

California Department of Education

**Request for Proposal
and
Model Fixed-price Contract**

for

School Food Authorities
Procuring the Services of a
Food Service Management Company



Procurement Resources Unit
Nutrition Services Division
Systems Support Branch
March 3, 2025

**Notice of Request for Proposals
Food Service Management Company
RFP FY26-001**

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Board of the Green Dot Public Schools California (hereinafter referred to as **SFA**) is requesting proposals for a food service management company (hereinafter referred to as **Respondent[s]**) to assist with the SFA's food service program.

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

The Request for Proposal (RFP) documents are available at Green Dot Public Schools web site at www.greendot.org/procurement

To request the RFP documents by email, please contact
Nalin Kulasooriya

Email purchasing@greendot.org

The SFA will record and provide answers to questions or requests for clarifying information about the RFP during the question-and-answer period.

The SFA will hold a **Mandatory in-person Tour** of the SFA facilities on, **RSVP to the SFA at purchasing@greendot.org**
ATTN: Nalin Kulasooriya

March 19, 2025

Time 12:15 pm

Location: Animo Jefferson/Animo Ralph Bunche
1655 E 27th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90011

Time 1:00 pm

Animo Jackie Robinson
3500 S. Hill Street
Los Angeles, CA 90007

Attendance at both sites is required.

Respondents must submit written proposals by e-mail.

Subject line: "Proposal - Food Service Management Company FY26-001 - Your Company's Name"
Addressed to the SFA at purchasing@greendot.org
ATTN: Nalin Kulasooriya

The SFA will accept all proposals received on or before Friday, April 25, 2025, 4:30 p.m. PST. The SFA will not accept proposals received after the deadline.

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

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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by

Green Dot Public Schools CA
FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

ADDRESS ALL PROPOSALS TO:

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Contract & Procurement Manager

1149 S. Hill St, Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90015

purchasing@greendot.org

Request for Proposal

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Introduction/Purpose of Solicitation

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to enter into a fixed-price contract with a food service management company (FSMC) that will provide Green Dot Public Schools California (hereinafter referred to as the school food authority (SFA)) with food service management assistance for their food service operation. Green Dot Public Schools California (“GDPSC”) is a California nonprofit public benefit organization based in Los Angeles, CA operating a total of 18 middle and high schools in Los Angeles, California. GDPSC’s mission is to help transform public education so ALL students graduate prepared for college, leadership and life. Our schools are built upon the following core values: 1) Personal Responsibility 2) Passion for Excellence 3) Respect for Others & Community 4) All Stakeholders are Critical in the Education Process and 5) An Unwavering Belief in ALL Students’ Potential. We serve over 10,000 students across all 18 school sites. The FSMC will provide services to the SFA as described in the Scope of Work in the Model Fixed-Price Contract.

The SFA’s food service goals are to provide nutritious, high-quality meals to students and participants in National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Seamless Summer Option, and Child and Adult Care Food Program to accommodate special diets where medically necessary, improve the nutritional quality of meals, and maintain a financially viable food service program (Title 7, *Code of Federal Regulations* [7 CFR, parts 210 and 220]).

General food service goals are to:

- i. Provide an appealing and nutritionally sound program for students as economically as possible
- ii. Stimulate both student and adult participation in the program through improved relations with students, staff, and the community by creating awareness of the direct correlation between adequate nutrition for students and their ability to learn
- iii. Increase participation at all levels of the food service program by improving meal quality, seeking student and parent input, offering menu variations, and improving planning
- iv. Maintain reasonable prices for students and adults participating in the food service program
- v. Maintain student and staff morale at a high level

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

Outlined below are competitive bidding basic standards:

- i. The purpose of soliciting competitive proposals is to secure public objectives in the most effective manner and avoid the possibilities of graft, fraud, collusion, etc.
- ii. The SFA released this RFP to benefit the SFA and not the Respondents.
- iii. Fulfillment of RFP specifications is based on full and fair competition and acceptance by the SFA of the most responsive and responsible Respondent or most advantages to the program with price and other factors (with price as one of the primary factor) to the SFA's requirements, as determined by the SFA when evaluating proposals based on the criteria contained in the RFP.
- iv. The RFP must provide a basis for full and fair competition among Respondents to a common standard, free of restrictions that tend to stifle competition.

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

To be competitive in this solicitation, the Respondent must:

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

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

Schedule of Events

**for
RFP # FY26-001**

Release of RFP	Monday	March 3, 2025
First Public Notice	Sunday	March 2, 2025
Second Public Notice	Sunday	March 9, 2025
	Time 12.15	
Mandatory Site Tour	pm	March 19, 2025
Question Submission Deadline	Friday	March 28, 2025 @ 4:30 pm
SFA Provides Answers	Friday	April 4, 2025 @ 4:30 pm
Deadline for Submission Proposal (Electronically Only)	Friday	April 26, 2025 @ 4:30 pm
Spring Break		April 14 to April 25, 2025
Proposals Opened and Evaluated		April 28, to May 9, 2025
Board Meeting – Proposal Approval		May 30, 2025
Anticipated Contract Award Date		
Anticipated Contract Start Date		July 1, 2025

The SFA will make every effort to adhere to the schedule. However, the SFA reserves the right to amend the schedule, as necessary, and will post a notice of said amendment at www.greendot.org/procurement

All interested Respondents must attend the Mandatory In-person Tour. The SFA will reject proposals from Respondents that do not attend (Attachment B).

General Instructions for Respondents

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

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

12. The SFA will not consider a joint proposal submitted by two or more entities.
13. Additional charges for regular or express delivery, drayage, parcel post, packing, cartage, insurance, license fees, permits, or for any other purpose shall be included (and separately identified) in the proposal.
14. All proposals shall include the forms provided as attachments to this RFP. Respondents may copy these forms. A proposal is considered responsive if it follows the required format, includes all attachments, and meets all deadlines and other requirements outlined in this RFP.
15. The SFA will not consider late proposals under any circumstances.
16. Respondents are responsible for examining the entire RFP package, seeking clarification for any item or requirement that may not be clear to them, and checking all responses in their proposal for accuracy before submitting it.
17. Respondents may submit their questions regarding the information presented in this RFP via e-mail to purchasing@greendot.org, no later than Friday, March 28, 2025 at 4:30 pm. The SFA will answer all questions received by the deadline in writing without exposing the query source. This will be the sole process for asking and answering questions regarding this RFP. Respondents may not contact SFA employees directly to ask questions.
18. SFA representatives reserve the right to inspect a Respondent's other food service operations prior to any award of a contract.
19. The SFA reserves the right to negotiate the final terms and conditions of the contract, which may differ from those contained in the proposal, provided the SFA considers such negotiation to be in its best interest. Any change in the terms and conditions must not create a material change, which is any alteration or modification to the original terms stated in the RFP that would have resulted in different proposals from all respondents. A material change will require the SFA to rebid the contract.
20. Interested Respondents are required to inspect the SFA's premises prior to submitting a proposal in order to determine all requirements associated with the proposed contract. The inspection of premises will occur during the Mandatory Tour.

