

Business Operations  
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REJECT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 060-FF03 – FOOD-  
ORDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**LINK TO DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC PLAN: EVALUATE AND REDESIGN INTERNAL BUSINESS  
OPERATIONS**

Request For Proposals No. 060-FF03 – Food-Order Management System, was issued to determine the availability of an integrated menu management, food ordering, and inventory management and cost analysis, for back of the house, for use by all cafeteria managers and Food & Nutrition management. Staff has determined that, due to current budgetary restrictions, it would be in the best interest of the District to reject all proposals received and to allow in-house personnel to initiate and implement an internal District Cognos Data Warehouse Program, which is currently underway, for the Department of Food and Nutrition to enhance its business processes.

Three (3) proposals were presented for consideration and were ranked according to the criteria set forth in the Request For Proposals (RFP). Based on these rankings, two (2) firms were selected to provide a Proof of Concept (POC), which was conducted from April 27, 2006, through July 21, 2006.

On August 24, 2006, the Evaluation Committee reconvened, and determined that one of the companies would be tested for a scalability pilot project in nine (9) schools at the elementary, middle and senior high levels, from April 20, 2007, through May 24, 2007. The Food Service Managers Committee met on November 2, 2007, to discuss the results of the scalability pilot project and strongly requested an interface with menu and production records and further integration with current systems.

A final Evaluation Committee meeting was held on February 27, 2008, where the POC subcommittee presented its recommendations. However, based on these recommendations, the Evaluation Committee determined that recommendation for award would be determined pending internal scope review for integration with current systems and compatibility with the District's ERP initiatives.

Subsequent to the committee meeting, staff reviewed the proposed system with the Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) and ERP team members for scalability, scope and integration with planned projects. A food-ordering system is not in the initial three-year scope plan for the ERP project. It was determined that the cost estimate to integrate a separate FORMS system, with additional hardware, software and services, exceeded the proposal received and an in-house Cognos data warehouse would achieve desired data integration within current budget constraints.

The Department of Food and Nutrition has met with ITS, to evaluate its current District data systems and the availability of Cognos Programs to achieve integration of current District data. The determination was made that an in-house Cognos project would be substantially less costly to the District and could provide 80-90% of the data already available in data systems, in order to improve the business reporting of food service.

Fund Source  
0410 - Food Service

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **REJECT** Request For Proposals No. 060-FF03 – FOOD-ORDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

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