

State of Nebraska - INVITATION TO BID CONTRACT

Return to:
State Purchasing Bureau
1526 K Street, Suite 130
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

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Solicitation Number	5143 OF		
Opening Date and Time	11/18/15	2:00 pm	
Buyer	JULIE DABYDEEN (AS)		

DESTINATION OF GOODS
MULTIPLE DELIVERY LOCATIONS
PLEASE REFER TO DOCUMENTATION
FOR DELIVERY ADDRESSES.

Per Nebraska's Transparency in Government Procurement Act, DAS is required to collect statistical information regarding the number of contracts awarded to Nebraska contractors. This information is for statistical purposes only and will not be considered for contract award purposes.

____ NEBRASKA CONTRACTOR AFFADAVIT: Bidder hereby attests that bidder is a Nebraska Contractor. " Nebraska Contractor" shall mean any bidder who has maintained a bona fide place of business and at least one employee within this state for at least the six (6) months immediately preceding the posting date of this ITB.

____ I hereby certify that I am a Resident disabled veteran or business located in a designated enterprise zone in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §73-107 and wish to have preference, if applicable, considered in the award of this contract.

Contract to supply and deliver Grocery, Frozen, Bread/Bakery, Milk/Dairy Products, Fresh and Pasteurized Eggs to the State of Nebraska as per the attached specifications for a two (2) year period from date of award. The contract may be renewed for two (2) additional two (2) year periods when mutually agreeable to the vendor and the State of Nebraska. The State reserves the right to extend the period of this contract beyond the termination date when mutually agreeable to the vendor and the State of Nebraska.

(bl 10/13/15)

A response to this Solicitation is subject to, but not limited to, the included Standard Conditions and Terms. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER TO REFER TO STATE PURCHASING BUREAU'S WEB SITE FOR ALL INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THIS SOLICITATION TO INCLUDE ADDENDA AND/OR AMENDMENTS THAT MAY BE ISSUED PRIOR TO THE OPENING DATE.

<http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/purchasing/purchasing.html>

Bid Tabulations are available on the internet at <http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/purchasing/bidtabs.htm>

This form is part of the specification package and must be signed and returned, along with all documents, by the opening date and time specified.

Any questions regarding this solicitation must be directed to State Purchasing Bureau, to the attention of the buyer. It is preferred that questions be sent via e-mail to matpurch.dasmat@nebraska.gov. Questions may also be sent by facsimile to 402-471-2089. Refer to specification for additional information.

No Bid Respond: () Remove From Class-Item OR () Keep Active For Class-Item

BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

DISCOUNT PAYMENT TERMS: _____ % _____ DAYS

By signing this Invitation to Bid, the bidder agrees to the "Standard Conditions and Terms of Bid Solicitation and Offer" and is committed to provide a drug free work place environment. Vendor will furnish the items requested within _____ days after receipt of order. Failure to enter Delivery Date may cause quotation to be REJECTED.

Sign _____
Here (Authorized Signature MANDATORY - MUST BE SIGNED IN INK)

Enter Contact Information Below

VENDOR# _____
VENDOR: _____
Address: _____

Contact _____
Telephone _____
Facsimile _____
Email _____

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INVITATION

SEE ATTACHED BID SHEETS



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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Acceptance Test Procedure: Benchmarks and other performance criteria, developed by the State of Nebraska or other sources of testing standards, for measuring the effectiveness of products or services and the means used for testing such performance.

Addendum: Something to be added or deleted to an existing document; a supplement.

Agency: Any state agency, board, or commission other than the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska State colleges, the courts, the Legislature, or any other office or agency established by the Constitution of Nebraska.

Agent/Representative: A person authorized to act on behalf of another.

Amend: To alter or change by adding, subtracting, or substituting.

Amendment: A written correction or alteration to a document.

Appropriation: Legislative authorization to expend public funds for a specific purpose. Money set apart for a specific use.

ARO: After Receipt of Order

Award: All purchases, leases, or contracts which are based on competitive bids will be awarded according to the provisions in the Invitation to Bid. The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids, wholly or in part, or to award to multiple bidders in whole or in part. The State reserves the right to waive any deviations or errors that are not material, do not invalidate the legitimacy of the bid, and do not improve the bidder's competitive position. All awards will be made in a manner deemed in the best interest of the State.

Bid/Proposal: The offer submitted by a vendor in a response to written solicitation.

Bid Bond: An insurance agreement, accompanied by a monetary commitment, by which a third party (the surety) accepts liability and guarantees that the vendor will not withdraw the bid.

Bidder: A vendor who submits an offer bid in response to a written solicitation.

Business: Any corporation, partnership, individual, sole proprietorship, joint-stock company, joint venture, or any other private legal entity.

Business Day: Any weekday, except State-recognized holidays.

Calendar Day: Every day shown on the calendar including Saturdays, Sundays, and State/Federal holidays.

Cancellation: To call off or revoke a purchase order without expectation of conducting or performing it at a later time.

Change Order: Document that provides amendments to an executed purchase order.

Collusion: An agreement or cooperation between two or more persons or entities to accomplish a fraudulent, deceitful, or unlawful purpose.

Commodities: Any equipment, material, supply or goods; anything movable or tangible that is provided or sold.

Commodities Description: Detailed descriptions of the items to be purchased; may include information necessary to obtain the desired quality, type, color, size, shape, or special characteristics necessary to perform the work intended to produce the desired results.

Competition: The effort or action of two or more commercial interests to obtain the same business from third parties.

Confidential Information: Unless otherwise defined below, "Confidential Information" shall also mean proprietary trade secrets, academic and scientific research work which is in progress and unpublished, and other information which if released would give advantage to business competitors and serve no public purpose (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-712.05(3)). In accordance with Nebraska Attorney General Opinions 92068 and 97033, proof that information is proprietary requires identification of specific, named competitor(s) who would be advantaged by release of the information and the specific advantage the competitor(s) would receive.

Contract: An agreement between two or more parties creating obligations that are enforceable or otherwise recognizable at law; the writing that sets forth such an agreement.

Contract Administration: The management of the contract which includes and is not limited to contract signing, contract amendments and any necessary legal actions.

Contract Management: The management of day to day activities at the agency which includes and is not limited to ensuring

deliverables are received, specifications are met, handling meetings and making payments to the Contractor.

Contract Period: The duration of the contract.

Contractor: Any individual or entity having a contract or awarded purchase order to furnish commodities or services.

Cooperative Purchasing: The combining of requirements of two or more political entities to obtain advantages of volume purchases, reduction in administrative expenses or other public benefits.

Copyright: A property right in an original work of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, giving the holder the exclusive right to reproduce, adapt and distribute the work.

CPU: Any computer or computer system that is used by the State to store, process, or retrieve data or perform other functions using Operating Systems and applications software.

Critical Program Error: Any Program Error, whether or not known to the State, which prohibits or significantly impairs use of the Licensed Software as set forth in the documentation and intended in the contract.

Customer Service: The process of ensuring customer satisfaction by providing assistance and advice on those products or services provided by a Contractor.

Default: The omission or failure to perform a contractual duty.

Deviation: Any proposed change(s) or alteration(s) to either the terms and conditions or deliverables within the scope of the written solicitation or contract.

Evaluation: The process of examining an offer after opening to determine the vendor's responsibility, responsiveness to requirements, and to ascertain other characteristics of the offer that relate to determination of the successful award.

Evaluation Committee: Committee(s) appointed by the requesting agency that advises and assists the procuring office in the evaluation of bids/proposals (offers made in response to written solicitations).

Extension: Continuance of a contract for a specified duration upon the agreement of the parties beyond the original Contract Period. Not to be confused with "Renewal Period".

Free on Board (F.O.B.) Destination: The delivery charges are included in the quoted price and prepaid by the vendor. Vendor is responsible for all claims associated with damages during delivery of product.

Free on Board (F.O.B.) Point of Origin: The delivery charges are not included in the quoted price and are the responsibility of the agency. Agency is responsible for all claims associated with damages during delivery of product.

Foreign Corporation: A foreign corporation that was organized and chartered under the laws of another state, government, or country.

Installation Date: The date when the procedures described in "Installation by Contractor", and "Installation by State", as found in the RFP, ITB (written solicitation) or contract are completed.

Late Bid/Proposal: An offer received after the Opening Date and Time.

Licensed Software Documentation: The user manuals and any other materials in any form or medium customarily provided by the Contractor to the users of the Licensed Software which will provide the State with sufficient information to operate, diagnose, and maintain the Licensed Software properly, safely, and efficiently.

Mandatory/Must: Required, compulsory, or obligatory.

May: Discretionary, permitted; used to express possibility.