21. Respondents shall submit one copy of the proposal by email, to purchasing@greendot.org or paper copy to

Green Dot Public Schools CA

(C/O Darren or Nalin)

1149 S. Hill St, Suite 600

Los Angeles, CA 90015

The email copy must contain the original signature of the individual(s) authorized to bind the Respondent contractually.

- a. The Respondent must ensure the email copy is complete and inclusive of all materials contained in the paper copy, including any required signatures.

Proposal—Food Service Management Company

[Enter FSMC Name Submitting RFP (**Your Company's Name**)]

Food Service RFP FY26-001

Green Dot Public Schools California

Nalin Kulasooriya

purchasing@greendot.org

Proposal Requirements

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

Section 1 - Administrative Requirements

A. Cover Letter

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

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

B. Table of Contents

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

Section 2 – Required Attachments

A. Attachment Checklist

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

B. Mandatory Tour

The tour schedule includes the sites. Prospective Respondents may not contact any sites or employees outside of the scheduled visit. The SFA requests that Respondents do not take pictures during the tour as the SFA has not obtained releases from parents, students, and employees.

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C. Minimum Qualifications

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

D. FSMC Professional Standards

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

E. Proposal Questionnaire

The Proposal Questionnaire (as listed on Attachment E) is intended to provide the SFA with specific information concerning the Respondent's capability to provide services as described in this RFP. Respondents should limit their

responses to the number of pages noted in the questionnaire and answer each question in the same order.

F. Respondent References

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

G. Authorization Agreement

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

H. Fee Proposal

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

I. Certifications

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

J. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

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

K. 21-Day Cycle Menu

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

L.

Vendor Certification of Criminal Background Clearance, Tuberculosis (TB) Clearance, and Credential Verification

A certification the contracting vendor that all employees have met related requirements of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)

Evaluation of Proposals

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

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

The SFA will open proposals to determine if they contain all the required information in accordance with this RFP. The SFA will evaluate qualifying proposals using the following criteria:

CRITERIA	Max			
Administrative Requirements: did the Respondent include all required information in accordance with the General Instructions and Proposal Requirements?	5 points (pts)	Yes	5 pts	
		No	0 pts	
Experience with National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).	15 pts	NSLP	Yes	7 pts
			No	0 pts
		SBP	Yes	4 pts
			No	0 pts
		SSO	Yes	4 pts
			No	0 pts
Based on the Proposal Questionnaire responses and the Cover Letter, the Respondent demonstrates a complete understanding of the SFA's food service program and its service requirements, as described in the RFP and the Scope of Work, and can perform those services to the SFA's satisfaction	20 pts	Yes	20 pts	
		Partially	10 pts	
		No	0 pts	
Financial stability of Respondent as measured by:	15 pts	Yes	15 pts	

<p>Vendor shows strong growth progress with no significant fiscal concerns, debts, judgements, etc.</p> <p>Vendor provides requested financial records for the entire span of 3 years requested</p> <p>Vendor Provides all records in a clear and easy to comprehend manner</p>			
		Partially	5 pts
		No	0 pts
<p>Corporate capability and experience as measured by client retention and satisfaction, and references.</p>	10 pts	<p>Positive references; no schools terminated contract due to performance issues</p>	10 pts
		<p>Some negative comments from references; no schools terminated contract due to performance issues</p>	5 pts
		<p>Some negative comments from references; several schools terminated</p>	0 pts
<p>Corporate capability and experience as measured by years in the food service management industry.</p>	10 pts	9+ years	10 pts
		7-8 years	8 pts
		5-6 years	6 pts
		3-4 years	4 pts
		Less than 3	2 pts
<p>Corporate capability and experience as measured by current number of California SFA's served.</p>	10 pts	25 +	10 pts
		20 to 24	8 pts
		11 to 19	6 pts
		7 to 10	4 pts
		Less than 6	2 pts
<p>Corporate capability and experience as measured by positive experience with SFA</p>	10 pts	<p>Positive feedback and no desire to change FSMC</p>	10 pts

		Both positive and negative feedback, but no desire to change FSMC	5 pts	
		Negative feedback, and early termination of contract	0 pts	
FSMC can accept commodities from the USDA Foods and Department of Defense Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Programs, and credit the SFA for the market value	5 pts	Yes	5 pts	
		No	0 pts	
Cost (Lunch)	20 pts	Lowest	20 pts	
		2nd Lowest	16 pts	
		3rd Lowest	12 pts	
		4th Lowest	8 pts	
		5th Lowest	4 pts	
Cost (Breakfast)	5 pts	Lowest	5 pts	
		2nd Lowest	4 pts	
		3rd Lowest	3 pts	
		4th Lowest	2 pts	
		5th Lowest	1 pts	
		SSO	Yes	4 pts
	No	0 pts		
TOTAL POINTS	125 pts			

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

Attachment A: Attachments Checklist

Respondent Company Name

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

Attachment	Attachment’s Name
<input type="checkbox"/> A	Attachments Checklist
<input type="checkbox"/> B	Mandatory Tour
<input type="checkbox"/> C	Minimum Qualifications
<input type="checkbox"/> D	FSMC Professional Standards
<input type="checkbox"/> E	Proposal Questionnaire
<input type="checkbox"/> F	Respondent References
<input type="checkbox"/> G	Authorization Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/> H	Fee Proposal
<input type="checkbox"/> I	Certifications Regarding Lobbying Activities, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters
<input type="checkbox"/> J	Certificate of Independent Price Determination
<input type="checkbox"/> K	21–Day Cycle Menu (Include)
<input type="checkbox"/> L	Vendor Certification of Criminal Background Clearance, Tuberculosis (TB) Clearance, and Credential Verification

Attachment B: Mandatory Tour

The Mandatory Tour will include an escorted tour.

- i. The tour schedule includes the sites listed below.
- ii. Prospective Respondents may not contact any sites or employees outside of the scheduled visit.
- iii. The SFA requests that Respondents do not take pictures that contain staff or students during the tour, as the SFA has not obtained releases from parents, students, and employees.

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The SFA thanks all Respondents for abiding by our request to keep the disruption caused by the visit to a minimum.

