

Request for Information No. 1

Bid No. 23/24-01NS, South Orange County Purchasing Group – Processed Commodity, Commercial, Snack & Beverage Products May 1, 2023

Response to Contractors' Questions

1.1 Question: *"We would like the option to possible submit pricings an alternate. I need to know how we can bid both the spec item and Alternate on the bid?"*

Answer: Reference 'Information for Bidders' sections 18 and 19.

1.2 Question: *"In the bid sheet for beverages, there is specific items on the sheet, is this limited to these options only or are you open to other k-12 approved options (for example Bubby, Tropicana, Gatorade zero, Gatorlyte etc)?"*

Answer: Reference answer to 1.1 above.

1.3 Question: *"For sampling, is there a process to submitting samples and by when will they be needed?"*

Answer: Reference 'Information for Bidders' section 19.

1.4 Question: *"Are there any equipment needs at any sites (i.e. coolers, vending machines, etc)?"*

Answer: No, this is not an equipment bid.

1.5 Question: *Regarding the current volatile pricing market, are we allowed to raise prices within a 30-45 days' notice if we include pricing documentation supplied by the manufacture?"*

Answer: Reference 'Appendix A' section 4.

1.6 Question: *Regarding the 4 needed recommendations, we are a national supplier, can we give recommendations from our Southern California and Arizona branches.*

Answer: Yes, Southern California and Arizona are acceptable, however, the District would prefer as many California references as possible.

1.7 Question: *"If we bid an equal or alternative item to the bid item listed, are samples required to be shipped before the bid due date or after bid award?"*

Answer: Reference answer to 1.3 above.