Module (see System): A collection of routines and data structures that perform a specific function of software.

Must: See Shall/Will/Must.

National Institute for Governmental Purchasing (NIGP): National Institute of Governmental Purchasing – Source used for assignment of universal commodity codes to goods and services.

Open Market Purchase: Authorization may be given to an agency to purchase items above direct purchase authority due to the unique nature, price, quantity, location of the using agency, or time limitations by the AS Materiel Division, State Purchasing Bureau.

Opening Date and Time: Specified date and time for the public opening of received, labeled, and sealed formal bids.

Operating System: The control program in a computer that provides the interface to the computer hardware and peripheral devices, and the usage and allocation of memory resources, processor resources, input/output resources, and security resources.

Outsourcing: The contracting out of a business process which an organization may have previously performed internally or has a new need for, to an independent organization from which the process is purchased back.

Payroll & Financial Center (PFC): Electronic procurement system of record.

Performance Bond: An insurance agreement, accompanied by a monetary commitment, by which a third party (the surety) accepts liability and guarantees that the Contractor fulfills any and all obligations under the contract.

Platform: A specific hardware and Operating System combination that is different from other hardware and Operating System combinations to the extent that a different version of the Licensed Software product is required to execute properly in the environment established by such hardware and Operating System combination.

Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Conference: A meeting scheduled for the purpose of clarifying a written solicitation and related expectations.

Product: Something that is distributed commercially for use or consumption and that is usually (1) tangible personal property, (2) the result of fabrication or processing, and (3) an item that has passed through a chain of commercial distribution before ultimate use or consumption.

Program Error: Code in Licensed Software which produces unintended results or actions, or which produces results or actions other than those described in the specifications. A program error includes, without limitation, any Critical Program Error.

Program Set: The group of programs and products, including the Licensed Software specified in the RFP, plus any additional programs and products licensed by the State under the contract for use by the State.

Project: The total scheme, program, or method worked out for the accomplishment of an objective, including all documentation, commodities, and services to be provided under the contract.

Proposal: See Bid/Proposal.

Proprietary Information: Proprietary information is defined as trade secrets, academic and scientific research work which is in progress and unpublished, and other information which if released would give advantage to business competitors and serve no public purpose (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-712.05(3)). In accordance with Attorney General Opinions 92068 and 97033, proof that information is proprietary requires identification of specific, named competitor(s) who would be advantaged by release of the information and the specific advantage the competitor(s) would receive.

Protest/Grievance: A complaint about a governmental action or decision related to an Invitation to Bid or resultant contract, brought by a vendor who has timely submitted a bid response in connection with the award in question, to AS Materiel Division or another designated agency with the intention of achieving a remedial result.

Public Proposal/Bid Opening: The process of opening correctly submitted offers at the time and place specified in the written solicitation and in the presence of anyone who wished to attend.

Recommended Hardware Configuration: The data processing hardware (including all terminals, auxiliary storage, communication, and other peripheral devices) to the extent utilized by the State as recommended by the Contractor.

Release Date: The date of public release of the written solicitation to seek offers

Renewal Period: Optional contract periods subsequent to the original Contract Period for a specified duration with previously agreed to terms and conditions. Not to be confused with Extension.

Request for Information (RFI): A general invitation to vendors requesting information for a potential future solicitation. The RFI is typically used as a research and information gathering tool for preparation of a solicitation.

Request for Proposal (RFP): A written solicitation utilized for obtaining competitive offers.

Responsible Bidder: A bidder who has the capability in all respects to perform fully and lawfully all requirements with integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance.

Responsive Bidder: A bidder who has submitted a bid which conforms to all requirements of the solicitation document.

Shall/Will/Must: An order/command; mandatory.

Should: Expected; suggested, but not necessarily mandatory.

Software License: Legal instrument with or without printed material that governs the use or redistribution of licensed software.

Sole Source – Commodity: When an item is available from only one source due to the unique nature of the requirement, its supplier, or market conditions.

Sole Source – Services: A service of such a unique nature that the vendor selected is clearly and justifiably the only practical source to provide the service. Determination that the vendor selected is justifiably the sole source is based on either the uniqueness of the service or sole availability at the location required.

Specifications: The detailed statement, especially of the measurements, quality, materials, and functional characteristics, or other items to be provided under a contract.

System (see Module): Any collection or aggregation of two (2) or more Modules that is designed to function, or is represented by the Contractor as functioning or being capable of functioning, as an entity.

Termination: Occurs when either party, pursuant to a power created by agreement or law, puts an end to the contract prior to the stated expiration date. All obligations which are still executory on both sides are discharged but any right based on prior breach or performance survives.

Trade Secret: Information, including, but not limited to, a drawing, formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, code, or process that (a) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being known to, and not being ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and (b) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §87-502(4)).

Trademark: A word, phrase, logo, or other graphic symbol used by a manufacturer or vendor to distinguish its product from those of others, registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Upgrade: Any change that improves or alters the basic function of a product or service.

Vendor: An individual or entity lawfully conducting business in the State of Nebraska, or licensed to do so, who seeks to provide goods or services under the terms of a written solicitation.

Vendor Performance Report: A report issued to the Contractor by State Purchasing Bureau when products or services delivered or performed fail to meet the terms of the purchase order, contract, and/or specifications, as reported to State Purchasing Bureau by the agency. The State Purchasing Bureau shall contact the Contractor regarding any such report. The vendor performance report will become a part of the permanent record for the Contractor. The State may require vendor to cure. Two such reports may be cause for immediate termination.

Will: See Shall/Will/Must

Work Day: See Business Day.

I. SCOPE OF THE INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

The State of Nebraska, Administrative Services (AS), Materiel Division, State Purchasing Bureau (hereafter known as State Purchasing Bureau or SPB), is issuing this Invitation To Bid, Number 5143 OF for the purpose of selecting a qualified Contractor to provide **Grocery, Frozen, Bread/Bakery, Milk/Dairy Products, Fresh and Pasteurized Eggs**.

A contract resulting from this Invitation To Bid will be issued approximately for a period of two (2) years effective the date of award. The contract has the option to be renewed for two (2) additional two (2) year periods as mutually agreed upon by all parties.

ALL INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS INVITATION TO BID CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET AT:
<http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/>

A. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The State expects to adhere to the tentative procurement schedule shown below. It should be noted, however, that some dates are approximate and subject to change.

ACTIVITY		DATE/TIME
1.	Release Invitation To Bid	October 13, 2015
2.	Last day to submit written questions	October 30, 2015
3.	State responds to written questions through Invitation To Bid "Addendum" and/or "Amendment" to be posted to the Internet at: http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/	November 3, 2015
4.	Bid opening Location: State Purchasing Bureau 1526 K Street, Suite 130 Lincoln, NE 68508	November 18, 2015 2:00 PM Central Time
5.	Review for conformance of mandatory requirements	November 18, 2015
6.	Review period	November 20, 2015 – December 8, 2015
7.	Post "Letter of Intent to Award" to Internet at: http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/	December 9, 2015
8.	Contract finalization period	TBD
9.	Contract award	TBD
10.	Contract start date	02/01/16

II. PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

A. PROCURING OFFICE AND CONTACT PERSON

Procurement responsibilities related to this Invitation To Bid reside with the State Purchasing Bureau. The point of contact for the procurement is as follows:

Name: Julie Dabydeen
Agency: State Purchasing Bureau
Address: 1526 K Street, Suite 130
Lincoln, NE 68508

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Invitation To Bid (ITB) is designed to solicit bids from qualified vendors who will be responsible for providing Grocery, **Frozen, Bread/Bakery, Milk/Dairy Products, Fresh and Pasteurized Eggs** at a competitive and reasonable cost. Bids that do not conform to the mandatory items as indicated in the Invitation To Bid will not be considered.

Bids shall conform to all instructions, conditions, and requirements included in the Invitation To Bid. Prospective Bidders are expected to carefully examine all documentation, schedules, and requirements stipulated in this Invitation To Bid, and respond to each requirement in the format prescribed.

In addition to the provisions of this Invitation To Bid and the awarded bid, which shall be incorporated by reference in the contract, any additional clauses or provisions required by the terms and conditions will be included as an amendment to the contract.

A fixed-price contract will be awarded as a result of this Invitation to Bid.

C. COMMUNICATION WITH STATE STAFF AND EVALUATORS

From the date the Invitation To Bid is issued until a determination is announced regarding the contract award, contact regarding this project between potential Contractors and individuals employed by the State is restricted to only written communication with the staff designated above as the point of contact for this Invitation To Bid. Bidders shall not have any communication with, or attempt to communicate with or influence in any way, any evaluator involved in this ITB.