Attachment C: Minimum Qualifications

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

As of December 31, 2024, both the Respondent's company and its key personnel meet all of the following minimum qualifications:

- 1. The Respondent has at least three years of experience with food service programs.

Yes _____ No _____

- 2. The Respondent has the resources and ability to provide Seven Hundred Thousand (700,000) meals per fiscal year, twice the amount of meals needed in this RFP.

Yes _____ No _____

- 3. The Respondent has knowledge and experience with the National School Lunch, School Breakfast Programs, Seamless Summer Option, and Child and Adult Care food Programs.

Yes _____ No _____

- 4. The Respondent has professional references that demonstrate and evidence the ability to perform the required services.

Yes _____ No _____

- 5. The Respondent is licensed to do business in the state of California.

Yes _____ No _____

- 6. The FSMC is an approved commodity food processor with the State of California

Yes _____ No _____

- 7. The FSMC agrees to accept commodities from the USDA, and credit the SFA for the market value.

Yes _____ No _____

- 8. The respondent has a current health permit under the name and the location, as presented in the RFP.

Yes _____ No _____

Attachment D: FSMC Professional Standards

FSMC Employees Professional Standards

Federal Register Vol. 80, No. 40, dated March 2, 2015, referred to as the “Final Rule,” establishes minimum professional standards for school nutrition personnel who manage and operate the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. In the Final Rule, the following definitions are established:

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

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

The FSMC shall only place staff for work in the school district that meet the minimum professional standards outlined in 7 *CFR*, Section 210.30, which can be viewed at the following web page: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/professional-standards-brochure>

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

Attachment E: Proposal Questionnaire

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

Attachment F: Respondent Three (3) References

List three references to which the Respondent has provided food service management services within the past three year(s). Failure to complete and return this Attachment will cause your proposal to be rejected.

Reference 1		
Name of Reference		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person	Contact Title	Contact Phone Number
Brief Description of Services Provided and Date of service		

Reference 2		
Name of Reference		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person	Contact Title	Contact Phone Number
Brief Description of Services Provided and Date of service		

Reference 3		
Name of Reference		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person	Contact Title	Contact Phone Number
Brief Description of Services Provided and Date of service		

Attachment G: Authorization Agreement

Request for Proposal for Food Service Management Company
RFP Number: FY26-001

We, _____, by our signature on this document certify the following:

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

FSMC Name:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address:

Web Site Address:

Name of Authorized Representative:

Title of Authorized Representative:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date Signed:

Attachment H: Fee Proposal

All costs are based on average daily participation of 710 breakfast and 1100 lunches served on 183 school days.

COST BREAKDOWN		
Respondent Instructions <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a breakdown of all costs included in the fixed price, including personnel costs. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide the cost per meal; base all food costs on the attached 21–day cycle menu. <input type="checkbox"/> Clearly identify all costs		
Item #	Description <i>(Include All Goods and Services included in the Fixed Price, Family Style Meals)</i>	Annual Cost
1.	<u>Breakfast</u> average of 710 per day	\$
2.	<u>Lunch</u> average of 1100 per day	\$
3.	<u>Seamless Summer</u> average of 200 per day	\$
4.	<u>Snack</u> average of 200 per day	\$
5.	<u>Supper</u> average of 200 per day	\$
Sub Total		\$
Personnel Costs		Annual Cost
5.	Management Fee Per Meal	\$
6.	Consultant Fee Per Meal	\$
Sub Total		\$
GRAND TOTAL		\$

COST PER MEAL			
Respondent Instructions:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide the cost per meal; base all food costs on the attached 21–day cycle menu.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Prices must not include values for donated foods and must include all meal programs applicable.			
1. LINE ITEM	2. UNITS	3. RATE	4. TOTAL
Breakfast	129930	\$	\$
Lunch	201300	\$	\$
Seamless Summer	36600		
Snack	36600		
Supper	36600		
Nonreimbursable Meals	N/A	\$	\$
TOTAL		\$	\$

School	Grades	Enrollment	Average Daily Breakfast Participation FY25	Average Daily Lunch Participation FY25	FRL %
Animo Venice	9-12	331	70	75	90.24%
Animo Jefferson	6-8	400	360*	360	96.50%
Animo City of Champions	9-12	300	75	158	92.24%
Animo Ralph Bunche	9-12	530	65	255	90.15%
Animo Jackie Robinson	9-12	606	107	225	96.20%

*Breakfast served in the classroom

Attachment I: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

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

Organization:

Street address:

City, State, Zip:

Certified by: (type or print)

Title

Signature

Date

Approved by OMB

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

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

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

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

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

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

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the sub awardee, e.g., the first sub awardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Sub awardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.

8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."

9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.

- 10.(a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).

- 11.The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

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

Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

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

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

Contractor/Company Name

Award Number, Contract Number, or Project Name

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

Signature(s)

Date

Attachment J: Certificate of Independent Price Determination

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

Name of Respondent	

A. By submission of this offer, the offeror (Respondent/FSMC) certifies and, in the case of a joint offer, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization that in connection with this procurement:

1. The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently without, for the purposes of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, with any other offeror or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit an offer, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;
2. The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor, before a bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and
3. No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any person or firm to submit, or not to submit, an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

B. Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory:

1. Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that they have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (A)(1) through (A)(3) above; or
2. (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in offering that those principals have not participated in, and will not participate in any action contrary to paragraphs (A)(1) through (A)(3) above.
 - Insert full names of person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of their position in the offeror's organization.

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (B)(2)(i)

above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs

(A)(1) through (A)(3) above; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraphs (A)(1) through (A)(3) above, and

C. If the offeror deletes or modifies subparagraph (A)(2) above, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

Signature of FSMC's Authorized Representative	Title	Date	

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

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

**Vendor Certification of Criminal Background Clearance,
Tuberculosis (TB) Clearance, and Credential Verification**

CHARTER SCHOOL CERTIFICATION

By signing below, under penalty of perjury, I certify that I have reviewed the information contained on this certification form and the employee list(s). I further attest that CHARTER SCHOOL will ensure VENDOR provides an updated current and complete certification form along with the employee list(s) to CHARTER SCHOOL prior to the provision of services to CHARTER SCHOOL by any new VENDOR employee and/or, as applicable, to continue provision of services to CHARTER SCHOOL in accordance with applicable requirements. The individual signing this form warrants that they are authorized to do so, and further, that they are authorized to make the promises in this form on behalf of the CHARTER SCHOOL.


