixed-Price Contract to guide school food authorities (“SFA”) in the development of an RFP and contract to obtain food service management company (“FSMC”) assistance for its school food service operation. SFA may not revise any terms of the RFP or contract without the State Agency’s prior approval. The RFP, contract, and all attachments and exhibits are considered a complete solicitation packet when properly submitted to the State Agency.

Required Pre-Approval

The State Agency intends that this RFP and Fixed-Price Contract serve as a prototype, inclusive of all terms, provisions, and program requirements applicable to FSMC procurements and contracts. However, SFA remains responsible for ensuring that its procurement documents and processes comply with all applicable laws, regulations, program instructions, and guidance materials. SFAs are not relieved from the federal requirement to obtain approval from the State Agency prior to the release of an RFP and Fixed-Price Contract to potential FSMCs when using this prototype. SFAs must make any required changes before the State Agency will approve its RFP and Fixed-Price Contract. Additionally, SFAs must submit the results of their proposal process to the State Agency before executing its contract. More information is available on the State Agency CANS web page at <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/index.aspx> under “Procurement/Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Contracts.”

Public Notice Requirements

In accordance with state law, SFAs must advertise this RFP as a legal notice in a legal newspaper. The advertisement must be published at least twice, with the first publication at least ten days before the deadline for the submission of proposals. The first publication will be in each official newspaper of the SFA, and the second publication may be in any legal newspaper of the state chosen by SFA. If SFA has no official newspaper, the first publication will be made in a legal newspaper with general circulation in the jurisdiction of the SFA to be selected by SFA. The advertisement must state the time and place where the bids will be opened or the deadline for the submission of proposals. In each notice, SFA must reserve the right to reject any or all bids or proposals.

RFP and Fixed-Price Contract Approval Disclaimer

SFA and FSMC should consult with their own legal counsel during this procurement process and throughout contract execution regarding any proposed procurement method and/or contract language.

Resources

This prototype RFP includes state and federal regulations, guidance, instructions, and policies that are relevant to this type of contract. Guidance on the implementation of these laws, regulations, and policies should be reviewed by SFA and FSMC, and are available at the State Agency Child and Adult Nutrition Services web page, <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/snp.aspx>.

The Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture also publishes guidance on the RFP and Fixed-Price Contract process, which is available on its web page at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/updated-guidance-contracting-food-service-management>. SFA and FSMC should review this guidance before executing a final agreement.

APPROVAL BY STATE AGENCY

Prior to advertisement by SFA, SFA must submit this Request For Proposal to the State Agency for final approval. This RFP will not be advertised unless and until signed by the State Agency below. This RFP may not be amended without the written consent of the State Agency. This RFP, or any amendment thereto, which is not signed by the State Agency will be of no effect. The State Agency will sign and date below to indicate (i) its approval; and date by which it may be advertised:

STATE AGENCY
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

By:  Date: February 11, 2025
Its: Child and Adult Nutrition Services Program Specialist

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT

**FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT
AGREEMENT**

SCHOOL DISTRICT

**SEEKING A
FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

FOR

___LSS of SD___
(THE “SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY”)

For school year 2025-2026

Legal Notice of Announcement

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Board of the **Lutheran Social Services of SD** is requesting proposals for a food service management company to assist with the School Food Authority's food service program.

The Food Service Management Company should not construe from this legal notice that School Food Authority intends to enter into a fixed-price contract with any Food Service Management Company unless, in the opinion of the School Food Authority, it is in the best interest of the School Food Authority to do so. The School Food Authority reserves the right to accept any proposal which it determines most favorable to the interest of School Food Authority and to reject any or all proposals or any portion of any proposal submitted which, in School Food Authority's opinion, is not in the best interest of the School Food Authority.

The deadline for submissions to this request for proposals is **Friday, April 4th, 2025**. The proposals will be opened on **Monday, April 7th, 2025**.

[Note to SFA: this Legal Notice must be published in a legal newspaper according to the requirements stated in the "Public Notice Requirements" on the title page of this document.]

Request for Proposal

This solicitation requests proposals for the operation and management of a United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) Child Nutrition Program for the School Food Authority identified in this solicitation (“SFA”). A proposal may be submitted by a Food Service Management Company, (“FSMC”), in compliance with the procedures and timelines described here. Procurement of the Fixed-Price Contract will be conducted in a manner that provides maximum open and fair competition as provided in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 200 and South Dakota procurement statutes, found at SDCL chapter 5-18A through 18D, where applicable.

FSMC must submit its proposal to meet the requirements described in this Request for Proposal (“RFP”), including the attachments that require information from FSMC. Responsive proposals submitted by FSMC will be evaluated by SFA for award of the Fixed-Price Contract. SFA, based on evaluation of the proposals including price, may award the Fixed-Price Contract to the FSMC that submits the proposal awarded the most points.

FSMC shall comply with the applicable rules, regulations, policies, guidance, and instructions of the South Dakota Department of Education (“State Agency”) and the USDA and any additions or amendments thereto; federal procurement regulations, including 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”) and appendices thereto; 42 U.S.C. § 1769a (“Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program”) and the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Handbook; and all USDA implementing regulations, found at 7 C.F.R. Parts:

- 210 (“National School Lunch Program”);
- 215 (“Special Milk Program for Children”);
- 220 (“School Breakfast Program”);
- 225 (“Summer Food Service Program”);
- 226 (“Child and Adult Care Food Program” including At-Risk After School Care);
- 245 (“Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk in Schools”);
- 250 (“Donation of Foods for Use in the United States, Its Territories and Possessions and Areas Under Its Jurisdiction”).

State Agency approval of the award of the Fixed-Price Contract is predicated on the assumption that FSMC has obtained and reviewed a copy of SFA’s permanent agreement (“Permanent Agreement”) with State Agency and all applicable SFA policies, all of which are expressly incorporated in the RFP by this reference. It is the responsibility of FSMC under this RFP and the Fixed-Price Contract to ensure it reads and understands the terms of the Permanent Agreement before entering into the Fixed-Price Contract. A copy of SFA’s policies and the Permanent Agreement can be obtained by contacting **Carmen Schempp** in writing by mail at **621 E Presentation St, Sioux Falls, SD 57104**, e-mail at **carmen.schempp@lsssd.org**, or fax at **605-221-2404**. By submitting a bid in response to this RFP, FSMC is agreeing to comply with all applicable terms of SFA’s policies and the Permanent Agreement.

A. Intent

This solicitation is for the purpose of entering into a Fixed-Price Contract for the operation of a School Nutrition Program (“Program”) for **Lutheran Social Services of SD, Center for Children & Youth**.

A Site Data page is attached below, with details for each site requiring food service, current Programs offered by SFA, and Programs SFA is considering adding.

B. Fixed-Price Contract

The Fixed-Price Contract will be for a period beginning on or about **July 1st, 2025** and ending June 30, **2026**.

The contract will be for fixed meal or snack prices. The standard contract template provided by the State Agency must be used for the contract and is attached to this RFP. No changes may be made to the standard contract unless preapproved by the State Agency. Upon the award of the Fixed-Price Contract and beginning on the Effective Date, FSMC will be subject to the sanctions outlined in the Fixed-Price Contract for any breach of its terms.

C. Proposal Submission and Award

1. Proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as follows:

“Proposal - Food Service Management Company **LSS_FSMC_2025**”

Submitted by: **[Enter Name of FSMC]**

To: **Carmen Schempp, Office Supervisor & Food Service Coordinator**
Lutheran Social Services of SD
621 E Presentation St, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Proposals must be submitted by **4 pm on April 4th, 2025** at the address shown above. No proposal will be accepted if it is received after the exact time and date specified. SFA will open proposals at **10 am, April 7th, 2025**.

FSMCs shall submit **One paper copy OR One copy in digital media format, such as CD, DVD, or flash drive**. Each copy of the proposal must be inclusive of all materials, including signatures, clearly marked with the RFP number, and SFA name and address.