Once a Contractor is preliminarily selected, as documented in the intent to award, that Contractor is restricted from communicating with State staff until a contract is signed. The following exceptions to these restrictions are permitted:

1. Written communication with the person(s) designated as the point(s) of contact for this Invitation To Bid or procurement;
2. Contacts made pursuant to any pre-existing contracts or obligations and;
3. State-requested presentations, key personnel interviews, clarification sessions or discussions to finalize a contract.

Violations of these conditions may be considered sufficient cause to reject a Bidder's bid and/or selection irrespective of any other condition. No individual member of the State or employee of the State is empowered to make binding statements regarding this Invitation To Bid. The Buyer will issue any clarifications or opinions regarding this Invitation To Bid in writing.

D. WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Any explanation desired by a Bidder regarding the meaning or interpretation of any Invitation To Bid provision must be submitted in writing to the State Purchasing Bureau and clearly marked "ITB Number 5143 OF; **Grocery, Frozen, Bread/Bakery, Milk/Dairy Products, Fresh and Pasteurized Eggs** Questions". It is preferred that questions be sent via e-mail to as.materielpurchasing@nebraska.gov Questions may also be sent by facsimile to 402-471-2089, and must include a cover sheet clearly indicating that the transmission is to the attention of Julie Dabydeen, showing the total number of pages transmitted, and clearly marked "ITB Number 5143 OF **Grocery, Frozen, Bread/Bakery, Milk/Dairy Products, Fresh and Pasteurized Eggs** Questions".

It is recommended that Bidders submit questions sequentially numbered and include the Invitation To Bid reference and page number.

Written answers will be provided through an addendum to be posted on the Internet at <http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/> on or before the date shown in the Schedule of Events.

<u>Question Number</u>	<u>ITB Section References</u>	<u>ITB Page Number</u>	<u>Question</u>

E. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

The following describes the requirements related to bid submission, bid handling, and review by the State.

To facilitate the evaluation process, one (1) original of the entire bid should be submitted. Bids must be submitted by the bid due date and time. **A separate sheet must be provided that clearly states which sections, if applicable, have been submitted as proprietary or have copyrighted materials.** All proprietary information the Bidder wishes the State to withhold must be submitted in accordance with the instructions outlined in Section III, Proprietary Information. If a recipient phone number is required for delivery purposes, 402-471-6500 should be used. The Invitation To Bid number must be included in all correspondence.

F. IMPORTANT NOTICE LANGUAGE

Bid responses should include the completed Form A and Bidder Contact Sheet. Bids must reference the Invitation To Bid number and be sent to the specified address. Please note that the address label should appear as specified in Section II part A on the page of the calendar or bidder's bid response packet. Rejected late bids will return to the bidder unopened.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-602.02, all State contracts in effect as of January 1, 2014 will be posted to a public website beginning July 1, 2014. All non-proprietary or confidential information as defined by State Law **WILL BE POSTED FOR PUBLIC VIEWING.**

G. DISCOUNTS

Prices quoted shall be inclusive of ALL trade discounts. Cash discount terms of less than thirty (30) days will not be considered as part of the bid. Cash discount periods will be computed from the date of receipt of a properly executed claim voucher or the date of completion of delivery of all items in a satisfactory condition, whichever is later.

H. PRICE ADJUSTMENTS DURING CONTRACT TERM

Any request for a price adjustment must be submitted in writing to the State Purchasing Bureau, a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to proposed effective date of increase, and must show cause with supporting documentation (such as notification letter from manufacturer). Further documentation may be required by the State, to authenticate the increase (such as manufacturer invoices). Failure to supply any requested supporting documentation may be grounds to cancel the contract. The State further reserves the right to reject any proposed price increase(s), cancel the contract and re-bid if determined to be in the best interest of the State. The State will be given full proportionate benefit of any decrease for the term of the contract. No price increases are to be billed to any State Agencies without prior written approval by the State Purchasing Bureau. Contract supplier or suppliers may honor pricing and extend the contract to political sub-divisions, cities, and counties. Terms and conditions of the contract must be met by political sub-divisions, cities, and counties.

I. PAYMENT

Payment will be made by the responsible agency in accordance with the State of Nebraska Prompt Payment Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§81-20401 through 81-2408. The State may request that payment be made electronically instead of by state warrant.

J. BID EXECUTION

Bids must be signed in ink by the Bidder on the State of Nebraska's Invitation To Bid form. All bids must typewritten or in ink on the State of Nebraska's Invitation To Bid form. Erasures and alternations must be initialed by the Bidder in ink. No telephone or voice bids will be accepted. Failure to comply with these provisions may result in the rejection of the bid.

K. BID OPENING

The sealed bids will be publicly opened and the bidding entities announced on the date, time, and location shown in the Schedule of Events. Bids will be available for viewing by those present at the bid opening. Vendors may also contact the State to schedule an appointment for viewing bids after the Intent to Award has been posted to the website.

L. ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS/FACSMILIE SUBMISSIONS

The State Purchasing Bureau will not accept electronic responses to an Invitation To Bid for a commodity contract at any dollar amount. However, an exception applies to one-time purchase bids under \$25,000. These one-time purchase bids may be submitted by electronic means, but cannot exceed ten (10) pages.

Sealed responses to an Invitation To Bid that contain a two party bid, may include electronic pages transmitted between the two parties, but these documents cannot be submitted to the State Purchasing Bureau by electronic means. No direct electronic solicitation responses will be accepted for a commodity contract of any estimated value.

M. VALID BID TIME

Bids shall be firm for a minimum of sixty (60) calendar days after the opening date, unless otherwise stipulated by either party in the Invitation To Bid.

N. ALTERNATE/EQUIVALENT BIDS

Bidder may offer bids which are at variance from the express specifications of the Invitation To Bid. The State reserves the right to consider and accept such bids if, in the judgment of the State Procurement Manager, the bid will result in goods and/or services equivalent to or better than those which would be supplied in the original bid specifications. Bidders must indicate on the Invitation To Bid the manufacturer's name, number and shall submit with their bid, sketches, descriptive literature and/or complete specifications. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid will not satisfy this provision. Bids which do not comply with these requirements are subject to rejection. In the absence of any stated deviation or exception, the bid will be accepted as in strict compliance with all terms, conditions and specification, and the Bidder shall be held liable therefore.

O. LATE BIDS

Bids received after the time and date of the bid opening will be considered late bids. Rejected late bids will be returned to the Bidder unopened. The State is not responsible for bids that are late or lost due to mail service inadequacies, traffic, or any other reason(s).

P. NO BID

If not submitting a bid, respond by returning the Invitation To Bid form explaining the reason in the space provided. NOTE: To qualify as a respondent, Bidder must submit a "NO BID" and it must be received no later than the stated bid opening date and time.

Q. LUMP SUM OR ALL OR NONE BIDS

The State reserves the right to purchase item-by-item, by groups or as total when the State may benefit by so doing. Bidders may submit a bid on an "all or none" or "lump sum" basis, but should also submit a bid on an item-by-item basis. The term "all or none" means a conditional bid which requires the purchase of all items on which bids are offered and Bidder declines to accept award on individual items; a "lump sum" bid is one in which the Bidder offers a lower price than the sum of the individual bids if all items are purchased but agrees to deliver individual items at the prices quoted.

R. REJECTION OF BIDS

The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids, wholly or in part, or to award to multiple Bidders in whole or in part. The State reserves the right to waive any deviations or errors that are not material, do not invalidate the legitimacy of the bid and do not improve the Bidder's competitive position. All awards will be made in a manner deemed in the best interest of the State. The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids and re-advertise for bids; and further reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity.

S. EVALUATION OF BIDS

All responses to this Invitation To Bid which fulfill all mandatory requirements will be evaluated for conformance to requested specifications. Elements that may also be considered include but are not limited to:

- a. The ability, capacity, and skill of the Bidder to deliver and implement the system or project, or provide the requested goods, that meet the requirements of the Invitation to Bid;
- b. The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience, and efficiency of the Bidder;
- c. Whether the Bidder can perform the contract within the specified time frame;
- d. The quality of Bidder performance on prior contracts; and
- e. Such other information that may be secured and that has a bearing on the decision to award the contract.

T. BID TABULATIONS

Bid tabulations are available on the website at: <http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/purchasing/bidtabs.htm>. Bid tabulations will not be provided by telephone or facsimile. Bid files may be examined, after the evaluation period is over, during normal business hours by appointment.

U. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

The bids will first be examined to determine if all mandatory requirements listed below have been addressed to warrant further evaluation. Bids not meeting mandatory requirements will be excluded from further evaluation. The mandatory requirement items are as follows:

1. Invitation To Bid for Commodity Contract form, signed in ink; and
2. The completed Invitation To Bid document.

Bidder's Instructions:

The following are the procedures for establishing contract(s) for the purchase of food products by the State of Nebraska, Department of Correctional Services and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Vendors willing to supply food products shall provide a completed bid package per the information below.

The complete bid package consists of the following documents and information:

1. Invitation to Bid Form (the standard State Purchasing Bureau form that must be signed in ink by responding bidder);
2. Standard Invitation to Bid documents, including sections I through III.
3. Section IV. - Special Terms and Conditions for Food Products
4. Section V. – Specifications Tables for each Food Category, Western Nebraska Delivery Availability, National School Lunch and Breakfast Program and Optional Services Tables which are to be filled out by the bidder;
5. Facility Addresses and Locations;
6. Bid Sheet Attachments A-M for each Food Category whereby the bidder will provide pricing information and percent discount off price lists, etc.
7. Attachment N – Estimated Delivery Table per each State Facility

Bidders can bid on all food categories or choose to only bid on one category of food type. Bidders may also choose to bid on items for both the Department of Correctional Services and the Department of Health and Human Services or bid only for a specific agency.

Bidders will need to fill out those corresponding specification tables and bid sheet attachments which are separated out on individual worksheets in Excel and include all these documents within their bid package.

The Core Lists were separated for convenience based on the different needs of the State's agencies. However, these separate Core Lists do not imply that they will be separate contracts, award(s) may be made for all facilities on one contract, whichever is in the best interest of the State.

V. REFERENCE CHECKS

The State reserves the right to check any reference(s), regardless of the source of the reference information, including but not limited to, those that may be identified by the company in the bid, those indicated through the explicitly specified contacts, those that are identified during the review of the bid, or those that result from communication with other entities involved with similar projects. The State may use a third party to conduct reference checks.

W. SECRETARY OF STATE/TAX COMMISSIONER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

All Bidders should be authorized to transact business in the State of Nebraska. All Bidders are expected to comply with all Nebraska Secretary of State registration requirements. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to comply with any registration requirements pertaining to types of business entities (e.g. person, partnership, foreign or domestic limited liability company, association, or foreign or domestic corporation or other type of business entity). The Bidder who is the recipient of an Intent to Award will be required to certify that it has complied and produce a true and exact copy of its current (within ninety (90) calendar days), valid Certificate of Good Standing or Letter of Good Standing; or in the case of a sole proprietorship, provide written documentation of sole proprietorship. This must be accomplished prior to the award of the contract. Construction Contractors are expected to meet all applicable requirements of the Nebraska Contractor Registration Act and provide a current, valid certification of registration. Further, all Bidders shall comply with any and all other applicable Nebraska statutes regarding transacting business in the State of Nebraska. Bidders should submit the above certification(s) with their bid.

X. RESIDENT BIDDER

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 73-101.01-73-101.02, a Resident Bidder shall be allowed a preference against a Nonresident Bidder from a state which gives or requires a preference to Bidders from that state. The preference shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state of the Nonresident Bidders. Where the lowest responsible bid from a resident bidder is equal in all respects to one from a nonresident bidder from a state which has no preference law, the resident bidder shall be awarded the contract. The provision of this preference shall not apply to any contract for any project upon which federal funds would be withheld because of the provisions of this preference.

Y. AWARD

All purchases, leases, or contracts which are based on competitive bids will be awarded according to the provisions in the Invitation To Bid. The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award to multiple Bidders, in whole or in part, and at its discretion, may withdraw or amend the Invitation To Bid at any time. The State reserves the right to waive any deviations or errors that are not material, do not invalidate the legitimacy of the bid, and do not improve the Bidder's competitive position. All awards will be made in a manner deemed in the best interest of the State. The Invitation To Bid does not commit the State to award a contract. If, in the opinion of the State, revisions or amendments will require substantive changes in bids, the due date may be extended.

By submitting a bid in response to this Invitation To Bid, the Bidder grants to the State the right to contact or arrange a visit in person with any or all of the Bidder's clients.

Once an Intent To Award decision has been determined, it will be posted to the Internet at: <http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/>

Z. POLITICAL SUB-DIVISIONS

The Contractor may extend the contract to political sub-divisions conditioned upon the honoring of the prices charged to the State. Terms and conditions of the Contract must be met by political sub-divisions. Under no circumstances shall the State be contractually obligated or liable for any purchases by political sub-divisions or other public entities not authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-145, listed as "all officers of the state, departments, bureaus, boards, commissions, councils, and institutions receiving legislative appropriations." A listing of Nebraska political subdivisions may be found at the website of the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts.

AA. VIOLATION OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Violation of the terms and conditions contained in this Invitation To Bid or any resultant contract, at any time before or after the award, shall be grounds for action by the State which may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Rejection of a Bidder's bid; and
2. Suspension of the Bidder from further bidding with the State for the period of time relative to the seriousness of the violation, such period to be within the sole discretion of the State, and
3. Legal Action

III. INVITATION TO BID - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By signing the "Invitation To Bid" form, the Bidder guarantees compliance with the provisions stated in this Invitation To Bid, agrees to the Terms and Conditions unless otherwise agreed to, and certifies Bidder maintains a drug free work place environment.

Bidders are expected to closely read the Terms and Conditions and provide a binding signature of intent to comply with the Terms and Conditions; provided, however, a Bidder may indicate any exceptions to the Terms and Conditions by (1) clearly identifying the term or condition by subsection, and (2) including an explanation for the Bidder's inability to comply with such term or condition which includes a statement recommending terms and conditions the Bidder would find acceptable. Rejection in whole or in part of the Terms and Conditions may be cause for rejection of a Bidder's bid. **Bidders must include completed Section III with their ITB response.**

A. GENERAL

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The contract resulting from this Invitation To Bid shall incorporate the following documents:

1. Amendment to Contract Award with the most recent dated amendment having the highest priority;
2. Contract Award and any attached Addenda;
3. The Invitation To Bid form and the Contractor's Bid Response signed in ink
4. Amendments to ITB and any Questions and Answers; and
5. The original ITB document and any Addenda.

These documents constitute the entirety of the contract.

Unless otherwise specifically stated in a contract amendment, in case of any conflict between the incorporated documents, the documents shall govern in the following order of preference with number one (1) receiving preference over all other documents and with each lower numbered document having preference over any higher numbered document: 1) Amendment to Contract Award with the most recent dated amendment having the highest priority, 2) Contract Award and any attached Addenda, 3) the signed Invitation To Bid form and the Contractor's Bid Response 4) Amendments to ITB and any Questions and Answers, 5) the original ITB document and any Addenda.

Any ambiguity in any provision of this contract which shall be discovered after its execution shall be resolved in accordance with the rules of contract interpretation as established in the State of Nebraska.

Once bids are opened they become the property of the State of Nebraska and will not be returned.

B. DEBARMENT

The contractor, by signature to the Invitation To Bid, certifies that the contractor is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any federal department or agency from participating in transactions (debarred). The contractor also agrees to include the above requirements in any and all subcontracts into which it enters. The contractor also agrees to include the above requirements in any and all subcontracts into which it enters. The contractor shall immediately notify the Department if, during the term of this contract, contractor becomes debarred. The Department may immediately terminate this contract by providing contractor written notices if contractor becomes debarred during the term of this contract.

C. SPECIFICATIONS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

Any manufacturer's names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification are for reference and not intended to limit competition, but will be used as the standard by which equivalent material offered will be judged. The State Procurement Manger will be the sole judge of equivalency. The Bidder may offer any brands which meets or exceeds the specification. When a specific product is required, the Invitation to Bid will so state. Any item bid is to be the latest current model under standard production at the time of order. No used or refurbished equipment will be accepted, unless otherwise stated.

D. SAMPLES

When requested, samples shall be furnished at the Bidder's expense prior to the opening of the bid, unless otherwise specified. Each sample must be labeled clearly and identify the Bidder's name, the Invitation To Bid number and the item number. Samples submitted must be representative of the commodities or equipment which would be delivered if awarded the bid. The State of Nebraska reserves the right to request samples even though this may not have been set forth in the Invitation To Bid. Samples not destroyed in testing will be returned at Bidder's expense, if requested, or will be donated to a public institution.

E. PERFORMANCE AND DEFAULT

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The State reserves the right to require a performance bond from the successful Bidder, as provided by law, without expense to the State. Otherwise, in case of default of the Contractor, the State may procure the articles from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

F. DRUG POLICY

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

Bidder certifies that it maintains a drug free workplace environment to ensure worker safety and workplace integrity. Contractor agrees to provide a copy of its drug free workplace policy at any time upon request by the State.