			
Authorized Charter School Representative Signature	Printed Name	Title	Date

Exhibit 1

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

Green Dot Public Schools CA
FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

1149 S Hill St Suite 600,
Los Angeles, CA 90015
[323 565 1600

Model Fixed-Price Contract

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Contract Summary

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

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING			
ADDRESS			
SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY			
NAME of SFA			
BY (Authorized Signature)	DATE SIGNED (do not type)		
<input type="checkbox"/>			
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING		<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt per:	

Model Fixed-Price Contract

I. Introduction

The Green Dot Public Schools CA, hereinafter referred to as the school food authority (SFA), enters into this Contract with _____, hereinafter referred to as the FSMC to provide food service management assistance for the SFA’s food service program, hereinafter referred to as “Services.” **During the term of this Contract, the FSMC will provide services to the SFA as described in the Scope of Work (Exhibit A) of this Contract.**

II. General Terms and Conditions

A. Term

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

B. Designated Contract Liaisons

SFA Liaison for Services		FSMC Liaison for Services	
Name: Nalin Kulasooriya		Name:	
Title: Contract & Procurement Manager		Title:	
Phone: 323 565 1600	Cell Phone:	Phone:	Cell Phone:
Fax:	E-mail: purchasing@greendot.org	Fax:	E-mail:

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

SFA	FSMC
Name: Nalin Kulasooriya	Name:
Title: Contract & Procurement Manager	Title:
Address: 1149 S Hill St Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90015	Address:

C. Fees

1. Fixed-price Contracts

The SFA will pay the FSMC at a fixed rate per meal. The fixed rate per meal includes all fees and charges indicated in the Schedule of Fees (Exhibit B) of this Contract. The SFA must determine, and the FSMC shall credit the SFA for, the full value of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Foods. The FSMC's fixed-price invoice will be fully compliant with procurement requirements for the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk Programs, and Child and Adult Care Food Programs, set forth in 7 *CFR*, parts 210, 215, 220, and 226, and the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Final Rule issued Wednesday, October 31, 2007. The FSMC shall take discounts, rebates, and other credits into account when formulating their prices for this fixed-price contract (Title 2, Code of Federal Regulations (2 *CFR*), Section 200.406[a]).

2. Payment Terms

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

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

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

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

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

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

D. Contract Cost Adjustment

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

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

E. Availability of Funds

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

F. Timeliness

Time is of the essence in this Contract.

G. Approval

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

H. Amendment

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

I. Substantive Changes to Contract

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

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

J. Subcontract/Assignment

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

K. Written Commitments

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

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

L. Trade Secrets/Copyrights

The FSMC and SFA shall designate any information they consider confidential or proprietary—including recipes, surveys and studies, management guidelines, operational manuals, and similar documents—that the SFA and FSMC regularly use in the operation of their business or that they develop independently during the course of this Contract. Information so designated and identified shall be treated as confidential by the FSMC and the SFA, and the FSMC and the SFA shall exercise the same level of care in maintaining the confidences of the other party as they would employ in maintaining their own confidences, unless disclosure is otherwise required under the law. All such materials shall remain the exclusive property of the party that developed them and shall be returned to that party immediately upon termination of this Contract. Notwithstanding, the federal awarding agency reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and authorize others to use the work for federal purposes (7 *CFR*, Section 200.315[b]).

M. Severability

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

N. Counterparts

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

O. Silence/Absence/Omission

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

P. Indemnification

The FSMC shall indemnify and hold harmless the SFA, or any employee, director, agent, or Board Member of the SFA, from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses (including attorney's fees and court costs incurred to defend litigation), and decrees or judgments whatsoever arising from any and all injuries, including death or damages to or destruction of property resulting from the FSMC's acts or omissions, willful misconduct, negligence, or breach of the FSMC's obligations under this Contract by the FSMC, its agents, employees, or other persons under its supervision and direction. The FSMC shall not be required to

indemnify or hold harmless the SFA from any liability or damages arising from the SFA's sole acts or omissions

Q. Sanctions

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

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

R. Breach of Contract

For the breach of the Contract and associated benefits:

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

S. Penalties

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

T. Force Majeure

1. Neither party shall be liable to the other for delay in, or failure of, performance nor shall any such delay in, or failure of, performance constitute default if such delay or failure is caused by force majeure. Force majeure means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Force majeure may include, but is not restricted to, acts of God, the public enemy, acts of the state in its sovereign capacity, fires, floods, power failure, disabling strikes, epidemics, pandemics, quarantine restrictions administered by Federal, State, local governments or FSA and freight embargoes.
2. Force majeure does not include any of the following occurrences:

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

U. Nondiscrimination

Both the SFA and FSMC agree that no child who participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and Child and Adult Care Food Programs (CACFP) will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. State agencies and SFAs shall comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Department of Agriculture regulations on nondiscrimination (7 *CFR*, parts 15, 15a, and 15b); and FNS Instruction 113-1 (7 *CFR*, Section 210.23[b]).

V. Compliance with the Law

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

The FSMC shall comply with all applicable federal regulations in 2 *CFR*, parts 200 and 400 and 7 *CFR*, parts 210 (NSLP), 220 (SBP), 245 (Determining Eligibility for

Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk in Schools) as applicable, 250 (Donation of Foods for Use in the United States, its Territories and Possessions and Areas Under its Jurisdiction), USDA FNS Instructions and policy, federal laws and regulations, California *Education Code (EC)*, and California laws and regulations, where applicable.

W. Choice of Law

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

X. Advice of Counsel

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

III. Relationship of the Parties

- A.** The FSMC's relationship with the SFA will be that of an independent contractor and not that of an employee of or supervisor for the SFA. The FSMC will not be eligible for any employee benefits, nor will the SFA make deductions from payments made to the FSMC for taxes, all of which will be the FSMC's responsibility. The FSMC agrees to indemnify and hold the SFA harmless from any liability for, or assessment of, any such taxes imposed on the SFA by relevant taxing authorities. The FSMC will have no authority to enter into contracts that bind the SFA or create obligations on the part of the SFA.
- B.** When the SFA is a public school district or program operated by the county Office of Education, the FSMC, as an independent contractor, shall have no authority to supervise food service classified personnel operating the NSLP, SBP, or Afterschool Meal Supplements (AMS) under the NSLP (*EC* Section 45103.5).
- C.** All services to be performed by the FSMC will be as agreed between the FSMC and the SFA. The FSMC will be required to report to the SFA concerning the services performed under this Contract. The SFA shall determine the nature and frequency of these reports.
- D.** The SFA is the responsible authority, without recourse to USDA or CDE, for the settlement and satisfaction of all contractual and administrative issues arising in any way from this Contract. Such authority includes, but is not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, claims, or other matters of a contractual nature.

