

2023 Grocery Bid Addendum #2 – November 9, 2023

IFB #MSBG2023Grocery-02 East and West

The following questions were submitted and are addressed below:

1. Under Bid Worksheet #7 in the Bid Section 1. General Information it states: Vendors have 2 business days DATE from the posted time of the bid opening to correct a price proposal if a mistake and the intended offer are clearly evident on the face of the proposal document. Do the vendors have an opportunity to view the other vendors' submission to check accuracy of information submitted on the spreadsheets?

Yes, all submissions will be emailed to all respondents the afternoon of the bid opening.

2. Page 17 21. Rule of Award- What is the effective date of the contract? Manufacturers need to know a clearly defined start date for the Allowances they provide and the bid period. This applies to both East and West.

We anticipate offering a contract to the winning vendor(s) as soon as possible after the awards are made. We anticipate the effective date to be December 1, 2023.

3. Page 17 23. Reserved Rights #3 – What does “Award a contract as it deems best serves the Interest of the town of Billerica and/or the Cities and Towns, and School Districts. Are there other factors considered other than the low Aggregate Total?

The awards will be made to the responsive and responsible bidder as defined in the IFB with the lowest aggregate total by zone.

4. Line #322 on Pricing Sheet Del Monte Diced Cling Peaches in Light Syrup mfg #2001707 is not available. However, Del Monte Diced Cling Peaches in Light Syrup mfg # 2002349 is available. Is this an acceptable product to bid on?

It seems the item referenced is actually line 321 in both zones. Yes, this is an acceptable substitute, please indicate this on your pricing sheet.

5. Page 18 Please Specify what is meant by “Nothing in this IFB shall be interpreted as a restriction upon an eligible party from buying any item or similar product by any other means, from any other vendors, at any time during the Contract term independent from the contract resulting from this procurement.

It is expected that if a district projected an item for this bid, they would buy it from the awardee. There may be situations where the district may procure from other sources, for example, if an item is unavailable.

Attachment 4 – Alternate Item Requests have been received. The group will make determinations on the acceptability of the items submitted and post the results on the [MSBG website](#).