2. SFA reserves the right to reject any proposal for a sound, documented reason, and to reject all proposals if an insufficient number of proposals is received.
3. To be considered for award of the Fixed-Price Contract, FSMC must submit a complete response to this solicitation using the standard templates and forms provided. No modification may be made to the standard templates and forms.
4. An award may be made to a qualified and responsible FSMC whose proposal is most responsive to this solicitation.
5. FSMC and its authorized representatives are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting a proposal. Failure to do so will be at FSMC’s risk and relief cannot be secured on the plea of error.
6. 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 FSMC has submitted more than one proposal will cause SFA to reject all proposals submitted by the FSMC. If there is reason to believe that collusion exists among FSMCs, SFA will not consider proposals from any of the participants in such collusion in this or future solicitations.
7. SFA will not consider a joint proposal submitted by two or more entities.
8. SFA reserves the right to negotiate the final terms and conditions of the Fixed-Price 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 or Fixed-Price Contract that

would have resulted in different proposals from all FSMCs. A material change will require SFA to rebid the contract. State Agency must review all changes to determine whether the change is a material change.

D. Contents of Proposal

A responsive proposal will include the following contents, submitted in complete form, labeled individually by section:

1. Cover Letter

The cover letter must include the following information and be signed by an individual authorized to bind FSMC:

- a. Name and address of FSMC.
- b. Organizational structure of FSMC (e.g., corporation, partnership, etc.).
- c. FSMC's Federal Employee Identification Number and Corporate Identification Number, if applicable.
- d. Name, title, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address of the representative who will be designated as the primary liaison to SFA.
- e. Name, title, phone number, and e-mail address of the representative(s) authorized to bind FSMC in a contract if different from the primary liaison.
- f. A statement expressing FSMC's willingness to perform the services described in this RFP.
- g. A statement expressing FSMC's ability to perform the services required on the Site Data sheets, including availability of staff and other required resources to meet all deliverables as described in this RFP.
- h. A statement identifying FSMC's proprietary information contained in its proposal. Additionally, if applicable, FSMC must clearly mark in the upper right-hand corner those pages of its proposal considered proprietary, however, FSMC cannot consider the entire proposal proprietary.
- i. 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.”

2. Table of Contents

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

3. Attachments Checklist

FSMC must fill out and include all documents identified in the Attachments Checklist.

4. Minimum Qualifications

FSMC must fill out the Minimum Qualifications attachment, indicating whether it satisfies the minimum qualifications selected by SFA.

5. Proposal Questionnaire

FSMC must complete the Proposal Questionnaire. FSMC should limit its responses to the number of pages noted in the questionnaire and answer each question in the same order.

6. FSMC References

FSMC must provide three references on the FSMC References form. SFA reserves the right to contact any of the references listed and to conduct reference checks with individuals and entities beyond those listed.

7. Program Cycle Menus

If requested by SFA, FSMC must submit 21-day cycle menus that conform to all federal regulations regarding meal requirements.

8. FSMC Staffing Plan

FSMC must complete the FSMC Staffing Plan.

9. Price Proposal

FSMC must complete the Price Proposal.

10. Bonding Requirements

Federal regulations requires FSMC to submit a proposal and performance bond for participation in the Summer Food Service Program. If applicable, FSMC must provide proof of bonding.

11. Certifications

FSMC must complete all attached certifications.

12. Authorization Agreement

FSMC must sign the Authorization Agreement.

E. Evaluation Criteria

The Evaluation Criteria are included in this RFP. After determining that a proposal satisfies the mandatory requirements stated in the RFP, SFA will use both objective analysis and subjective judgment in conducting a comparative assessment of the responses. Proposals will be evaluated by SFA based on the price and the criteria, categories, and assigned weights as indicated on the Evaluation Criteria form. While price alone is not the sole basis for award, price remains the primary consideration when awarding a contract under this competitive request for proposal.

After the initial screening process and review of references, a question and answer interview may be conducted with FSMC by SFA's evaluation committee. FSMC may also be asked to make an oral presentation of its proposal. If a committee member is an agent for, employee of, or in any manner associated with FSMC, FSMC must disclose this fact within FSMC's proposal so SFA may determine if there is a conflict of interest in violation of the conflict of interest policies of SFA or a conflict under applicable state or federal law.

F. Selection of Director

SFA reserves the right to interview and approve the on-site food service director.

G. Employees/Confidentiality

The current SFA food service employees will :

- Continue to be employed by SFA.
- Become employees of FSMC.
- Retain interview rights when FSMC hires.
- Not be retained.

Other (FSMC will provide it's own employees)

All FSMC employees working with or with access to Confidential Information or Confidential Student Information, as defined in the Fixed-Price Contract, will submit a signed Confidentiality Agreement with SFA before beginning work. For any year the Fixed-Price Contract is renewed, covered employees must sign a new Confidentiality Agreement. All signed Confidentiality Agreements will be made available to State Agency upon request. The Confidentiality Agreement used by SFA is included as an attachment to this RFP for FSMC's reference.

H. Meal Equivalents for Nonprogram Foods

The meal equivalency factor for school year **2025-2026** is **[The State Agency will enter the Meal Equivalency Factor for the current school year. However, SFA may calculate its own Meal Equivalency Factor and enter it here, provided that SFA indicates the values used to calculate the Meal Equivalency factor and submits this information for approval by the State Agency]**. The factor is based on the school year **[Enter year]** rates of federal reimbursement for a free school lunch, plus the performance-based lunch reimbursement, plus the per-meal USDA Foods entitlement value, plus any other state meal funding support. The meal equivalency factor will be used to determine the number of meals that the nonprogram foods are equivalent to, for the purpose of paying FSMC for the nonprogram foods at the fixed meal price paid per school lunch. Net nonprogram revenue (excluding catering) will be divided by the meal equivalent factor noted above to determine the number of equivalent lunches for payment to FSMC. The factor will be updated for any year that the Fixed-Price Contract is renewed.

I. Program Costs and Fees; Invoice Structure

FSMC will be responsible for the food service costs that are listed in the Cost Responsibility attachment. The fixed per-meal prices proposed by FSMC on its Price Proposal will be the complete payments due to FSMC without any other charges for costs. All invoices must be formatted according to requirements contained in the Invoice Structure attachment included in this RFP.

J. Food Substitutions

FSMC will meet the following requirements for food substitutions and modifications:

1. Federal regulations require food substitutions and modifications for students documented by a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse, such as a certified nurse practitioner, to have a disability. All costs for food substitutions must be included in the Price Proposal and FSMC may not bill SFA for items not included in the Price Proposal, including the cost of food substitutions.
2. FSMC must comply with all SFA policies to provide substitutions that meet the meal pattern for preferences of students without a disability, upon written request of a parent or legal guardian.
3. FSMC must comply with all SFA policies to provide a non-dairy fluid milk substitute that is nutritionally equivalent to milk for students with a medical or other special dietary need upon written request.

K. Free and Reduced-Price Meal Eligibility

SFA will be responsible for the free/reduced-price meal eligibility processes, including distribution of meal applications, approval/denial and verification of applications, hearings/appeals, and direct certification.

L. Conflict of Interest

SFA must maintain a written code of standards of conduct which will govern the performance of their officers, employees or agents engaged in the award and administration of contracts supported by Program payments. SFA must disclose any potential conflicts of interest in writing to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with applicable Federal awarding agency policy. The officers, employees, and agents of SFA may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from FSMC. No employee, officer or agent of SFA will be permitted to participate in the selection, or in the award or administration of this RFP if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be created between FSMC and:

- a. Such employee, officer or agent;
- b. Any member of his or her immediate family;
- c. His or her partner; or
- d. An organization which employs, or is about to employ, any of the above, if such organization has a financial or other interest in FSMC.