IV. Food Service Program

A. Food Service Management Company Responsibilities

1. The FSMC will provide the SFA with an electronic Point of Service (POS) meal and milk counting system. Such meal and milk counting system must eliminate any potential for the overt identification of free and reduced-price eligible students under 7 *CFR*, Section 245.8. This POS system will be used for the duration of this Contract and the SFA will not take an ownership interest or option in the POS system provided.
2. The FSMC will not directly or indirectly restrict the sale or marketing of fluid milk at any time or in any place on school premises or at any school-sponsored event (7 *CFR*, Section 210.21[e]).
3. The FSMC shall have state or local health certification for any facility outside the school in which it proposes to prepare meals and the FSMC shall maintain this health certification for the duration of the contract (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[c][2]).

B. School Food Authority Responsibilities

1. The SFA shall ensure that the food service operation is in conformance with the SFA's Permanent Single Agreement with the CDE and will monitor the food service operation through periodic on-site visits (7 *CFR*, sections 210.16[a][2] and 210.16[a][3]).
2. The SFA retains control of the quality, extent, and the general nature of its food service; the prices children are charged for meals (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][4]), and a la carte prices. The SFA may not contract with the FSMC to provide only nonprogram food (e.g., a la carte and adult meals) unless the FSMC offers free, reduced-price, and paid reimbursable lunches to all eligible children (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a]).
3. SFAs with more than one school shall perform no less than one on-site review of the lunch counting and claiming system employed by each school under its jurisdiction. The on-site review shall take place prior to February 1 of each school year. Further, if the review discloses problems with a school's meal counting or claiming procedures, the SFA shall ensure that the school implements corrective action and, within 45 days of the review, conduct a follow-up on-site review to determine that the corrective action resolved the problem. Each on-site review shall ensure that the school's claim is based on the counting system authorized by the CDE under 7 *CFR*, Section 210.7(c) and that the counting system, as implemented, yields the actual number of reimbursable free, reduced-

price, and paid lunches respectively, served for each day of operation (7 *CFR*, Section 210.8[a][1]).

4. The SFA shall retain responsibility for developing the meal pattern for students with disabilities, when their disability restricts their diet, and for those students without disabilities who are unable to consume the regular lunch because of medical or other special dietary needs (7 *CFR*, Section 210.10[m]).
5. The SFA shall retain signature authority for the food services application, agreements, Free and Reduced-Price Policy Statement, monthly Claim for Reimbursement, reports, program renewal, the verification of applications, letters to households, and all correspondence to the CDE relating to the food service program (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][5]).
6. The SFA shall retain signature authority and be responsible for all contractual agreements entered into in connection with the food service program (7 *CFR*, Section 210.21).
7. The SFA shall be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the free and reduced-price meals eligibility roster (*EC* Section 49558).
8. The SFA shall be responsible for the development, distribution, and collection of the letter to households and Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals and/or Free Milk (7 *CFR*, Section 245.6).
9. If the SFA uses direct certification of eligibility, the SFA shall be responsible for obtaining the direct certification list at least three times annually.
10. The SFA shall be responsible for the determination of eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and shall disclose the eligibility status of individual students or confidential information provided on the application for free or reduced-price meals to the FSMC, to the extent that such information is necessary for the FSMC to fulfill its obligations under this Contract. The FSMC will not disclose the eligibility status of individual students or confidential information provided (*EC* Section 49558).
11. The SFA shall be responsible for conducting any hearings related to determinations regarding free and reduced-price meal eligibility (7 *CFR*, Section 245.7).
12. The SFA shall be responsible for verifying applications for free and reduced-price meals as required by federal regulations (7 *CFR*, sections 245.6 and 245.6[a]).

13. The SFA shall establish and maintain an advisory board composed of parents, teachers, and students to assist with menu planning (7 CFR, Section 210.16[a][8]).
14. The SFA shall maintain applicable health certification and ensure that all state and local regulations are being met by the FSMC, with regards to the preparing or serving meals” on-site at an SFA facility (7 CFR, Section 210.16[a][7]).

V. Buy American and California Agricultural Preference Requirements

A. Food Service Management Company Responsibilities

1. The FSMC will provide meals and snacks purchased with domestic commodities and products to the greatest extent practicable, document exceptions when nondomestic products are purchased, adhere to nondomestic cap for exceptions, and adhere to all other Buy American regulations for the provision of meals and snacks. (7 CFR 220.16(d) and 7 CFR 210.21(d))
2. The FSMC must submit statements for all processed agricultural products to the SFA at the time of delivery for each processed agricultural product certifying that the food product was processed domestically and that the percentage of domestic content in the food component of the processed food product is over 51 percent, by weight or volume (USDA Policy Memo [SP 38-2017](#)). (7 CFR 220.16(d)(1)(ii) and 7 CFR 210.21(d)(1)(ii))
3. The FSMC must notify the SFA in writing at least **10** days **prior** to delivering a nondomestic agricultural commodity or product and request prior approval for delivery of a nondomestic agricultural commodity or product. This written notification must list alternative domestic substitutes for the SFA to consider and provide an explanation for the following:
 - a) Why the domestic product is not produced or manufactured in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality; and/or
 - b) Per Final Rule (FR) 31962, the product is listed on the Federal Acquisitions Regulations Nonavailable articles list found at 48 CFR, Section 25.104 Nonavailable articles list and/or is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality; and/or

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- c) Why competitive bids reveal the cost of the domestic product is **significantly higher** 25% than the nondomestic product
4. Note that per California Food and Agriculture Code (*FAC*) 58596.3, if the SFA receives \$1 million or more annually in federal SNP reimbursement, significantly higher must be defined as 25 percent, otherwise the SFA can choose their definition.
 5. *FAC* 58596.3 imposes additional requirements for the preference of California agricultural products:
 - a) The bid or price of the California-grown agricultural food product does not exceed the lowest bid or price for a domestic agricultural food product produced outside the state.
 - b) The quality of the California-grown agricultural food product is comparable to that domestic agricultural food product produced outside the state
 6. The FSMC will provide certification of domestic origin for products which do not have country of origin labels.
 7. Per 7 *CFR* 220.16(d)(5)(ii) the FSMC must adhere to the cap on non-domestic food purchases:
 - a) Beginning in SY 2025-26, the non-domestic food purchase cap will be 10 percent
 - b) Beginning in SY 2028-29, the non-domestic food purchases cap will be 8 percent
 - c) Beginning in SY 2031-32, the non-domestic food purchases cap will be 5 percent

B. School Food Authority Responsibilities

1. The SFA shall maintain documentation provided by the FSMC of the meal and snack components that were comprised of domestic and non-domestic products, including assurance that components were processed domestically. This documentation will be kept on file for the term of the contract plus any extensions and three additional school

years thereafter. This will be made available during an on-site administrative review and an off-site procurement review.