G. NE ACCESS TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

Contractor shall review the Nebraska Technology Access Standards, found at <http://nitc.nebraska.gov/standards/2-201.html> and ensure that products and/or services provided under the contract are in compliance or will comply with the applicable standards. In the event such standards change during the Contractor's performance, the State may create an amendment to the contract to request that contract comply with the changed standard at a cost mutually acceptable to the parties.

H. COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT / NONDISCRIMINATION

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal statutes and regulations regarding civil rights laws and equal opportunity employment. The Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act prohibits Contractors of the State of Nebraska, and their Subcontractors, from discriminating against any employee or applicant for employment, with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, compensation, or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, marital status, or national origin (Neb. Rev. Stat. §48-1101 to 48-1125). The Contractor guarantees compliance with the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act, and breach of this provision shall be regarded as a material breach of contract. The Contractor shall insert a similar provision in all subcontracts for services to be covered by any contract resulting from this Invitation To Bid.

I. PERMITS, REGULATIONS, LAWS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The Contractor shall procure and pay for all permits, licenses, and approvals necessary for the execution of the contract. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, ordinances, rules, orders, and regulations.

J. COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The State may already have in place or choose to award supplemental contracts related to this Invitation To Bid or any portion thereof.

1. The State reserves the right to award the contract jointly between two or more potential Contractors, if such an arrangement is in the best interest of the State.
2. The Contractor shall agree to cooperate with such other Contractors, and shall not commit or permit any act which may interfere with the performance of work by any other Contractor.
3. The State reserves the right to award multiple contracts or to award line by line contract.

K. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The Contractor is solely responsible for fulfilling the contract, with responsibility for all services offered and products to be delivered as stated in the Invitation To Bid, the Contractor's bid, and the resulting contract. The Contractor shall be the sole point of contact regarding all contractual matters.

L. FUNDING OUT CLAUSE OR LOSS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The State may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, in the event funding is no longer available. The State's obligation to pay amounts due for fiscal years following the current fiscal year is contingent upon legislative appropriation of funds for the contract. Should said funds not be appropriated, the State may terminate the contract with respect to those payments for the fiscal years for which such funds are not appropriated. The State will give the Contractor written notice thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of any termination, and advise the Contractor of the location (address and room number) of any related equipment. All obligations of the State to make payments after the termination date will cease and all interest of the State in any related equipment will terminate. In no event shall the Contractor be paid for a loss of anticipated profit.

M. RIGHT TO AUDIT

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

Contractor shall establish and maintain a reasonable accounting system that enables the State to readily audit contract. The State and its authorized representatives shall have the right to audit, to examine, and to make copies of or extracts from all financial and related records (in whatever form they may be kept, whether written, electronic, or other) relating to or pertaining to this contract kept by or under the control of the Contractor, including, but not limited to those kept by the Contractor, its employees, agents, assigns, successors, and Subcontractors. Such records shall include, but not be limited to, accounting records, written policies and procedures; all paid vouchers including those for out-of-pocket expenses; other reimbursement supported by invoices; ledgers; cancelled checks; deposit slips; bank statements; journals; original estimates; estimating work sheets; contract amendments and change order files; backcharge logs and supporting documentation; insurance documents; payroll documents; timesheets; memoranda; and correspondence.

Contractor shall, at all times during the term of this contract and for a period of five (5) years after the completion of this contract, maintain such records, together with such supporting or underlying documents and materials. The Contractor shall at any time requested by the State, whether during or after completion of this contract and at Contractor's own expense make such records available for inspection and audit (including copies and extracts of records as required) by the State. Such records shall be made available to the State during normal business hours at the Contractor's office or place of business. In the event that no such location is available, then the financial records, together with the supporting or underlying documents and records, shall be made available for audit at a time and location that is convenient for the State. Contractor shall ensure the State has these rights with Contractor's assigns, successors, and Subcontractors, and the obligations of these rights shall be explicitly included in any subcontracts or agreements formed between the Contractor and any Subcontractors to the extent that those subcontracts or agreements relate to fulfillment of the Contractor's obligations to the State.

Costs of any audits conducted under the authority of this right to audit and not addressed elsewhere will be borne by the State unless certain exemption criteria are met. If the audit identifies overpricing or overcharges (of any nature) by the Contractor to the State in excess of one-half of one percent (.5%) of the total contract billings, the Contractor shall reimburse the State for the total costs of the audit. If the audit discovers substantive findings related to fraud, misrepresentation, or non-performance, the Contractor shall reimburse the State for total costs of audit. Any adjustments and/or payments that must be made as a result of any such audit or inspection of the Contractor's invoices and/or records shall be made within a reasonable amount of time (not to exceed 90 days) from presentation of the State's findings to Contractor.

N. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

By submitting a bid, Bidder certifies that there does not now exist any relationship between the Bidder and any person or entity which is or gives the appearance of a conflict of interest related to this Invitation To Bid or project.

The Bidder certifies that it shall not take any action or acquire any interest, either directly or indirectly, which will conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder or which creates an actual or appearance of conflict of interest.

The Bidder certifies that it will not employ any individual known by Bidder to have a conflict of interest.

O. BID PREPARATION COSTS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The State shall not incur any liability for any costs incurred by Bidders in replying to this Invitation To Bid, including any activity related to bidding on this Invitation To Bid.

P. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The Bidder shall not take advantage of any errors and/or omissions in this Invitation To Bid or resulting contract. The Bidder must promptly notify the State of any errors and/or omissions that are discovered.

Q. ASSIGNMENT BY THE STATE

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The State shall have the right to assign or transfer the contract or any of its interests herein to any agency, board, commission, or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska. There shall be no charge to the State for any assignment hereunder.

R. ASSIGNMENT BY THE CONTRACTOR

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The Contractor may not assign, voluntarily or involuntarily, the contract or any of its rights or obligations hereunder (including without limitation rights and duties of performance) to any third party, without the prior written consent of the State, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

S. GOVERNING LAW

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws and statutes of the State of Nebraska. Any legal proceedings against the State of Nebraska regarding this Invitation To Bid or any resultant contract shall be brought in the State of Nebraska administrative or judicial forums as defined by State law. The Contractor must be in compliance with all Nebraska statutory and regulatory law.

T. ATTORNEY'S FEES

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

In the event of any litigation, appeal, or other legal action to enforce any provision of the contract, the Contractor agrees to pay all expenses of such action, as permitted by law, including attorney's fees and costs, if the State is the prevailing party.

U. ADVERTISING

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The Contractor agrees not to refer to the contract award in advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the company or its services are endorsed or preferred by the State. News releases pertaining to the project shall not be issued without prior written approval from the State.

V. NOTIFICATION

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

During the bid process, all communication between the State and a Bidder shall be between the Bidder's representative clearly noted in its bid and the buyer noted in Section II.A., Procuring Office and Contact Person, of this ITB. Bidder is at all times to keep its point of contact updated with the most current information. After the award of the contract, all notices under the contract shall be deemed duly given upon delivery to the staff designated as the point of contact for this ITB, in person, or upon delivery by U.S. Mail, facsimile, or e-mail. Each Bidder should provide in its bid the name, title, and complete address of its designee to receive notices.

1. Except as otherwise expressly specified herein, all notices, requests, or other communications shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given if delivered personally or mailed, by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the parties at their respective addresses set forth above, or at such other addresses as may be specified in writing by either of the parties. All notices, requests, or communications shall be deemed effective upon personal delivery or three (3) calendar days following deposit in the mail.
2. Whenever the Contractor encounters any difficulty which is delaying or threatens to delay its timely performance under the contract, the Contractor shall immediately give notice thereof in writing to the State reciting all relevant information with respect thereto. Such notice shall not in any way constitute a basis for an extension of the delivery schedule or be construed as a waiver by the State of any of its rights or remedies to which it is entitled by law or equity or pursuant to the provisions of the contract. Failure to give such notice, however, may be grounds for denial of any request for an extension of the delivery schedule because of such delay.

Either party may change its address for notification purposes by giving notice of the change, and setting forth the new address and an effective date.

For the duration of the contract, all communication between Contractor and the State regarding the contract shall take place between the Contractor and individuals specified by the State in writing. Communication about the contract between Contractor and individuals not designated as points of contact by the State is strictly forbidden.