M. Requests for Clarification

FSMC may submit requests for clarification regarding the information presented in this RFP to **Carmen Schempp** in writing by mail at **621 E Presentation St, Sioux Falls, SD 57104**, e-mail at **carmen.schempp@lsssd.org**, or fax at **605-221-2404**, no later than **March 28th, 2:00 pm**. SFA will answer all questions received by the deadline in writing at **www.lsssd.org** without exposing the query source. This will be the sole process for asking and answering questions regarding this RFP. FSMC may not contact SFA employees directly to ask questions. Unauthorized contact by FSMC with other SFA employees or SFA Board Member regarding the RFP may result in disqualification.

N. Modification and Withdrawal

FSMC may modify its proposals after submission by withdrawing the original proposal and resubmitting a new proposal prior to the submission deadline. SFA will not consider proposal modifications offered in any other manner, either oral or written. FSMC may withdraw its proposal by submitting a written withdrawal request to SFA, signed by FSMC or its authorized agent, prior to the submission deadline. Thereafter, an FSMC may submit a new proposal prior to the proposal submission deadline. FSMC may not withdraw its proposal after the proposal submission deadline. SFA asks FSMCs that do not intend to submit a new proposal to notify SFA in writing.

With preapproval of modifications from State Agency, SFA may modify the RFP prior to the date given for submission of proposals by posting an addendum on **www.lsssd.org**. SFA will notify FSMCs so they can obtain any addenda from SFA’s web site, or request it by e-mail, mail, or fax.

O. Cost of Preparation

FSMC is responsible for the costs of developing proposals and will not charge SFA for any preparation costs.

P. Firm Offer

By submitting a response to this Request for Proposal, and if such response is not withdrawn prior to the submission deadline, FSMC understands and agrees that it is making a firm offer to enter into a Fixed-Price Contract, which may be accepted by SFA, and which will result in a binding contract. Such proposal is irrevocable for a period of ninety (90) days after the submission deadline. _____ (FSMC must initial and date to show agreement).

If SFA and the FSMC that is awarded the contract do not enter into a final agreement within a reasonable time after the award is made (as determined by SFA), SFA reserves the right to award the Fixed-Price Contract to the next lowest-priced, responsive and responsible FSMC.

Q. Site Tour

SFA will hold a **Mandatory** Site Tour of the SFA facilities on **March 24th, 2025 at 1:00 pm**. The tour will be held at the following location: **621 E Presentation St, Sioux Falls, SD 57104. All potential FSMCs must attend.**

R. USDA Foods

FSMC will provide credits to SFA for USDA Foods that are received from the warehouse or processor for SFA for the contract year, including credits for the current market value of donated foods contained in processed end products. The credits will reduce the amount due from SFA to FSMC under the contract. Credits will be provided from FSMC to SFA irrespective of whether or how FSMC uses the USDA Foods. FSMC will provide credits to SFA on applicable monthly bills as stated in the Fixed-Price Contract, unless State Agency accepts the need for a different crediting schedule upon review of the draft contract to be awarded. The method for determining the value of USDA Foods is found in the “*Value of Commodities Received Report*” in the State Agency iCAN system. DoD FFAVORS entitlement is located on the DoD FFAVORS order system. Net Off Invoice or Fee For Service SFA direct processing entitlement is found the in K12 Foodservice or Processor Link. This value is assigned in compliance with 7 C.F.R. § 250.58(e). FSMC will use all donated beef and pork products, and all processed end products, in SFA’s food service. FSMC will use all other donated foods, or will use commercially purchased foods of the same generic identity, of U.S. origin, and of equal of better quality than the donated foods, in SFA’s food service. FSMC assures that the procurement of processed end products on behalf of SFA, as applicable, will ensure compliance with the requirements in Subpart C of 7 C.F.R. Part 250 and with the provisions of distributing or recipient agency processing agreements, and will ensure crediting of SFA for the value of donated foods contained in such end products at the processing agreement value. FSMC will not itself enter into a processing agreement with a processor of USDA Foods. FSMC will comply with the storage and inventory requirements for donated foods. The distributing agency, subdistributing agency, or recipient agency, the Comptroller General, the Department of Agriculture, or their duly authorized representatives, may perform onsite reviews of FSMC’s food service operation, including the review of records, to ensure compliance with requirements for the management and use of donated foods. FSMC will maintain records to document its compliance with requirements relating to donated foods, in accordance with 7 C.F.R. § 250.54(b). Extensions or renewals of the Fixed-Price Contract are contingent upon the fulfillment of all contract provisions relating to donated foods.

USDA Foods that FSMC will credit to SFA include the initial USDA Foods for the contract year that SFA or its current company has ordered or will order according to the annual survey. Check one:

- This RFP includes attached information about USDA Foods that have been ordered in the annual survey for the upcoming contract year.
- This RFP does not include information about USDA Foods that will be ordered in the annual survey for the upcoming contract year. As soon as USDA Foods are ordered in the annual survey, typically by February, and at least a week before proposals are due, SFA will provide information to all interested FSMCs about USDA Foods that have been ordered in the annual survey for SFA for the contract year.

S. Farm to School

As outlined in the Fixed-Price Contract, SFA may choose to implement a geographic preference for the procurement of certain local food and food products. The details of SFA's Farm to School Program or Beef to School are outlined in the Farm to School attachment below. A responsive FSMC must have the willingness and ability to procure local products for SFA as outlined in the Farm to School or Beef to School attachment.

T. Assurance of Civil Rights Compliance

FSMC and SFA agree to be bound by the Assurance of Civil Rights Compliance document contained in the Request for Proposal.

Assurance of Civil Rights Compliance

Civil Rights Assurance for School Nutrition Programs:

The Program applicant hereby agrees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.); all provisions required by the implementing regulations of the Department of Agriculture; Department of Justice Enforcement Guidelines, 28 C.F.R. Part SO.3 and 42; and FNS directives and guidelines, to the effect that, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Program applicant receives Federal financial assistance from FNS; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

By accepting this assurance, the Program applicant agrees to compile data, maintain records, and submit reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of nondiscrimination laws and permit authorized USDA personnel during hours of program operation to review such records, books, and accounts as needed to ascertain compliance with the nondiscrimination laws. If there are any violations of this assurance, the Department of Agriculture, FNS, shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Program applicant, its successors, transferees, and assignees as long as it receives assistance or retains possession of any assistance from USDA. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on the behalf of the Program applicant.

Civil Rights Assurance for Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program:

The Program applicant hereby agrees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and all requirements imposed by the regulations of the Department of Agriculture (7 C.F.R. Part 15), DOJ (28 C.F.R. Parts 42 and 50) and FNS directives or regulations issued pursuant to that Act and the regulations, to the effect that, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Program applicant received Federal financial assistance from USDA; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take any measures necessary to fulfill this agreement.

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal financial assistance, grants, and loans of Federal funds, reimbursable expenditures, grant, or donation of Federal property and interest in property, the detail of Federal personnel, the sale and lease of, and the permission to use Federal property or interest in such property or the furnishing of services without consideration or at a nominal consideration, or at a consideration that is reduced for the purpose of assisting the recipient, or in recognition of the public interest to be served by such sale, lease, or furnishing of services to the recipient, or any improvements made with Federal financial assistance extended to the Program applicant by USDA. This includes any Federal agreement, arrangement, or other contract that has as one of its purposes the provision of cash assistance for the purchase of food, and cash assistance for purchase or rental of food service equipment or any other financial assistance extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance.

By accepting this assurance, the Program applicant agrees to compile data, maintain records, and submit reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of nondiscrimination laws and permit authorized USDA personnel during hours of Program operation to review such records, books, and accounts as needed to ascertain compliance with the nondiscrimination laws. If there are any violations of this assurance, the Department of Agriculture, FNS, shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Program applicant, its successors, transferees, and assignees as long as it receives assistance or retains possession of any assistance from USDA. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on the behalf of the Program applicant.