2. The SFA shall monitor the contract to ensure the FSMC's adherence to the Buy American and California FAC requirements, including documentation of nondomestic exceptions and associated caps. 2 *CFR*, Section 200.318(b)
3. The SFA must Buy American Provision and California FAC requirements are included in their procurement procedures. These procedures, at a minimum, must include the requirement to include Buy American Provision language in solicitations and contracts as well as California FAC preferences.

VI. U.S. Department of Agriculture Foods

C. Food Service Management Company Responsibilities

1. The FSMC shall fully use, to the maximum extent possible, donated foods made available by the SFA solely for the purpose of providing benefits for the SFA's nonprofit school food program (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][6]).
2. In accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 250.53, the FSMC shall comply with the following provisions relating to the use of donated foods, as applicable:
 - a) The FSMC must credit the SFA for the value of all donated foods (including both entitlement and bonus foods) received for use in the SFA's meal service in the school year or fiscal year. The credit must include the value of donated foods contained in processed end products if the FSMC procures processed end products on behalf of the SFA, or acts as an intermediary in passing on the donated foods value of processed end products to the SFA (7 *CFR*, Section 250.51[a]).
 - b) The FSMC shall account for the full value of donated foods (7 *CFR*, Section 250.51) by
 - i) Subtracting the value of all donated foods received for use in the SFA's food service from the SFA's (monthly/quarterly) invoice, and
 - ii) Using the Average Price File for the school year in which the donated foods are received by the SFA. This listing is

available from the USDA Food Distribution web page at
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/processor-pricing-reports>

3. The FSMC will be responsible for any activities relating to donated foods in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 250.50(d), as applicable, and will ensure that such activities are performed in accordance with the applicable requirements in 7 *CFR*, Part 250.
4. The FSMC shall accept liability for any negligence on its part that results in any loss of, improper use of, or damage to donated foods
 5. The FSMC must use all donated beef, pork, and all processed end products, in the recipient agency's food service, and must use all other donated foods, or commercially purchased foods of the same generic identity, of U.S. origin, and of equal or better quality than the donated foods, in the recipient agency's food service (unless the contract specifically stipulates that the donated food, and not such commercial substitutes, be used) (7 *CFR*, Section 250.51[d])
 6. The FSMC shall ensure that the processing agreement's value will be used in crediting the SFA for the value of donated foods contained in end products (7 *CFR*, Section 250.53[a][7])
 7. The method and frequency of crediting donated foods will be in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 250.51(b). The FSMC must ensure that it follows the negotiated method and frequency of crediting agreed upon by the parties
 8. The FSMC will provide assurance that it will not itself enter into the processing agreement with the processor required in subpart C of 7 *CFR*, Part 250 (7 *CFR*, Section 250.53[a][8])
 9. The FSMC will provide assurance that it will comply with the storage and inventory requirements for donated foods (7 *CFR*, Section 250.53[a][9])
 10. The FSMC will maintain records to document its compliance with requirements relating to donated foods, in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 250.54(b)

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11. The FSMC will not directly or indirectly restrict the sale or marketing of fluid milk at any time or in any place on school premises or at any school-sponsored event (7 CFR, Section 210.21[e]).
 12. The FSMC shall have state or local health certification for any facility outside the school in which it proposes to prepare meals and the FSMC shall maintain this health certification for the duration of the contract (7 CFR, Section 210.16[c][2])

D. School Food Authority Responsibilities

1. The SFA shall retain title to all donated foods and ensure that all donated foods received by the SFA and made available to the FSMC accrue only for the benefit of the SFA's nonprofit school food service and are fully used therein (7 CFR, Section 210.16[a][6]).
2. The SFA shall accept and use, in as large quantities as may be efficiently used in its nonprofit food service program, such foods as may be offered as a donation by USDA (7 CFR, Section 210.9[b][15])
3. The SFA will maintain records to document its compliance with requirements relating to donated foods and conduct reconciliation (at least annually and upon termination of the Contract) to ensure that the FSMC has credited the value of all donated foods in accordance with 7 CFR, sections 250.54(a) and (c)
4. The SFA will not extend or renew any Contract if the FSMC did not fulfill all Contract provisions relating to donated foods (7 CFR, Section 250.53[a][12])

VII. Meal Responsibilities

A. The FSMC shall:

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

VIII. Food Service Management Company Employees

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

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

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

- B.** The SFA reserves the right to interview and approve the on-site food service consultant(s)/employee(s).
- C.** The FSMC shall provide the SFA with a schedule of employees, positions, assigned locations, salaries, and work hours. The FSMC will provide specific locations and assignments to the SFA two calendar weeks prior to the commencement of operation.
- D.** The FSMC shall comply with all wage and hours of employment requirements of federal and state laws. The FSMC will be responsible for supervising and training their personnel.

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- E.** The FSMC agrees to assume full responsibility for the payment of all contributions and assessments, both state and federal, for all of its employees engaged in the performance of this Contract.
 - F.** The FSMC agrees to furnish the SFA, upon request, a certificate or other evidence of compliance with state and federal laws regarding contributions, taxes, and assessments on payroll.
 - G.** The FSMC will be solely responsible for all personnel actions regarding employees on its respective payroll. The FSMC shall withhold and/or pay all applicable federal, state, and local employment taxes and payroll insurance with respect to its employees, insurance premiums, contributions to benefit and deferred compensation plans, licensing fees, and workers' compensation costs, and shall file all required documents and forms. The FSMC shall indemnify, defend, and hold the SFA harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, and expenses related to, or arising out of, the indemnifying party's responsibilities set forth herein.

IX. Books and Records

- A.** The SFA and the FSMC must provide all documents as necessary for an independent auditor to conduct the SFA's single audit. The FSMC shall maintain such records as the SFA will need to support its Claims for Reimbursement. Such records shall be made available to the SFA upon request and shall be retained in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 210.16(c)(1).
- B.** The SFA and the FSMC shall, upon request, make all accounts and records pertaining to the nonprofit food service program available to the CDE, USDA FNS and Office of Inspector General of the United States for audit or review at a reasonable time and place. Each party to this Contract shall retain such records for a period of three (3) years after the date of the final Claim for Reimbursement for the fiscal year in which this Contract is terminated, unless any audit findings have not been resolved. If audit findings have not been resolved, then records shall be retained beyond the three-year period as long as required for resolution of issues raised by the audit (7 *CFR*, Section 210.9[b][17]).
- C.** The FSMC shall not remove state or federally required records from the SFA premises upon contract termination.
- D.** The USDA, Inspector General, the Comptroller of the United States, and the CDE, or any of their duly authorized representatives must have the right of access to any documents, papers, or other records of

the FSMC and the SFA which are pertinent to the federal award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to the FSMC and SFA's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents (2 *CFR*, Section 200.336[a]).