W. EARLY TERMINATION

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The contract may be terminated as follows:

1. The State and the Contractor, by mutual written agreement, may terminate the contract at any time.
2. The State, in its sole discretion, may terminate the contract for any reason upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Contractor. Such termination shall not relieve the Contractor of warranty or other obligations incurred under the terms of the contract. In the event of cancellation, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for those products received and accepted by the State.
3. The State may terminate the contract immediately for the following reasons:
 - a. if directed to do so by statute;

- b.** Contractor has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, has admitted in writing its inability to pay debts as they mature, or has ceased operating in the normal course of business;
- c.** a trustee or receiver of the Contractor or of any substantial part of the Contractor's assets has been appointed by a court;
- d.** fraud, misappropriation, embezzlement, malfeasance, misfeasance, or illegal conduct pertaining to performance under the contract by its Contractor, its employees, officers, directors, or shareholders;
- e.** an involuntary proceeding has been commenced by any party against the Contractor under any one of the chapters of Title 11 of the United States Code and (i) the proceeding has been pending for at least sixty (60) calendar days; or (ii) the Contractor has consented, either expressly or by operation of law, to the entry of an order for relief; or (iii) the Contractor has been decreed or adjudged a debtor;
- f.** a voluntary petition has been filed by the Contractor under any of the chapters of Title 11 of the United States Code;
- g.** Contractor intentionally discloses confidential information;
- h.** Contractor has or announces it will discontinue support or provision of the deliverable;
- i.** second or subsequent documented "vendor performance report" form deemed acceptable by the State Purchasing Bureau; or
- j.** Contractor engaged in collusion or ones' actions which could have provided Contractor an unfair advantage in obtaining this contract.

X. BREACH BY CONTRACTOR

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The State may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, if the Contractor fails to perform its obligations under the contract in a timely and proper manner. The State may, by providing a written notice of default to the Contractor, allow the Contractor to cure a failure or breach of contract within a period of thirty (30) calendar days (or longer at State's discretion considering the gravity and nature of the default). Said notice shall be delivered by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, or in person with proof of delivery. Allowing the Contractor time to cure a failure or breach of contract does not waive the State's right to immediately terminate the contract for the same or different contract breach which may occur at a different time. In case of default of the Contractor, the State may contract the goods from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

Y. ASSURANCES BEFORE BREACH

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

If any document or deliverable required pursuant to the contract does not fulfill the requirements of the Intent To Bid/resulting contract, upon written notice from the State, the Contractor shall deliver assurances in the form of additional Contractor resources at no additional cost to the project in order to complete the deliverable, and to ensure that other project schedules will not be adversely affected.

Z. ACCEPTANCE AND PAYMENT OF GOODS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

In the event that the Contractor fails to provide the goods requested by the State, the State will not pay for such products until the same has been received and accepted by the State.

AA. FORCE MAJEURE

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

Neither party shall be liable for any costs or damages resulting from its inability to perform any of its obligations under the contract due to a natural disaster, or other similar event outside the control and not the fault of the affected party ("Force Majeure Event"). A Force Majeure Event shall not constitute a breach of the contract. The party so affected shall immediately give notice to the other party of the Force Majeure Event. The State may grant relief from performance of the contract if the Contractor is prevented from performance by a Force Majeure Event. The burden of proof for the need for such relief shall rest upon the Contractor. To obtain release based on a Force Majeure Event, the Contractor shall file a written request for relief with the State Purchasing Bureau. Labor disputes with the impacted party's own employees will not be considered a Force Majeure Event and will not suspend performance requirements under the contract.

BB. PROHIBITION AGAINST ADVANCE PAYMENT

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

Payments shall not be made until contractual deliverable(s) are received and accepted by the State.

CC. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE /REBATE

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The Contractor agrees to provide a quarterly administrative fee in the form of a check. The fee will be payable to the State for an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the net sales (net of any returns, credits, or adjustments) under the contract for each period as shown below. The Contractor's pricing to the State shall not be adjusted to offset for the equivalent fee amount. Payments shall be made in accordance with following schedule:

Period Ending	Fee Due
December 31	January 31
March 31	April 30

June 30
September 30

July 31
October 31

The Contractor agrees to provide a quarterly utilization report, reflecting new sales to the State during the associated fee period. The report shall be in the format developed by the Lead State and as agreed to by the Contractor. The report will be provided in secure electronic format and/or submitted electronically to the State contact listed in the Addendum

DD. REPORTS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The Contractor shall also provide to the State of Nebraska primary contact person quarterly utilization reports containing at a minimum the following information pertaining to State of Nebraska Utilization:

Purchase order number;
Description;
Quantity; and
Price.

These reports will be provided in Excel format and sent via email on a quarterly basis as follows:

<u>Period End</u>	<u>Report Due</u>
December 31	January 31
March 31	April 30
June 30	July 31
September 30	October 31

Reports shall be sent to: as.materielpurchasing@nebraska.gov.
Please include the Contract Number in the subject line of the email.

EE. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE/REBATE REMITTANCE LOCATION

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

All Administrative Fees/Rebates will be sent to the following address:

State Purchasing Bureau
c/o Central Finance, Administrative Services
1526 K Street, Suite 150
Lincoln, NE 68508

FF. PAYMENT

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

State will render payment to Contractor when the terms and conditions of the contract and specifications have been satisfactorily completed on the part of the Contractor as solely determined by the State. Payment will be made by the responsible agency in compliance with the State of Nebraska Prompt Payment Act (See Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2401 through 81-2408). The State may require the Contractor to accept payment by electronic means such as ACH deposit. In no event shall the State be responsible or liable to pay for any goods provided by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date, and the Contractor hereby waives any claim or cause of action for any such claims.

GG. INVOICES

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

Invoices for payments must be submitted by the Contractor to the agency requesting the goods with sufficient detail to support payment. The terms and conditions included in the Contractor's invoice shall be deemed to be solely for the convenience of the parties. No terms or conditions of any such invoice shall be binding upon the State, and no action by the State, including without limitation the payment of any such invoice in whole or in part, shall be construed as binding or estopping the State with respect to any such term or condition, unless the invoice term or condition has been previously agreed to by the State as an amendment to the contract.

HH. TAXES

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The State is not required to pay taxes of any kind and assumes no such liability as a result of this solicitation. Any property tax payable on the Contractor's equipment which may be installed in a state-owned facility is the responsibility of the Contractor.

II. SEVERABILITY

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

If any term or condition of the contract is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

JJ. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

Data contained in the bid and all documentation provided therein, become the property of the State of Nebraska and the data becomes public information upon opening the bid. If the Bidder wishes to have any information withheld from the public, such information must fall within the definition of proprietary information contained within Nebraska's public record statutes. **All proprietary information the Bidder wishes the State to withhold must be submitted in a sealed package, which is separate from the remainder of the bid, and provide supporting documents showing why such documents should be marked proprietary.** The separate package must be clearly marked PROPRIETARY on the outside of the package. **Bidders may not mark their entire Invitation To Bid as proprietary.** Pricing submitted in Bidder's ITB may not be marked as proprietary information. Failure of the Bidder to follow the instructions for submitting proprietary and copyrighted information may result in the information being viewed by other Bidders and the public. Proprietary information is defined as trade secrets, academic and scientific research work which is in progress and unpublished, and other information which if released would give advantage to business competitors and serve no public purpose (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-712.05(3)). In accordance with Attorney General Opinions 92068 and 97033, Bidders submitting information as proprietary may be required to prove specific, named competitor(s) who would be advantaged by release of the information and the specific advantage the competitor(s) would receive. Although every effort will be made to withhold information that is properly submitted as proprietary and meets the State's definition of proprietary information, the State is under no obligation to maintain the confidentiality of proprietary information and accepts no liability for the release of such information.

KK. CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION/COLLUSIVE BIDDING

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

By submission of this bid, the bidder certifies, that it is the party making the foregoing bid and that the bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a false or sham bid, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the bidder or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the bid are true; and further that the bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted the bid price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any corporation, partnership, company association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid.

LL. PRICES

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

All prices, costs, and terms and conditions outlined in the bid shall remain fixed and valid commencing on the opening date of the bid until an award is made (and for Bidder receiving award unless otherwise so stated in the contract) or the Invitation To Bid is cancelled.

Prices quoted shall be net, including transportation and delivery charges fully prepaid by the Bidder, F. O. B. Destination named in the Invitation to Bid. No additional charges will be allowed for packing, packages or partial delivery costs. When an arithmetic error has been made in the extended total, the unit price will govern.

Contractor represents and warrants that all prices, now or subsequently specified, are as low as and no higher than prices which the Contractor has charged or intends to charge customers other than the State for the same or similar products and services of the same or equivalent quantity and quality for delivery or performance during the same periods of time. If, during the term of the contract, the Contractor shall reduce any and/or all prices charged to any customers other than the State for the same or similar products or services specified herein, the Contractor shall make an equal or equivalent reduction in corresponding prices for said specified products or services.