Schedule of Events
for RFP # LSS_FSMC_2025

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| • Board Meeting – RFP Approval and Negotiations Authorized | Friday | 02/07/2025 |
| • Release of RFP | Monday | 02/17/2025 |
| • First Public Notice | Monday | 02/24/2025 |
| • Second Public Notice | Monday | 03/17/2025 |
| • Mandatory Tour | Monday | 03/24/2025 |
| • FSMC Question Submission Deadline | Friday | 03/28/2025 |
| • SFA Responses to Written Submissions | Wednesday | 04/02/2025 |
| • Deadline for Submission of Sealed Proposal | Friday | 04/04/2025 |
| • Proposals Opened | Monday | 04/07/2025 |
| • Proposals Evaluated and Fixed-Price Contract Negotiated | Tuesday | 04/08/2025 |
| • Board Meeting – Proposal Approval | Friday | 05/09/2025 |
| • Anticipated Fixed-Price Contract Award Date | Monday | 06/02/2025 |

SFA reserves the right to amend this schedule, as necessary, and will post a notice of any schedule amendments at www.lsssd.org.

Voluntary / Mandatory Site Tour Information

The **Mandatory** Tour is an escorted tour of SFA facilities where food service will be provided. The tour schedule includes the sites listed below. Please notify SFA if you will be attending the tour by contacting **Carmen Schempp, carmen.schempp@lsssd.org**. Beyond notifying SFA that you will be attending the tour, FSMC may not contact any sites or employees outside of the scheduled visit.

SFA requests that FSMC does not take pictures during the tour if SFA has not obtained appropriate releases from parents, students, and/or employees. SFA will permit photos in which no persons are depicted, and which are directly related to the subject of the RFP. SFA thanks all FSMCs for abiding by our request to keep the disruption caused by the visit to a minimum.

Click or tap here to enter text.

SITE TOUR SCHEDULE

Site Tour begins at **1:00 pm, March 24th, 2025**

Where: **Lutheran Social Services, 621 E Presentation St, Sioux Falls, SD 57104**

Second Site Tour begins at **n/a**

Where: **n/a**

Third Site Tour begins at **n/a**

Where: **n/a**

Fourth Site Tour begins at **n/a**

Where: **n/a**

Fourth Site Tour begins at **n/a**

Where: **n/a**

Fifth Site Tour begins at **n/a**

Where: **n/a**

Attachments Checklist

FSMC Company Name

Please complete this checklist to confirm that the items listed below have been included in your proposal. For the proposal to be considered, all required attachments must be returned, including this checklist.

Attachment Name

- _____ Cover Letter
- _____ Table of Contents
- _____ Minimum Qualifications
- _____ Proposal Questionnaire
- _____ FSMC References
- _____ Program Cycle Menus (if not applicable, mark "N/A")
- _____ Staffing Plan
- _____ Price Proposal
- _____ Summer Food Service Program Bonding Requirements (if not applicable, mark "N/A")
- _____ Independent Price Determination Certificate
- _____ Certificate Regarding Debarment and Suspension
- _____ Certificate Regarding Lobbying
- _____ Authorization Agreement

Evaluation Criteria

Instructions to FSMC: Submit your written proposal to address all of the criteria below. The proposal will be evaluated and scored by SFA's evaluation committee. The maximum points for all criteria are provided below.

Criteria	Maximum Points
Price (Greatest Points)	35
Service Capability Plan (Proposed food service team such as Director, and FSMC's ability to provide services as stated in the RFP, ie. ability to prepare 3 meals a day 365 days a year, explore Farm to School, etc.)	10
Employee Training and Development, and peronnel management	5
Evaluation of Experience, References, and Past Performance (with like school systems and familiarity with operational regulations)	15
Integrity and Reliability of Projected Operating Budget/Forecast	5
Accounting, Invoicing, and Reporting Systems	5
Support of program and partnership with LSS agency	10
Menu creativity & versatility; ability to adapt and adjust menu as needed for seasons, special diets, etc.	5
Involvement of Students, Staff, and Patrons	5
Ability to provide meal preparation assistance for Special Events (4-5 per year) plus resident birthdays.	5
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TOTAL POINTS	100

Minimum Qualifications

FSMC must meet all of the following minimum qualifications to 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 **04/30/2025**, both FSMC’s company and its key personnel meet all of the following minimum qualifications:

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. FSMC has more than Two years’ experience with food service programs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. FSMC has the resources and ability to provide 80,300 meals per school year for SFA.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. FSMC has knowledge and experience with the USDA School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program, Afterschool Snack, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Seamless Summer Option, Summer Food Service Program, and/or Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. FSMC provides one onsite employee that meets the Professional Standards requirements for a Food Service Director.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. FSMC has professional references that demonstrate the ability to perform the required services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. FSMC is licensed to do business in the state of South Dakota.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. FSMC has the ability to meet annual training requirements of the Professional Standards.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. FSMC site employees have the ability to pass program required background studies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9. FSMC site director/manager is ServSafe Certified.

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Proposal Questionnaire

This proposal questionnaire is intended to provide the SFA with specific information concerning FSMC's capability to provide services as described in the RFP. Please be as concise as possible 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, 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 School Food Authorities 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. If you are unable to provide a complete balance sheet or annual report for the last three years of operation, please explain why and provide any complete balance sheet or annual report (verified by a certified public accountant) for any year available. This response may be more than two pages.
7. Provide a general description of your company's knowledge of and experience with the National School Food Lunch Program and how your menu planning will be able to accommodate the requirements of the program.
8. Provide a recommended transition plan that describes the steps you will take to begin providing the services described in this RFP.
9. Will FSMC attend the offered tour of SFA facilities?
 Yes No
- 10.
- 11.

FSMC References

List three references for whom FSMC has provided food service management services within the past **Three to five** year(s). If references are not available, please explain why by attaching a written explanation to this form.

Reference 1
Name of Reference/Phone Number Click or tap here to enter text.
Street Address Click or tap here to enter text.
City/State/Zip Code Click or tap here to enter text.
Contact Person/Title Click or tap here to enter text.
Description of Services Provided/Dates of Service Click or tap here to enter text.
Reference 2
Name of Reference/ Phone Number Click or tap here to enter text.
Street Address Click or tap here to enter text.
City/ State/Zip Code Click or tap here to enter text.
Contact Person/Title Click or tap here to enter text.
Description of Services Provided / Dates of Service Click or tap here to enter text.
Reference 3
Name of Reference/Phone Number Click or tap here to enter text.
Street Address Click or tap here to enter text.
City/State/Zip Code Click or tap here to enter text.
Contact Person/Title Click or tap here to enter text.
Description of Services Provided/Dates of Service Click or tap here to enter text.

Confidentiality Agreement

The following Confidentiality Agreement must be signed annually by all FSMC employees working with or with access to Confidential Information or Confidential Student Information, as defined in the Fixed-Price Contract, before beginning work.

I, _____, (name of employee) agree to safeguard and maintain strict confidentiality regarding any student data received by or accessible to me as an employee of _____ (name of FSMC). I acknowledge that personally identifiable information, as that term is defined by 34 C.F.R. § 99.3, is confidential and that I am prohibited from further disclosing that information unless disclosure is specifically authorized by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, the National School Lunch Act, and all other applicable state or federal laws. Unauthorized disclosure of any student data could result in termination of my employment and other civil and criminal penalties. This Confidentiality Agreement amends and supersedes all previous non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements regarding student data signed by me as an employee of _____ (name of FSMC).

