

March 25, 2002

Financial Affairs  
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: TERMINATE ITEMS 24, 25 AND 26 ON QUOTE NO. BB4 - FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

The purpose of this quote, opened on February 19, 2002, was to establish a contract, to purchase, at a firm price, fresh fruits and vegetables, for the Department of Food and Nutrition. This was a term quote which states that the Board may purchase quantities, as may be required, at the unit price bid, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. Of 7 vendors sent quote forms, 7 responded, with 7 quotes meeting specifications.

Item 24 - Lettuce, naked pack head, Item 25 - Lettuce, romaine, and Item 26 - Lettuce, shredded and chopped, were awarded to Allied Purveyors, Inc., of Miami Springs, Florida, Caribbean Produce, Inc., of Hollywood, Florida, Mac Edwards Produce & Company, of Miami Springs, Florida, and Unifresh Produce Company Inc., of Pembroke Pines, Florida. Subsequent to the award, the awardees could not hold their prices for a sixty (60) day period, due to exorbitant increases in the lettuce market nationally.

Therefore, the below recommendation reflects that the Board terminate the award of these items, and not implement the prescribed default provision, as noted in Board Rule 6Gx13- 3C-1.08 -- Performance And Payment Security, Declining A Bid Award, And Bonding Company Qualifications, on Allied Purveyors, Inc., of Miami Springs, Florida, Caribbean Produce, Inc., of Hollywood, Florida, Mac Edwards Produce & Company, of Miami Springs, Florida, and Unifresh Produce Company, Inc., of Pembroke Pines, Florida, since they could not control the fluctuation in the market.

Fund Source  
0410 - Food Service

M/WBE Eligibility  
None

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. **TERMINATE** the award of items 24, 25 and 26 on Quote No. BB4 - FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, effective March 1, 2002, through April 31, 2002, as follows:

ALLIED PURVEYORS, INC.  
P.O. BOX 660682  
MIAMI SPRINGS, FL 33266-0682  
OWNER: KEVIN PARLATO, PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR

Item 24 - Lettuce, naked pack head @ \$.50 per pound.  
Item 25 - Lettuce, romaine @ \$.50 per pound.  
Item 26 - Lettuce, shredded and chopped @ \$14 per case.

CARIBBEAN PRODUCE, INC.  
7400 JOHNSON STREET  
HOLLYWOOD, FL 33024  
OWNER: RACIEL A. GONZALEZ, PRESIDENT

Item 24 - Lettuce, naked pack head @ \$.65 per pound.  
Item 25 - Lettuce, romaine @ \$.65 per pound.  
Item 26 - Lettuce, shredded and chopped @ \$15 per case.

MAC EDWARDS PRODUCE & COMPANY, INC.  
P.O. BOX 661688  
MIAMI SPRINGS, FL 33266-1688  
OWNER: LUTHER M. EDWARD, DIRECTOR

Item 24 - Lettuce, naked pack head @ \$.63 per pound.  
Item 25 - Lettuce, romaine @ \$.50 per pound.  
Item 26 - Lettuce, shredded and chopped @ \$14 per case.

UNIFRESH PRODUCE COMPANY, INC.  
P.O. BOX 8846  
PEMBROKE PINES, FL 33084  
OWNER: JIM ROSARIO, PRESIDENT

Item 24 - Lettuce, naked pack head @ \$1 per pound.  
Item 25 - Lettuce, romaine @ \$2 per pound.  
Item 26 - Lettuce, shredded and chopped @ \$14.75 per case.

2. Not implement the prescribed default provision, as noted in Board Rule 6Gx13- 3C-1.08 -- Performance And Payment Security, Declining A Bid Award, And Bonding Company Qualifications on Allied Purveyors, Inc., of Miami Springs, Florida, Caribbean Produce, Inc., of Hollywood, Florida, Mac Edwards Produce & Company, Inc., of Miami Springs, Florida, and Unifresh Produce Company, Inc., of Pembroke Pines, Florida, since they were not a fault.
3. Retain Allied Purveyors, Inc., of Miami Springs, Florida, Caribbean Produce, Inc., of Hollywood, Florida, Mac Edwards Produce & Company, of Miami Springs, Florida, and Unifresh Produce Company, Inc., of Pembroke Pines, Florida, as active vendors, for other items awarded on Quote BB4 - FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

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