Contractor also represents and warrants that all prices set forth in the contract and all prices in addition, which the Contractor may charge under the terms of the contract, do not and will not violate any existing federal, state, or municipal law or regulations concerning price discrimination and/or price fixing. Contractor agrees to hold the State harmless from any such violation. Prices quoted shall not be subject to increase throughout the contract period unless specifically allowed by these specifications.

MM. ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

No Bidder shall pay or offer to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission compensation, gift, gratuity, or anything of value to any State officer, legislator, employee or evaluator based on the understanding that the receiving person's vote, actions, or judgment will be influenced thereby. No Bidder shall give any item of value to any employee of the State Purchasing Bureau or any evaluator.

Bidders shall be prohibited from utilizing the services of lobbyists, attorneys, political activists, or consultants to secure the contract. It is the intent of this provision to assure that the prohibition of state contact during the procurement process is not subverted through the use of lobbyists, attorneys, political activists, or consultants. It is the intent of the State that the process of evaluation of bids and award of the contract be completed without external influence. It is not the intent of this section to prohibit Bidders from seeking professional advice, for example consulting legal counsel, regarding terms and conditions of this Invitation To Bid or the format or content of their bid.

If the Bidder is found to be in non-compliance with this section of the Invitation To Bid, they may forfeit the contract if awarded to them or be disqualified from the selection process.

NN. INDEMNIFICATION

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

1. GENERAL

The Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, hold, and save harmless the State and its employees, volunteers, agents, and its elected and appointed officials (“the indemnified parties”) from and against any and all claims, liens, demands, damages, liability, actions, causes of action, losses, judgments, costs, and expenses of every nature, including investigation costs and expenses, settlement costs, and attorney fees and expenses (“the claims”), sustained or asserted against the State, arising out of, resulting from, or attributable to the willful misconduct, negligence, error, or omission of the Contractor, its employees, Subcontractors, consultants, representatives, and agents, except to the extent such Contractor liability is attenuated by any action of the State which directly and proximately contributed to the claims.

2. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Contractor agrees it will, at its sole cost and expense, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the indemnified parties from and against any and all claims, to the extent such claims arise out of, result from, or are attributable to, the actual or alleged infringement or misappropriation of any patent, copyright, trade secret, trademark, or confidential information of any third party by the Contractor or its employees, Subcontractors, consultants, representatives, and agents; provided, however, the State gives the Contractor prompt notice in writing of the claim. The Contractor may not settle any infringement claim that will affect the State’s use of the Licensed Software without the State’s prior written consent, which consent may be withheld for any reason.

If a judgment or settlement is obtained or reasonably anticipated against the State’s use of any intellectual property for which the Contractor has indemnified the State, the Contractor shall, at the Contractor’s sole cost and expense, promptly modify the item or items which were determined to be infringing, acquire a license or licenses on the State’s behalf to provide the necessary rights to the State to eliminate the infringement, or provide the State with a non-infringing substitute that provides the State the same functionality. At the State’s election, the actual or anticipated judgment may be treated as a breach of warranty by the Contractor, and the State may receive the remedies provided under this ITB.

OO. ANTITRUST

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The Contractor hereby assigns to the State any and all claims for overcharges as to goods and/or services provided in connection with this contract resulting from antitrust violations which arise under antitrust laws of the United States and the antitrust laws of the State.

PP. EMPLOYEE WORK ELIGIBILITY STATUS

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within ITB Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:

The Contractor is required and hereby agrees to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of an employee.

If the Contractor is an individual or sole proprietorship, the following applies:

1. The Contractor must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the Department of Administrative Services website at <http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html>

The completed United States Attestation Form should be submitted with the Invitation To Bid response.
2. If the Contractor indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Contractor agrees to provide the US Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the Contractor's lawful presence in the United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.
3. The Contractor understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required and the Contractor may be disqualified or the contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §4-108.

IV. SCOPE OF WORK

The Bidder must provide the following information in response to this Invitation To Bid.

A. SCOPE

It is the intent of this bid invitation to establish contracts to supply the following food categories: **Grocery, Frozen, Bread/Bakery, Milk/Dairy Products, Fresh and Pasteurized Eggs** per the attached specifications from date of award for a period of two (2) years with the option to renew for additional two (2), two-year periods when mutually agreeable to the vendor and the State of Nebraska. The State reserves the right to extend the period of this contract beyond the end date when mutually agreeable to the vendor and the State of Nebraska.

Primary using State Agencies are the Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). A list of current ordering state facilities is found within these specifications, but changes to ordering facilities may be necessary throughout the contract period. Adequate notice of any such changes shall be made to the participating contractors.

All items bid shall be of the latest manufacture in production as of the date of the Invitation to Bid and be of proven performance and under standard design, complete as regularly advertised and marketed. All necessary materials for satisfactory performance of the supplies shall be incorporated into the **Grocery, Frozen, Bread/Bakery, Milk/Dairy Products, Fresh and Pasteurized Eggs** whether or not they may be specifically mentioned below.

Complete specifications, supplier/manufacturer's descriptive literature, nutritional labels and/or advertising data sheets with cuts or photographs may be required prior to an award and should be included with the bid on the IDENTICAL items proposed. Literature should be complete and the latest published. Any information necessary to show compliance with these specifications not given on the supplier/manufacturer's descriptive literature and/or advertising data sheets should be supplied in writing on or attached to the bid document. If supplier/manufacturer's specifications sheets, descriptive literature, nutritional labels, advertising data sheets or information necessary to show compliance with these specifications is not supplied in writing on or attached to the bid document, the bidder will be required to submit requested information within five (5) business days of a written request. Failure to submit requested descriptive literature or advertising data sheets may be grounds to reject the bid.

B. AMENDMENT

This Contract may be amended at any time in writing upon the agreement of both parties.

C. REVISIONS

In the event any product is discontinued or replaced with a newer version during the contract period, the State of Nebraska reserves the right to amend this contract to include the new product.

D. PRICING - CORE LIST and CATALOG

The State of Nebraska intends to enter into Contract(s) for **Grocery, Frozen, Bread/Bakery, Milk/Dairy Products, Fresh and Pasteurized Eggs** for state agencies and/or facilities. The contract(s) will be for a list of common use items identified as a Core List and additional items identified as a Catalog/Non-Core List.

Catalog/Non-Core List items shall be represented by a catalog or current supplier/vendor price list(s) containing **Grocery, Frozen, Bread/Bakery, Milk/Dairy Products, Fresh and Pasteurized Eggs** not called out in the Core List, as shown in the Attachments within this document

Separate Core Lists for each using agency (School Breakfast and Lunch Program is a combined list for using agencies – Attachment M) are attached which shall contain the most repetitively purchased **Grocery, Frozen, Bread/Bakery, Milk/Dairy Products, Fresh and Pasteurized Egg items** and will represent those products which the State wishes to establish as standard items based upon their value to the State in terms of quality and price. The Core List(s) represent those items for which the State expects to receive the greatest consideration for pricing valuation by all bidders. The Core List should represent a greater discount than the Catalog/Non-Core item lists

The Core List identifies the most commonly purchased items but is not a complete list of items purchased by the State, nor does it guarantee future purchase of these products. The State reserves the right to add or remove items from the Core Item list based on usage.

The Core Lists were separated for convenience based on the different needs of the State's agencies. However, these separate Core Lists do not imply that they will be separate contracts, award(s) may be made for all facilities on one contract, whichever is in the best interest of the State.

Catalog/Non-Core List items are defined as those additional items available from the vendor not listed as part of the Core List. Prices for Catalog/Non-Core items shall be determined by applying the quoted discount for the item(s)/category to the vendor's current catalog or vendor's price list(s). The discount percentage for the Catalog/Non-Core items shall remain firm for the duration of the contract period. However, the vendor's catalog/price list can change, but the State's discount will remain firm.

All items not included on the Core Lists shall be considered Catalog Items.

At the request of the State Purchasing Bureau, the vendor shall block on-line ordering availability on certain non-core items as identified by State Purchasing Bureau. **Alcohol, Pork and/or Pork By-Products shall be excluded from any on-line ordering site which will be used by the Department of Correctional Services (NDCS).**

Alcohol shall be excluded from any on-line ordering site which will be used by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

1. PRICE

Core List prices quoted shall be net, including transportation and delivery charges fully prepaid by the vendor, FOB Destination to the ordering state facility/agency. Core List pricing is to remain firm for the initial 180 days of the contract **with the exception of the Fresh Eggs contract** (see Attachment/specifications). After the initial 180 day period, price adjustments may be requested by the contractor(s).