Signature of Employee: _____

Printed Name of Employee: _____

Date: _____

Contract Year: _____

Site Data

(add additional Site Data pages for all approved sites)

Site Name (School or other Site): LSS of SD, Center for Children & Youth Site number 1 of 1
 Address: 621 E Presentation St, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Grades

Grade Levels: USDA has authorized SFA to use grade 9-12 nutritional standards for all residents

Enrollment*

Total Enrollment: 49 maximum residents (currently averaging 35)

Number of Free Students: Number of Reduced-Price Students: Number of Paid Students:

**Data should be suppressed for >90% Free and Reduced students or fewer than 20 total students.*

Meal Preparation—check one

Onsite Kitchen Satellite Pre-Packaged

Days

Number of Estimated Annual Serving Days: 365

Breakfast Program Not Applicable Considering Adding

Program Cycle Menu Provided by: SFA FSMC

Meal Service Times	# ADP ¹ Free Breakfasts	# ADP ¹ Reduced-Price Breakfasts	# ADP ¹ Paid Breakfasts	Paid Breakfast Price	# ADP ¹ Non-Program (Adult) Breakfasts	Non-Program (Adult) Breakfast Price
<u> </u> 7– 9:20 am, depending on day of week <u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Lunch Program

Program Cycle Menu Provided by: SFA FSMC

Meal Service Times	# ADP ¹ Free Lunches	# ADP ¹ Reduced-Price Lunches	# ADP ¹ Paid Lunches	Paid Lunch Price	# ADP ¹ Non-Program (Adult) Lunch	Non-Program (Adult) Lunch Price
<u> </u> 11:30 am - 1 pm, depending on day of week <u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Special Milk Program (SMP) Not Applicable Considering Adding

Number of ADP¹ SMP Milks:

A La Carte Not Applicable

¹ ADP is average daily participation; that is, the average number of reimbursable meals, snacks or milks served per day.

Number of Equivalent Lunches²: _____

This data is:

- Projected from months _____ through _____ of current school year 20__ - __.
- From the previous school year 20__ - __.

At-Risk Afterschool Meals or Snacks or NSLP Area Eligible Afterschool Snacks

- Not Applicable Considering Adding
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Snacks
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Snacks and/or Meals

Meal/Snack Type (At-Risk only)	Meal/Snack Service Times	Number ADP Snacks	Number ADP Meals (CACFP)	Number ADP Paid Snacks	Number Annual Days
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Afterschool Snack Program (NSLP)—Not Area Eligible Not Applicable Considering Adding

Snack Service Times	Number ADP ¹ Free Snacks	Number ADP ¹ Reduced-Price Snacks	Number ADP ¹ Paid Snacks	Paid Snack Price	Number Annual Days
_2:50 -3:15 pm_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Summer Food Service Program or Seamless Summer Option

- Not Applicable Considering Adding
- Summer Food Service Program Seamless Summer Option
- Closed Site Open Site
- Grab and Go Meals

Meal/Snack Service Times	Number ADP ¹ Breakfasts	Number ADP ¹ Lunches	Number ADP ¹ Snacks	Number ADP ¹ Suppers	Number Days
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program

- Not Applicable Considering Adding
- Program Cycle Menu Provided by: SFA FSMC

² The number of “equivalent lunches” represented by a la carte sales is total a la carte sales divided by the meal equivalency factor.

Service Times	Days of Operation	Number of Students			
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

If this box is checked, additional Site Data sheets are attached with information for additional sites.

Program Cycle Menu

FSMC must submit a Five Week Cycle Menu for each program identified on the Site Data sheet(s), where applicable. Each Program Cycle Menu submitted by FSMC must comply with the meal and meal pattern requirements, dietary specifications, and minimum food specifications established by federal regulations. SFA reserves the right to adjust the Program Cycle Menus submitted by FSMC to ensure compliance with applicable regulations. FSMC must adhere to the approved Program Cycle Menus for the first five weeks (35 days) of meal service. Changes thereafter may be made upon approval of SFA. Any changes must equal or exceed the choice selection, quality, grades, and specifications contained in the original Program Cycle Menus submitted by FSMC. Upon written request by SFA, FSMC may develop additional Program Cycle Menus according to the meal requirements set forth in applicable federal regulations.

When requested by SFA, FSMC shall provide SFA with sack lunches for field trips. All meals for field trips must meet the appropriate meal pattern requirements with a separate production record provided. FSMC shall be responsible for providing a point of service meal-count document, and for maintaining the proper temperature of the sack lunches.

SFA requires 3 meals a day, plus one afternoon snack, 7 days a week, 365 days a year for up to 49 residents plus up to 8 direct care staff on duty.

SFA requires the FSMC to work with the SFA to provide extra calories to underweight residents when prescribed by Physicians.

SFA requests the FSMC to assist with resident birthday's by baking cakes using mixes provided by the SFA.

Note: The Sample Menus included are for format purposes only and are not specific to the SFA's needs. Please ensure submitted menus include Supper, plus all meals on Saturday and Sunday, and that they are a 5 week cycle menu.

SFA has an Offer versus Serve waiver to provide pre-plated meals that meet the requirements for reimbursable meals.

Offer versus Serve: Check all grades that allow Offer vs Serve, add additional grades as needed.

Breakfast

Pk	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	-	-	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	-	-	-	-

Lunch

Pk	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	-	-	-	-
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BREAKFAST: 21-DAY EXAMPLE ONLY MENU CYCLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Day 1 Waffle*, 2 oz Asst Cereal*^, 1 Oz Cheese Stick, 1 oz	Day 2 Pop Tart*, 1 oz Oatmeal*, ½ cup Yogurt^, 4 oz	Day 3 Sausage, 1 oz Biscuit*, 2 oz Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz	Day 4 Cheese Omelet, 2 oz Toast*, 1 oz Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz	Day 5 Cinnamon Roll, * 2 oz Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz Yogurt^, 4 oz
Day 6 French Toast Sticks*, 1.5oz Gr/1 oz MMA Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz Yogurt^, 4 oz	Day 7 Bagel* & Cream Cheese, 1oz Oatmeal*, ½ cup Yogurt^, 4 oz	Day 8 Scrambled Egg, 1oz Toast*, 1 oz Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz	Day 9 Breakfast Pizza*, 1.5 oz GR/1.0 oz MMA Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz	Day 10 Long John*, 2 oz Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz Yogurt^, 4 oz
Day 11 Turkey Pancake Wrap*, 1 oz Gr/1 oz MMA Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz Hardboiled Egg 1 oz	Day 12 Toast*, 1 oz Oatmeal*, ½ cup Yogurt^, 4 oz	Day 13 Egg Patty, 1oz Eng Muffin*, 2 oz Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz	Day 14 Breakfast Burrito*, 1 oz GR/1oz MMA Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz Yogurt^, 4 oz	Day 15 Muffin*, 2 oz Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz Cheese Stick, 1 oz
Day 16 Waffle*, 2 oz Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz Cheese Stick, 1 oz	Day 17 Pop Tart*, 1 oz Oatmeal*, ½ cup Yogurt^, 4 oz	Day 18 Sausage, 1 oz Biscuit*, 2 oz Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz	Day 19 Cheese Omelet, 2oz Toast*, 1 oz Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz	Day 20 Cinnamon Roll*, 2oz, Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz Yogurt^, 4 oz
Day 21 French Toast Sticks*, 1.5oz Gr/1 oz MMA Asst Cereal*^, 1 oz Yogurt^, 4 oz		<p>* indicates Whole Grain food. A minimum of 80% of the Grain items offered on a weekly basis must be Whole Grain Rich.</p> <p>^ indicates a food with sugar limits. Beginning in SY2025-26 breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6g per dry ounce, yogurt must contain no more than 12g per 6oz (2g / oz), and flavored milk must contain no more than 10g per 8 fl oz.</p> <p>All menu items must comply with Sodium Targets established by federal regulations, including any amendments to those targets.</p> <p>All breakfasts include a choice of non-fat or 1% (flavored or unflavored) milk and an unrestricted self-service fruit bar that meets Meal Pattern and Nutrition Standards and Requirements of the USDA’s National School Breakfast Program.</p> <p>[Include additional specification instructions here.]</p>		

