

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: AWARD BID NO. 033-MM03 – FARM-TO-SCHOOL, FRESH PRODUCE

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

The purpose of this bid is to establish a list of preapproved vendors, and to purchase, at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of farm-to-school, fresh, high-quality, seasonal and local produce, for the Department of Food and Nutrition. This is a term bid which states that the Board may purchase quantities, as may be required, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. Four (4) vendors responded to this advertised solicitation.

The term of the bid shall be for one (1) year from the date of award and may, by mutual agreement between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the awardee, be extended for four (4) additional one-year periods and, if needed, ninety (90) days beyond the expiration of the current contract period.

Inasmuch as the bids received for Group 2: Items 28 through 77 – Base Price Items – Seasonal Produce, did not meet specifications, the recommendation reflects that these items be rejected. Preapproved vendors will be contacted, as the need arises, to submit competitive quotations for additional and/or seasonal, farm-to-school, fresh-produce items exceeding the quotation threshold of \$1,000.

Fund Source
0410 – Food Service

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AWARD** Bid No. 033-MM03 – FARM-TO-SCHOOL, FRESH PRODUCE, to establish a list of preapproved vendors, and to purchase, at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of farm-to-school, fresh, high-quality, seasonal and local produce, for the Department of Food and Nutrition, during the term of the bid, effective July 18, 2012, through July 17, 2013, as follows:

PRIMARY

1. **THE PRODUCE CONNECTION, INC.**
2200 N.W. 23 STREET
MIAMI, FL 33142
OWNER: BRUCE FISHBEIN, PRESIDENT

Group 1: Fixed cost items – Produce used daily

Total Group Lowest Price Meeting Specifications: Items 1 through 27.

Group 4: Fixed cost items – Prepackaged fresh fruit and vegetables

Total Group Lowest Price Meeting Specifications: Items 89 through 151.

2. **FREEDOM FRESH, LLC**
8901 N.W. 33 STREET, SUITE 100
DORAL, FL 33172
OWNER: JORGE VAZQUEZ, PRESIDENT

Group 3: Fixed cost items – Bulk farm products

Total Group Lowest Price Meeting Specifications: Items 78 through 88.

ALTERNATE

3. THE PRODUCE CONNECTION, INC.
2200 N.W. 23 STREET
MIAMI, FL 33142
OWNER: BRUCE FISHBEIN, PRESIDENT

Group 3: Fixed cost items – Bulk farm products

Total Group Second Lowest Price Meeting Specifications:
Items 78 through 88.

SECTION II: Preapproved vendors for future competitive solicitations, exceeding the \$1,000 quotation threshold.

4. THE PRODUCE CONNECTION, INC.
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MIAMI, FL 33142
OWNER: BRUCE FISHBEIN, PRESIDENT

5. FREEDOM FRESH, LLC
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DORAL, FL 33172
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6. Reject Items 28 through 77.

7. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$2,000,000, for the initial contract term, and not to exceed \$2,000,000 for each subsequent extension period. Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.

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