- E. The distributing agency/CDE, recipient agency/SFA, the Comptroller General, the USDA, or their duly authorized representatives, may perform on-site reviews of the FSMC's food service operation, including the review of records, to ensure compliance with requirements for management and use of donated foods (7 *CFR*, Section 250.53[a][10]).

X. Monitoring and Compliance

- A. The FSMC shall monitor the food service operation of the SFA through periodic on-site visits in order to develop recommendations for improvement of the food service program.
- B. The FSMC warrants and certifies that in the performance of this Contract it will comply with all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and orders of the United States and the state of California.
- C. The SFA shall establish internal controls that ensure the accuracy of lunch counts prior to the submission of the monthly Claim for Reimbursement in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 210.8(a). At a minimum, these internal controls shall include all of the following:
 - i. An on-site review of the lunch counting and claiming system employed by each school within the jurisdiction of the SFA (7 *CFR*, Section 210.8[a][1])
 - ii. Comparisons of daily free, reduced-price, and paid lunch counts against data that will assist with the identification of lunch counts in excess of the number of free, reduced-price, and paid lunches served each day to children eligible for such lunches
 - iii. A system for following up on lunch counts that suggest the likelihood of lunch counting problems

XI. Equipment, Facilities, Inventory, and Storage

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

XII. Certifications

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

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

D. Debarment and Suspension

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

E. Lobbying

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

XIII. Insurance

The parties shall maintain the following insurances:

A. Workers' Compensation Insurance

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

B. Comprehensive or Commercial Insurance

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

C. Property Insurance

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

XIV. Termination

Either party may cancel for cause with a 60-day notification if either party breaches a provision of this Contract (7 *CFR*, sections 210.16[d] and 250.12[f][9]). The nonbreaching party shall give the other party notice of such cause. If the cause is not remedied within 10 days, the nonbreaching party shall give a 60-day notice to the breaching party of their intent to terminate this Contract upon expiration of the 60-day period. This Contract may be terminated, in whole or in part, for convenience by the SFA with the consent of the FSMC, in which case the two parties shall agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated (2 *CFR*, Section 200.339[a][3]). The Contract may also be terminated, in whole or in part, by the FSMC upon written notification to the SFA, setting forth the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. However, in the case of a partial termination, if the SFA determines that the remaining portion of the Contract will not accomplish the purposes for which the Contract was made, the SFA may terminate the Contract in its entirety (2 *CFR*, Section 200.339[a][4]). The rights of termination referred to in this Contract are not intended to be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights or remedies available to either party at law or in equity.

XV. CPU-23 Addendum

Upon approval from the Procurement Resources Unit at CDE of the Fixed-Price Contract, a copy of the original, base year, agreement, and a completed Form ID: CPU-23 Addendum (FSMC for SNP and CACFP) must be sent to the Community Procurement Unit of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Child Department of Social Services (CDSS) for approval of supper offerings outlined in this contract. See the attached CPU-23 Addendum below.

Addendum: Food Service Management Company (FSMC) for School Nutrition Program (SNP) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

For use by Agencies contracting with an FSMC to operate SNP and CACFP for initial term and amendments or renewals.

In 2020, the California legislature passed the Early Childhood Development Act of 2020, Senate Bill (SB) 98, authorizing the transfer of "all the powers, functions, duties, responsibilities, obligations, liabilities, and jurisdiction of" certain childcare and development programs administered by the CDE, including CACFP, to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), effective July 1, 2021. (See Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10205.) As a result, the CDE no longer administers or oversees the CACFP in California and does not have authority to approve FSMC contracts that include reference to the CACFP. However, CDE has worked with CDSS to streamline the contracting process. As a result of the collaboration between CDE and CDSS, Program operators are encouraged to have an addendum to the FSMC contract for the CACFP that includes any requirements imposed by CDSS. Each of these addendums does not amend, modify, or vary the contract terms for the FSMC contract approved by the CDE. Any review, approval, and oversight of this addendum will be administered by the CDSS.

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CONTRACT NUMBER	AGENCY CNIPS ID
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1	This Addendum is entered into between the Agency (Program Operator) and Food Service Management Company (Vendor) named below: _____ AGENCY'S NAME (PROGRAM OPERATOR) _____ VENDOR NAME (AWARDED VENDOR) _____
2	The initial term of this Addendum is (must include month/date/year): _____, _____ through _____, _____
3	The maximum total Addendum value for the initial term (CACFP portion only) is \$ _____ .
4	The following applies to amendments/renewals only: -The term of the Amendment/Renewal is from: (must include month/date/year): _____, _____ through _____, _____ -Does this amendment/extension increase the original agreed upon value of the contract? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No -If yes, what is the new total anticipated Addendum value (CACFP portion only)? [insert exact value] \$ _____ -If yes, does your agency have documentation to support the increase? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No -If applicable, Consumer Price Index (CPI) Information [insert the details relative to CPI]: _____

CACFP Terms and Conditions:

- Except as to where the terms are in conflict with this Addendum, the Vendor shall follow the terms of the underlying FSMC contract when performing CACFP-related functions and those terms are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- The Vendor shall operate in accordance with current Program regulations [Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR), Section 226.6(i)(6)] including any updates implemented during the term of this Addendum.
- If applicable, the basis for any fee adjustment upon renewal must be specified on a standard index, such as the CPI.

California Department of Social Services
 Community Procurement Unit
 Child and Adult Care Food Program
 Family Engagement & Empowerment Division

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Unit Price Schedule, CACFP Only:

Please complete the table below to indicate the meals anticipated for the CACFP. The table must include the number of meals (estimated servings per day), number of serving days (estimated number of operational days), the cost per meal (unit price), the total price by meal type (total price), and the total anticipated dollar value of the CACFP agreement (grand total).