LUNCH: 21-DAY EXAMPLE ONLY MENU CYCLE				
Each Day lists three Entrée Choices offered to students.				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Day 1 Cheeseburger* & Fries PBJ Sandwich* Chef Salad*	Day 2 Tacos* PBJ Sandwich* Chef Salad*	Day 3 Chicken & Dinner Roll* Baked Beans PBJ Sandwich* Chef Salad*	Day 4 Spaghetti* & Meatballs PBJ Sandwich* Chef Salad*	Day 5 Grilled Cheese* & Tomato Soup PBJ Sandwich* Chef Salad*
Day 6 BBQ Pork on a Bun* Corn Sub Sandwich* Chicken Caesar Salad*	Day 7 Chicken Fajitas* Black Beans Sub Sandwich* Chicken Caesar Salad*	Day 8 Macaroni* & Cheese with Roll* Sub Sandwich* Chicken Caesar Salad*	Day 9 Beef Nachos* Sub Sandwich* Chicken Caesar Salad*	Day 10 Pizza* Sub Sandwich* Chicken Caesar Salad*
Day 11 Corn Dogs* & Tater Tots PBJ Sandwich* Chef Salad*	Day 12 Bean & Cheese Burritos* PBJ Sandwich* Chef Salad*	Day 13 Beef Stew with Biscuit* PBJ Sandwich* Chef Salad*	Day 14 Chicken Fried Rice* & Egg Roll PBJ Sandwich* Chef Salad*	Day 15 Meatball Sub* PBJ Sandwich* Chef Salad*
Day 16 Hamburger* & Fries Sub Sandwich* Chicken Caesar Salad*	Day 17 Cheesy Quesadilla* Sub Sandwich* Chicken Caesar Salad*	Day 18 Chili & Cornbread* WG Sub Sandwich* Chicken Caesar Salad*	Day 19 Chicken Strips & Dinner Roll* Sub Sandwich* Chicken Caesar Salad*	Day 20 Pizza* Sub Sandwich* Chicken Caesar Salad*
Day 21 Hot Dog on a Bun* & Tater Tots PBJ Sandwich* Chef Salad*		<p>*indicates Whole Grain food. A minimum of 80% of Grain items offered on a weekly basis must be Whole Grain Rich.</p> <p>^ indicates a food with sugar limits. Beginning in SY2025-26 breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6g per dry ounce, yogurt must contain no more than 12g per 6oz (2g / oz), and flavored milk must contain no more than 10g per 8 fl oz.</p> <p>All menu items must comply with Sodium Targets established by federal regulations, including any amendments to those targets.</p> <p>All lunches include a choice of non-fat or 1% (flavored or unflavored) milk and an unrestricted self-service fruit and vegetable bar that meets Meal Pattern and Nutrition Standards and Requirements of the USDA's National School Lunch Program.</p> <p>[Include additional specification instructions here.]</p>		

FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE: EXAMPLE ONLY SNACK CYCLE				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Day 1 Cantaloupe, 1.5-2 oz slice	Day 2 Celery Sticks, 3 oz with 2 Tblsp low fat hummus	Day 3 Grapes, 2 oz	Day 4 Apple Slices, ½ cup	Day 5 Kiwi, ½ kiwi cup
Day 6 Apple Slices, ½ cup	Day 7 Watermelon, 3 oz	Day 8 Carrot Sticks, 2 oz with 2 Tblsp Nonfat Ranch dip	Day 9 Orange Smiles, ¼ cup	Day 10 Cucumber Coins, 2 oz
Day 11 Broccoli Florets, 2 oz with 2 Tblsp Nonfat Ranch dip	Day 12 Fresh Mandarin Oranges, 1 each	Day 13 Celery Sticks, 3 oz	Day 14 Grapes, 2 oz	Day 15 Strawberries, 3 oz
Day 16 Cantaloupe, 1.5-2 oz slice	Day 17 Celery Sticks, 3 oz with 2 Tblsp low fat hummus	Day 18 Grapes, 2 oz	Day 19 Apple Slices, ½ cup	Day 20 Kiwi, ½ kiwi cup
Day 21 Apple Slices, ½ cup		[Include additional specification instructions here.]		

The focus of the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program is to bring fresh produce into the school and expose children to fresh fruits and vegetables. Nutrition education is critical to the program’s success and should be included whenever possible.

SFA does not participate in the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables program, but we do expect one afternoon snack to be provided. The snack menu provided by the FSMC should reflect what they would provide for a snack, and ensure it meets the NSLP Afterschool Snacks guidelines.

Samples of nutrition education lessons for the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program can be found at:

<https://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/Fruit-Veg1.pdf>

<https://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/FreshFruitVegetable-Resource.pdf>

Minimum Food Specifications

All food components provided by FSMC for program meals or snacks must meet all USDA requirements as well as the following Minimum Food Specifications. In the event these Minimum Food Specifications conflict with federal regulations, the federal regulations will control. **SFA may request a fully editable Minimum Food Specifications page if desired. Modification to a higher standard than minimally required is allowed. Modification to a lower standard than minimally required is not allowed.**

Meat/Seafood – All meats, meat products, poultry products, and fish must be government inspected.

- Beef, lamb and veal shall be USDA inspected and of Grade Choice or better.
- Pork shall be U.S. No. 1 or U.S. No. 2.
- Poultry shall be U.S. Government Grade A.
- Seafood to be top grade, frozen fish—must be a nationally distributed brand, packed under continuous inspection of the USDA.
- Ground beef must be no more than 20% fat. **[SFA can specify a leaner beef if desired]**

Dairy Products – All dairy products must be government inspected.

- Fresh eggs, USDA Grade A or equivalent, 100% candled.
- Frozen eggs, USDA inspected.
- No storage eggs will be used.
- Milk, pasteurized Grade A.
- Milk substitutes, if utilized by SFA, must be consistent with standards identified in 7 C.F.R. § 210.10.
- Skim (nonfat) and 1% or less (lowfat) unflavored or flavored milk, as approved by SFA.
 - Fluid milk shall be pasteurized, contain vitamins A & D at levels specified by the FDA, and must be consistent with State and local standards.
 - Buttermilk—8 ¼ % milk solids.
 - Yogurt, Cheese, Ice Cream, and like products must be USDA Quality Approved.
- Allowable milk served as part of the meal shall follow the most current USDA regulations/policy as applicable for the Program for which the meals are prepared.

Fruits and Vegetables

- Fresh fruits and vegetables selected according to written specifications for freshness, quality and color—U.S. Grade A Fancy.
- Fruits and vegetables will be wholesome and unspoiled.
- U.S. Grade A or Grade B, as appropriate for the product and for its appearance and use. Items such as peaches, pears, and mixed fruit (fruit cocktail) are only available as grade B.
- Canned fruits and vegetables selected to requirements—U.S. Grade A Choice or Fancy (fruit to be packed in light syrup or natural juices).
- Expiration date on canned or frozen vegetables must be greater than six months from received date
- Frozen fruits and vegetables shall be U.S. Grade A Choice or better.

Baked Products/Grains

- Bread, rolls, pies, cakes and puddings either prepared or baked on the premises or purchased on a quality level commensurate with meeting the most current USDA breakfast and lunch requirements, as applicable to the Program for which the meals are prepared.
- Cereals must be whole-grain rich, enriched, fortified.
- Products shall meet USDA standards for whole grains according to the most current regulations or policy at a minimum, as applicable to the Program for which the meals are prepared.

Staple Groceries

- Staple groceries to be a quality level commensurate with previously listed standards—U.S. No. 1 or Grade A.
- Only 100% pasteurized full-strength juice may be served.

Alternate Protein Products

- Alternate protein products used must meet the requirements in Appendix A of 7 C.F.R. Part 210.

Farm to School

[SFA to complete this page]

- Applicable— SFA will request that FSMC procure local foods.
- Not Applicable—SFA will not request that FSMC procure local foods.
- Considering Adding.

