



Department of Procurement Services

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

IFB # 03252026MT – Direct from Manufacturer Bid 2026-2027SY

1. For the Frozen servings Tab Line # 1130, Will this be a commodity processed item for SY2026/2027? Will the district be using entitlement money and allocating pounds to Trident for this SKU? If so, would this need to be moved to the Commodity/Commercial equivalent tab? You are commodity currently processing this commodity.

We will not be commodity processing the fish portion, so this item will remain on the Direct frozen by the serving tab.

2. For the Commodity bid Frozen & commercial tab Line 2000, Was this an add on from the previous IFB 02262026DEM Commodity Processed Commercial Equivalent 2026-2027SY Food that was released on 2/10? Since this item was not on that bid, I want to make certain that this is a commodity processing item and that pounds will be allocated to Land O Lakes for this SKU? We are wanting to make sure we are forecasting correctly to Land O Lakes based on your bid's specifications.

Macaroni and cheese are a commodity processed item and Land O Lakes will have the opportunity to bid on this item.

3. On line 35 our Whole Grain Apple Roll Item 372IW (36/2.7oz.) is spec'd. Shelby currently purchases this product but in the 144-count case. It is Item 1372IW. Should we submit pricing for the 144-count case (1372IW) since that is what is being used? The product is the same. Just the case count is different.



4. I am writing to request clarification regarding Stock #3149 (Line #44) on IFB 03252026MT – Direct from Manufacturer Bid for Memphis-Shelby County Schools.

The item description references “whole muscle,” but later indicates the product may contain a mixture of white and dark meat. Could you clarify the district’s intended specification for this item? Specifically, we would like to confirm whether the product is required to be whole muscle only, or if a mixture of white and dark meat would be acceptable. Once we receive clarification, we will proceed with submitting the necessary documentation for review to have our item considered as an approved equal, and coordinate sample submission if applicable.

We are currently working on an addendum and this item's specification is going to be revised.

5. Is electronic signature acceptable?

Electronic signatures are acceptable; however, you will need to download files and mail them in to us. All bids must be sealed and delivered to Memphis Shelby County Schools; 3176 Jackson Avenue; Memphis, TN 38112

6. How will vendors be notified of awards once the decision has been made?

An Intent to Award letter will be sent to all vendors. The bid tabulation will be posted and the AWARDED vendor will show in RED that they have been awarded that item.

7. Are we able to hide tabs and line items we are not bidding in our submittal?

Unfortunately, you will not be able to hide tabs and line items. The spreadsheet is protected.

8. Are we able to omit the bid instructions in our final submittal, and only include the forms included on pages 10 & 11?

Your bid needs to include the entire bid packet. All vendors must comply with this request.

9. The two items below aren’t included on IFB 03252026MT. They were on the bid for the 2025-2026 School year.

Were they omitted by mistake?



SCS stock number: 1089, SCS stock description: Chocolate Chip Cookie,
Vendor stock number: Grandma 66154

- **This item will be added back as an approved brand.**

SCS stock number: 1325, SCS stock description: Tortilla Bulk, Vendor stock
number: 62399

- **This item will be added back as an approved brand.**

10. These items were approved at the Food Show, I don't see them on the bid.
UPC

78095 - Doritos Sriracha RF

25111 - Lays Kettle RF Jalapeno Cheddar

78785 - Sun Chips Honey BBQ

- **These items will be added to bid as approved brands.**

11. Dry-Serving

On line 1400, the specification **for Tortilla, Flour was updated to include "6" in diameter", "Whole Wheat" and "one tortilla must meet a minimum of 1 oz. grain equivalent".**

On line 1400 Del Pasado 597011 and Ole Mexican/La Banderita 0128 **were removed as an approved brand due to specification updates.**

12. For the recently released above bid we previously had submitted samples for the Daves Baking item number 360 for bid item 3031 – Cake, Coffee Cinnamon, WG, IW and these samples were approved and marked to be added to the bid. Would it be possible to add this item as an approved equal or will we need to submit samples for this again?

3/21/2025 Dave's Baking Company Coffee Cinnamon Cake - 360 1 Case Passed

You do not need to send additional samples; it has already passed.