CACFP Meal Type	Estimated Servings Per Day	Estimated Number of Serving Days	Unit Price	Total Price
P.M. Snack			\$	\$
Supper			\$	\$
Evening Snack			\$	\$
Grand Total				\$

Addendum Terms and Conditions:

- This Addendum is not effective until fully executed (signed by both parties with signature dates).
- The effective date (term date or start date) of this Addendum *must be on or after* the executed signature dates (signed and dated by both parties) of the underlying FSMC contract.
- At all times during the term of this Addendum, Vendor shall maintain a current FSMC contract with Agency for the School Nutrition Program. In the event that the underlying FSMC contract expires or is terminated, this Addendum shall terminate as of the last date of the underlying FSMC contract.

Certification:

In witness whereof, this Addendum has been executed by the parties hereto.

VENDOR	
VENDOR'S NAME (If other than an individual, state whether a corporation, partnership, etc.)	
BY (Authorized Signature)	DATE SIGNED
	
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING (If other than an individual, state whether a corporation, partnership, etc.)	
ADDRESS	
AGENCY (Program Operator)	
AGENCY'S NAME (Program Operator)	
BY (Authorized Signature)	DATE SIGNED
	
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING (If other than an individual, state whether a corporation, partnership, etc.)	
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**Exhibit A
Scope of Work**

- 1. Overview of Green Dot Public Schools California Food Service Program**
 - A. Scale. Green Dot Public Schools California has facilities that will allow storing of refrigerators, warmers, heating equipment on site. The SFA employs 0 persons who provide food service to approximately 8000 children at 15 school sites. The SFA prepares approximately 0 meals annually.
 - B. Financial Goals. The SFA School Nutrition Program plans to run on a breakeven basis so as to be self-supporting. Revenues include state and federal reimbursement for meals and collection of student fees, and expenses include the FSMC cost for meals. FSMC will order, serve, and invoice only for meals served and captured in the POS.
 - C. Management Goals. The FSMC will provide nutritious, high-quality meals to students and participants in the NSLP and SBP, accommodate special diets where medically necessary, provide occasional catered food services, and improve nutrition awareness
 - D. Food Service Office and Staff. The SFA’s School Nutrition Program is managed by members of the home office operations team, and the office is located at 1149 S. Hill St. Suite #600 Los Angeles, CA 90015.
 - E. National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

Participation

School	Grades	Enrollment	Average Daily Breakfast Participation FY25	Average Daily Lunch Participation FY25	FRL %
Animo Venice	9-12	331	70	75	90.24%
Animo Jefferson	6-8	400	360*	360	96.50%
Animo City of Champions	9-12	300	75	158	92.24%
Animo Ralph Bunche	9-12	530	65	255	90.15%
Animo Jackie Robinson	9-12	606	107	225	96.20%

*Breakfast served in the classroom

2. Description of FSMC Responsibilities

General: Under the direction of the SFA's Food Service Director, the FSMC selected pursuant to this RFP will provide the following: A highly efficient food service program, and invoice schools for meals captured in the POS. In addition, the FSMC will employ qualified professional(s) to meet the requirements of the food service program.

- a. Providing servers for daily breakfast and lunch service to operate the POS and comply with Offer vs. Serve rules, as applicable
- b. The condition and care of meals during service
- c. Cleaning and maintaining FSMC-owned equipment on minimum weekly basis
- d. Maintaining the proper temperature of meal components during service
- e. Wiping down surfaces (e.g. counter tops) used in the preparation and serving of food
- f. Sweeping floors
- g. Stowing all equipment and food
- h. Disposing of waste in the appropriate trash receptacles located in the kitchen/cafeteria
- i. Transporting meals from the preparation site to the school site. The delivery time to school sites will be agreed upon by the Parties. FSMC will be responsible for the condition and care of meals during delivery. FSMC will provide all the equipment necessary to transport the meals to school sites.
- j. Providing school sites with sack lunches for field trips that meet requirements for reimbursable meals under the NSLP when requested.
- k. FSMC shall perform its duties set forth under this Agreement in a safe and professional manner. FSMC shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of all of FSMC's personnel in connection with the Agreement.
- l. Working with schools to gather feedback from students to ensure satisfaction
- m. Partnering with the SFA's operations team to offer consistent, daily promotion and marketing of the meal program to drive student participation

A. Purchasing of Supplies for the Food Service Program

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

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

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

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

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

B. Contracting With Small, and Minority Businesses, Women’s Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms

The FSMC shall comply with 2 *CFR*, Section 200.321 (as applicable).

C. Facility or Site Operations

The FSMC shall recommend:

- i. Safety programs for employees
- ii. Sanitation standards for housekeeping, preparation, storage, and equipment
- iii. Adjustments to practices and operation of equipment as required
- iv. A Food Safety Plan and participate in the development, implementation, and maintenance of said plan
- v. Methods to increase participation at all levels of the SFA’s food service programs, improve food quality, and upgrade equipment and facilities
- vi. Hours and number of positions at each site to meet food service operational needs

D. Menus

Adhere to the 21-day cycle menu for the first 21 days of meal service; thereafter, the FSMC may only make changes with the SFA’s approval (7 *CFR*, sections 210.10, 210.16[b][1] and 220.8.

Provide recommendations for menu development that will result in the best quality of products and services at the lowest price for the food service program.

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

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

E. Quality Control

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

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

F. Staff

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

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

G. Records

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

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

H. Education

Recommend actions or events to promote the nutrition education aspects of the food service program, and recommend or cooperate with efforts to merge these actions or events with classroom instruction; the FSMC will work in partnership

with the SFA to educate students, parents, teachers, and the community about efforts to promote better nutrition and health.

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

I. Reports

Collect and provide, in the required format, information necessary for school food service claims for reimbursement from state and federal agencies and maintain records of past information; at the end of each month the number of meals to be claimed will be submitted to the SFA contact by the FSMC consultant/representative on or before the 8th of each month (7 *CFR*, 210.16[c][1]).

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

J. Point of Service

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

K. Specific FSMC Tasks

The FSMC will operate the SFA's electronic Point of Service (POS) meal and milk counting system, Meal Plus. The Meal Plus meal and milk counting system eliminates any potential for the overt identification of free and reduced-price eligible students under 7 *CFR*, Section 245.8

Exhibit B

Schedule of Fees

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

All costs are based on the average daily participation of 2100 students in the district and 183 number of school days.

Cost per Meal (Family Style)

Note: Prices must **not** include values for donated foods, and must include all meal programs.

LINE ITEM	UNITS*	RATE	TOTAL
Breakfast	129930	\$	\$
Lunch	201300	\$	\$
Snacks	36600	\$	\$
Seamless Summer Feeding Option	36600	\$	\$
Nonreimbursable Meals		\$	\$
TOTAL		\$	\$

*Units to be provided by SFA

List of School

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