The Farm to School program allows SFA incorporate local foods in the meals it serves to school children. Fruits, vegetables, milk, cheese, eggs, whole grain breads, pastas, beans, meats, and poultry are just some examples of the foods and food products that can be procured from local producers and used in school meals. The table below provides information about SFA’s Farm to School program. A responsive FSMC will indicate its willingness and ability to procure local foods and food products as requested. FSMC’s procurement of local foods must follow all state and local procurement laws and regulations. More information is available in the “Procuring Local Foods for Child Nutrition Programs” guide published by the USDA FNS and available at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/f2s/procuring-local-foods>.

Food or Food Product (e.g., “Beef”)	Local Area of Procurement (e.g., “Within 100 miles of SFA Sites” or “Within the state of South Dakota”)	Will this food be procured by the: SFA, FSMC, or DONATED. If procured by the SFA or donated, how will the FSMC credit the SFA	Who will be responsible for creating menus incorporating local foods? SFA/FSMC	Who will be responsible for providing agriculture and nutrition education lessons related to Farm to School? SFA/FSMC
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USDA Foods Inventory and Forecast

[SFA to complete this page]

USDA Food Type and ID	Units on Hand	Value of Units on Hand	Forecast of USDA Foods Receivable for SY 2025-2026
Sauce, Tomato, Low Sodium 110541	9	38.34	unknown
Tomatoes, Diced (canned) 100329	8	27.76	unknown
Apple, Fuji 125 ct 15PO9__	.75	31.31	unknown
Apple, Granny Smith 113-125 ct 18G67	1	44.75	unknown
Carrots, whole baby peeled 16W41/16D90	.75	23.85	unknown
Cabbage, slaw mix, 16P75/16P51	5	38.50	unknown
Lettuce Salad Mix Iceberg/Cabbage/Carrot 16B71	4	30.88	unknown
Lettuce, Shredded 16L93/17059	1	7.63	unknown
Orange, Fresh, 113 ct 14A02	1.28	50.05	unknown
Potato, Wedge, 100355	0.7	30.13	unknown

Potato, Fresh 18A05	_____ .2 _____	_____ 6.43 _____	unknown
Beef, Ground 85/15 Frozen 100158	_____ .25 _____	_____ 41.99 _____	unknown
Blueberries, Frozen 100242	_____ 1 _____	_____ 46.21 _____	unknown
Chicken, diced, cooked 100101	_____ 17 _____	_____ 41.99 _____	unknown
Patty, Chicken, breaded 3 oz 301006	_____ .3 _____	_____ 24.97 _____	unknown
Peas, frozen 100763	_____ 6 _____	_____ 12.48 _____	unknown
Vegetables, mixed frozen 110871	_____ 3 _____	_____ 13.35 _____	unknown
Turkey, dark cured sliced, 300401	_____ 3.75 _____	_____ 181.58 _____	unknown
Turkey, oven roasted, 300400	_____ 4.48 _____	_____ 218.67 _____	unknown
Pork Ham w/a 97% cooked sliced 100187	_____ 0.157 _____	_____ 17.90 _____	unknown

FSMC Staffing Plan

The Staffing Plan includes information about food service staff. Fill out the Staffing Plan to indicate the number of food service employees that will be operating at SFA sites.

Site or School	Number of Employees	Daily Hours
LSS of SD, Center for Children & Youth____	_____2-3_____	___6 am – 6 pm_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Equipment Plan

This Equipment Plan identifies what food service equipment SFA will provide for use by FSMC.

Note: No Meal Count Computer System is required. Meal counts for reimbursement purposes are to be performed by the SFA staff.

Item Name/Description	SFA Provided	N/A
Ovens/Range	___x___	_____
Dishwashing Equipment	___x___	_____
Food Processing Equipment	___x___	_____
Refrigerators	___x___	_____
Silverware/Glassware	___x___	_____
Serving Trays	___x___	_____
Safety Equipment	___x___	_____
Utility Carts	___x___	_____
Food Storage Containers/Bins	___x___	_____
Tables/Chairs	___x___	_____
Cooking Utensils	___x___	_____
Sanitation Supplies	___x___	_____
Other	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____
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Other	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____

Delivery Schedule

This Delivery Schedule provides a detailed timeline for delivery of meals from FSMC to the corresponding SFA sites. In order to be considered a responsive bid, FSMC must be able to conform meal deliveries to this Delivery Schedule.

Not Applicable.

Cost Responsibility Detail

The Cost Responsibility Detail indicates costs that will be the responsibility of SFA and those that will be the responsibility of FSMC. SFA will indicate with an “x” whether the cost will be paid by SFA or the FSMC, or whether the cost does not apply. All costs that are marked as the responsibility of FSMC must be included as part of the Price Proposal and cannot otherwise be charged to SFA directly.

[SFA may change or add costs as necessary.]

Food

Area of Responsibility	FSMC	SFA	N/A
Food Purchases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
USDA Handling and Processing Charges	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Processing and Payment of Invoices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Miscellaneous/Additional Items

Area of Responsibility	FSMC	SFA	N/A
Cleaning/Janitorial Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paper/Disposable Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silverware/Glassware—Initial Inventory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silverware/Glassware—Replacement During Operation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trash Removal

Area of Responsibility	FSMC	SFA	N/A
From Kitchen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
From Dining Area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
From Premises	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cleaning/Maintenance Responsibilities

Area of Responsibility	FSMC	SFA	N/A
Food Preparation Area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Serving Area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitchen Floors/Walls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dining Room Floors/Walls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hoods, Duct Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tables and Chairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light Fixtures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grease Traps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restrooms for food service employees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other

Area of Responsibility	FSMC	SFA	N/A
Meal Count Computer System, or other approved meal count method	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accurate Point Of Service (staff) reimbursable meal or snack counts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uniforms, Linens, Laundry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Printing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promotional Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pest Control Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dietary/Nutritional shakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special event foods, ie, birthday cake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Invoice Structure

All invoices submitted by FSMC must be formatted according to the following invoice structure:

[SFA must attach or insert a sample invoice structure to be followed by FSMC. All invoices will have a separate line item for: Reimbursable Meals, Adult meals and a la carte meals formulated by Meal Equivalency Factor. All invoices must have a separate credit line item for USDA Foods and credit for Donated Foods.]

SAMPLE INVOICE ONLY

Account Number

Invoice Date

Due date:

FSMC information

Name

Contact

Bill to:

Lutheran Social Services

6/1/2021

DESCRIPTION	Quantity	Cost	AMOUNT
Students Served - Breakfast	20	1.00	\$ 20.00
Students Served - Lunch	18	1.00	\$ 18.00
Students Served - Dinner	20	1.00	\$ 20.00
Students Served - Snack	17	1.00	\$ 17.00
Adults Served - Breakfast	5	1.00	\$ 5.00
Adults Served - Lunch	5	1.00	\$ 5.00
Adults Served - Dinner	5	1.00	\$ 5.00
Discounts			\$ (10.00)
Rebates			\$ (10.00)
Credits			\$ (10.00)
USDA Foods Received			\$ (50.00)
TOTAL			\$ 10.00

Price Proposal

Fixed Meal Prices – Food Service Management Contract

The Undersigned FSMC proposes to manage the school food service for _Lutheran Social Services of SD___ School Food Authority during school year _2025-2026_ at the fixed per-meal rates shown below, subject to the terms of SFA's Request for Proposal including SFA's estimated total numbers of meals shown below. If the contract is awarded, FSMC will bill SFA for meals and meal equivalents at the fixed rates shown below, without any additional charges.

The meal prices in this proposal do not take into account the value of USDA Foods that FSMC may receive for use during the year. If the contract is awarded, FSMC will fully credit SFA for the value of USDA Foods received for use.

FSMC acknowledges that the contract will be awarded based on the lowest proposed Total Cost to SFA, shown below, combined with SFA's evaluation of non-price criteria specified in this RFP.

Program	FSMC's Proposed Fixed Price per Meal/Snack or Equivalent	X	SFA's Estimated Annual Meals or Meal Equivalents—all sites	=	FSMC's Proposed Cost to SFA—all sites
Breakfast (SBP)	\$ _____	X	_12,775__	=	\$ _____
Lunch (NSLP)	\$ _____	X	_12,775__	=	\$ _____
Nonprogram Foods – adult meals and a la carte (meal equivalents)	\$ _____	X	_8,760 adult meals + 12,775 Supper meals__	=	\$ _____
Special Milk (SMP)	\$ _____	X	_____	=	\$ _____
Afterschool Snacks (NSLP)	\$ _____	X	_12,775__	=	\$ _____
Fresh Fruit & Veg Program (FFVP)	\$ _____	X	_____	=	\$ _____
Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Breakfast, Lunch, Supper, Snack (AM, PM)	\$ _____	X	_____	=	\$ _____
At-Risk After-school Meals (CACFP)	\$ _____	X	_____	=	\$ _____
CACFP Breakfast, Lunch, Supper, Snack (AM, PM)	\$ _____	X	_____	=	_____
Summer (SFSP) Breakfast, Lunch, Supper, Snack (AM, PM)	\$ _____	X	_____	=	\$ _____

FSMC's proposed Total Cost to SFA: \$ _____

FSMC Name: _____

Address: _____

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Certificates of Insurance

If awarded the Fixed-Price Contract, FSMC must provide evidence of insurance coverage as set forth below prior to the Effective Date identified in the Fixed-Price Contract. FSMC must provide a Certificate of Insurance for each policy and, upon request, a certified copy of the required insurance policies. The Certificate must provide for thirty (30) days advance notice of cancellation or non-renewal during any term or renewal term of the Fixed-Price Contract. SFA must be named as an additional insured on required policy.

Required Coverage: FSMC will keep in force and effect the insurance coverages set forth below. The required insurance must be provided by insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota.

a. Commercial General Liability—includes coverage for:

- i. Premises - Operations;
- ii. Products - Completed Operations;
- iii. Contractual Insurance;
- iv. Broad Form Property Damage;
- v. Independent Contractors;
- vi. Personal Injury.

__\$1,000,000__ Limit for Each Occurrence (cannot be less than \$1,000,000). If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to the services rendered under the Fixed-Price Contract or be no less than two times the occurrence limit.

b. Professional Liability Insurance or Miscellaneous Professional Liability Insurance:

__\$1,000,000__ Limit (cannot be less than \$1,000,000).

c. Business Automobile Liability—includes coverage for: Owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles.

__\$1,000,000 _ Limit for Each Accident (cannot be less than \$1,000,000).

d. Workers' Compensation—Statutory: FSMC must maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage as required by state law, and Employers' Liability in the amount of _\$1,000,000_ for each accident covering all employees employed in connection with child nutrition program operations.

e. Excess Umbrella Liability Insurance: _\$3,000,000_ Limit (must be "follow form" or include as broad of coverage as the Commercial General Liability Policy).

Summer Food Service Program - Bonding Requirements

FSMCs submitting proposals for services involving the USDA Summer Food Service Program must acquire proposal and performance bonds as specified by federal law. In order to be considered a responsive proposal, FSMC must provide proof of bonding as set forth below. In the event FSMC and SFA do not reach a final agreement, SFA will release the bond in the time period provided by SDCL § 5-18A-35.

Not Applicable, SFA does not operate the SFSP.

a. If the estimated Summer Food Service Program (“SFSP”) reimbursement based on this Request for Proposal exceeds \$250,000, FSMC shall obtain and submit a proposal bond in the amount of ____% **[Enter amount of bond, not less than 5 percent and no more than 10 percent]** of the value of the contract for which the proposal is made along with its Proposal.

b. If the estimated SFSP reimbursement of the awarded contract exceeds \$250,000, FSMC shall obtain a performance bond from a surety company in the amount of ____% **[Enter amount of bond, not less than 10 percent and no more than 25 percent]** of the value of the contract for which the proposal is made.

Any FSMC that enters into more than one contract with any one sponsor shall obtain a performance bond covering all contracts if the aggregate amount of the contracts exceeds \$250,000. FSMCs are prohibited from posting any alternative forms of performance bonds. Cash, certified checks, letters of credit, and escrow accounts are not acceptable substitutes for performance bonds.

Independent Price Determination Certificate

Both SFA and FSMC shall execute this Independent Price Determination Certificate.

Name of FSMC

Name of SFA

By submission of this 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 consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other FSMC or with any competitor.
2. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this offer have not been knowingly disclosed to FSMC and will not knowingly be disclosed by FSMC prior to opening in the case of an advertised procurement or prior to award in the case of a negotiated procurement, directly or indirectly to any other FSMC for the purpose of restricting competition.
3. No attempt has been made or will be made by FSMC to induce any person or firm to submit or not submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

Each person signing this offer on behalf of FSMC certifies that:

1. He or she is the person in FSMC's organization responsible within the organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein and has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to 1 through 3 above; **or**
2. He or she is not the person in FSMC's organization responsible within the organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein, but that he or she has been authorized in writing to act as agent for the persons responsible for such decision in certifying that such persons have not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to 1 through 3 above, and as their agent does hereby certify; and he or she has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to 1 through 3 above.

To the best of my knowledge, this FSMC, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors and employees are not currently under investigation by any government agency and have not in the last three years been convicted of or found liable for any act prohibited by state or federal law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract, except as follows:

Signature of Food Service Management Company'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 above.

Signature of School Food Authority's
Authorized Representative

Title

Date

Note: SFA's acceptance of an offer does not constitute award of the contract.

Instructions for Certification Regarding Debarment Form

1. By signing and submitting this form, the prospective lower-tier participant is providing the certification set out on the signature page in accordance with these instructions.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower-tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower-tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower-tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms “covered transaction,” “debarred,” “suspended,” “ineligible,” “lower-tier covered transaction,” “participant,” “person,” “primary covered transaction,” “principal,” “proposal,” and “voluntarily excluded,” as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower-tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower-tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower-tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower-Tier Covered Transactions,” without modification, in all lower-tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower-tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower-tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Excluded Parties List System (“EPLS”) on the U.S. System for Award Management website.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower-tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies as appropriate, including suspension and/or debarment.

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and
Voluntary Exclusion
Lower-Tier Covered Transactions**

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Executive Order 12689, and 31 U.S.C. 6101 note (Section 2455, Pub.L. 103–355, 108 Stat. 3327); Debarment and Suspension, 2 C.F.R. Part 417, Subpart C, Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business with Other Persons.

(Please read instructions on previous page before completing Certification.)

1. The prospective lower-tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower-tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Company Name: _____

Project: National School Lunch Program

Name of Company's Authorized Representative: _____

Title of Company's Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Certification Regarding Lobbying

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her 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 a federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of a federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of a 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 Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for 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, U.S. 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.

Company Name: _____

Project: National School Lunch Program

Name of Company's Authorized Representative: _____

Title of Company's Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Authorization Agreement

Request for Proposal for Food Service Management Company

RFP Number: **LSS_FSMC_2025**

_____ (Name of FSMC) certifies the following:

1. FSMC will operate in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and statutes.
2. That the terms, conditions, warranties, and representations made within this RFP and FSMC's proposal are binding upon FSMC and are a part of the Fixed-Price Contract (Food Services Management Agreement) as if incorporated therein.
3. That the proposal submitted is a firm and irrevocable offer good for ninety (90) days from the date of submission.
4. FSMC has carefully examined all terms and conditions set forth in the Fixed-Price Contract (Food Services Management Agreement).
5. FSMC agrees it has had the opportunity to consult its own legal counsel with respect to this proposal, and neither is relying on the representations of (i) SFA; (ii) State Agency; or (iii) the USDA or United States Department of Education.
6. That negligence in the preparation or presentation of, errors in, or omissions from proposals shall not relieve FSMC from fulfillment of any and all obligations and requirements in the resulting contract.

FSMC Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Web Site Address: _____

Name of Authorized Representative: _____

Title of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____

Date Signed: _____