Any request for price adjustment must be submitted in writing to the State Purchasing Bureau a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the initial 180 days and prior to the end of each following quarter of the contract. The price adjustment request must be accompanied by any/all supporting documentation such as a notification letter from the vendor/supplier/ indicating the percentage of increase. The supporting information must clearly establish the increase is for all customers, not to the State of Nebraska alone. Further documentation may be required by the State, to authenticate the increase (such as manufacturer invoices). Failure to supply any requested supporting documentation may be grounds to cancel the contract. The Core Lists are not subject to the discount pricing required for the Non-Core List/Catalog products, but will consist of net, fixed pricing.

Catalog/Non-Core item purchases shall be net, including transportation and delivery charges fully prepaid by the vendor, FOB Destination to the ordering state facility/agency. Discount bid off of supplier/vendor's suggested list price shall remain fixed for the duration of the contract. During the life of the contract, there may be new supplier/vendor's list price schedules published. In the event this occurs, it will be necessary for the contractor to supply the State Purchasing Bureau and any requesting agencies with one (1) copy of each as applicable. New catalog and/or price list(s) will be incorporated into the contract thirty (30) days after receipt by the State Purchasing Bureau. Catalog Price Lists will be updated and supplied automatically to State Purchasing Bureau buyer and designated agency contacts established upon contract award.

Discounts for Catalog/Non-Core items shall be applied to products as presented in Attachments F and L. Grocery, Frozen, Bread/Bakery, Milk/Dairy Products, Fresh and Pasteurized Eggs, Catalog/Non-Core List.

Prices quoted for products on the Core List and Catalog/Non-Core items shall be inclusive of all costs, to include but not limited to storage, processing and/or delivery throughout the State of Nebraska. Vendor cannot impose any additional service fees.

NO price increases are to be billed to the State facilities without prior written approval by the State Purchasing Bureau.

The State further reserves the right to reject any proposed price increase(s), cancel the contract and re-bid if determined in the best interest of the State.

It is understood and agreed that in the event of a reduction in the supplier/vendor's published standard price list for all or any portion of the proposed items, the State of Nebraska will be given full benefit of such decline in price immediately, including any promotional allowances offered to the balance of the trade during the contract period.

2. CORE LIST PRICING

The State will not accept substitutions except as stated above. A supplier/vendor's manufacturer's brand have been provided for some specific items. Where brand names are given, they are listed as guides only, unless otherwise specified. Where listed as "NO SUBSTITUTE" this is the only product that will be

accepted. Vendor is required to list brand name bidding and vendor's product code number. All bid units should match exactly. In those cases where items may have more than one brand name, the vendor may bid on either brand. Please indicate which brand was bid. Bidder must complete Attachments A-E, G-K and M.

Bidder(s) are not required to bid every food category, but should bid all items for the categories they choose to bid. Please pay special attention to the unit of measure on the attached bid sheets, in addition to reviewing and completing the attached specification sheets for each food category.

3. CORE LIST FILL RATE

95% fill rate for core items.

4. CATALOG/NON-CORE PRICING

Prices for Catalog/Non-Core items shall be determined by applying the quoted discount for the item to the supplier/vendor's current catalog or price list. The percentage discount for the items shall remain firm for the duration of the contract period. Bidder must clearly state the date of the catalog or price list used and provide a copy of the catalog to the State Purchasing Bureau upon request.

The pricing structure, consisting of all pricing formulas and pertinent information, for all non-core items must be clearly defined and documented for future auditing purposes.

A firm percentage rate must be quoted--a range of percentages will not be considered.

Catalog/Non-Core Categories have been identified as follows (and vendor catalog items should include the following categories):

- a.** Grocery (excluding core items)
- b.** Frozen (excluding core items)
- c.** Milk/Dairy (excluding core items)
- d.** Bread/Bakery (excluding core items)
- e.** Eggs, Fresh (excluding core items)
- f.** Eggs, Pasteurized (excluding core items)
- g.** Miscellaneous, Including Spices, Creamers, Condiments, Oils and Single Serving Packets (excluding core items)
- h.** Produce, if available. Any produce item is considered a Catalog/Non-Core category for this solicitation and contract award

Pork/Pork By-Products are not to be made available for purchase by NDCS without approval from the State Purchasing Bureau and must be blocked in vendor's on-line order system.

DHHS facilities DO utilize Pork/Pork By-Products. Products containing alcohol will not be allowed by any using State agency.

5. PRICE LISTS AND CATALOGS

After award of the contract(s), the vendor(s) shall supply additional copies of the current catalog or price list used for this Invitation to Bid for distribution to any requesting state agency at no charge, within ten (10) days of request. Additional catalogs and/or price lists may be required and shall be provided without charge. Any catalog or price list revisions which occur during the duration of the contract shall be provided upon request without charge.

E. SUBSTITUTION DEFINITION

Vendor will not permanently substitute any Core List item that has been awarded without prior approval of State Purchasing Bureau.

A one-time approved substitute item does not automatically become identified as an acceptable substitution for future out of stock situations. (This applies to Core and Catalog items alike.) Each time a substitute item needs to replace an out of stock item, the Contractor's customer service representative will be required to get authorization from the ordering agency (Food Service Director or Warehouse Supervisor) prior to making the substitution. The substitute item shall be equivalent in quality and billed at the contracted price. In the event the one-time substituted item costs less than the original ordered item, the State will be charged at the lower price).

Any one-time approved substitute item must be identified on the corresponding invoice as “substitute.” This is necessary in order to track the frequency of occurrence, in relation to fill rates.

If a suitable substitute cannot be provided by the vendor, the using agency may source the product off-contract. The State reserves the right to procure the articles from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

F. OPPORTUNITY BUYS and RIGHTS

The State reserves the right, through the State Purchasing Bureau, to purchase items from other sources as necessary when the vendor cannot perform or for emergency needs.

The State also reserves the right to participate in “Opportunity Buys” that become available for otherwise contracted items when it is in the best interest of the State of Nebraska. Contracted vendors may also offer “Opportunity Buys” to the State facilities as such products become available.

The State considers an “Opportunity Buy” to be items that may be overruns, close to expiration date, discontinued or other product variances that will offer the State substantial discounts beyond contracted pricing. Each using facility or agency may have specific criteria for their approval of such purchases and evaluates such products on a case by case basis. Such purchases will not be considered part of the contract(s) established from this solicitation and must be invoiced separately from contract purchases.

G. QUALITY STANDARDS & USDA REQUIREMENTS

Product quality must meet specifications and be consistent for the term of the contract. A guarantee of satisfactory performance by the supplier and meeting delivery dates are considered to be an integral part of the purchase contract resulting from this bid invitation. All materials must be of first quality, under standard production by the manufacturer and be of standard design, complete as regularly advertised and marketed and be of proven performance. Products are to be fully guaranteed and may be returned for full credit or replacement (at the State’s option) for any reason during (i.e., product expiration date) with no additional charges for shipping or restocking.

Products delivered shall not be past expiration date, at a minimum, and in wholesome condition.

Below are links to the USDA requirements for Grocery, Frozen, Bread/Bakery, Milk/Dairy Products and Fresh Eggs.

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome>

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/standards>

H. INSPECTION OF GOODS

If a simple inspection of the goods would reveal nonconformity, notice of nonconformity should be provided to the vendor as soon as reasonably practical, but not to exceed thirty (30) days from receipt of goods. This includes visual inspection of product to ensure packaging is not damaged, dented or compromised.

I. PACKAGING

See attached specifications for specific food category packaging requirements.

J. WAREHOUSE INSPECTION

Vendor’s warehouse(s) are subject to inspection as required by federal and/or state regulatory entities. Awarded vendors will maintain documentation of any such inspections, corrective plan of action, if warranted, and shall provide copies of such reports and/or documentation to State Purchasing Bureau upon request.

K. ANNUAL USAGE – CORE LISTS

Annual usage figures provided are estimates and are not to be construed as either a minimum or maximum purchase quantity. The orders shall be for the actual quantities of each item ordered by or for any agency during the life of the contract. Vendor shall not impose minimum order requirements.

L. GENERAL SECURITY CONCERNS/SITE RULES and REGULATIONS

Vendor’s delivery personnel will abide in general by all using agency and facility delivery location requirements, including driver and/or delivery personnel carrying proper identification upon their person. Delivery personnel shall comply with all NDCS and DHHS rules and regulations related to delivery security.

Contraband shall not be introduced into any state facility; such items include but are not limited to firearms, ammunition, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, etc. Vehicles, drivers and other delivery personnel may be subject to search upon entering and exiting facility grounds.

1. AGENCY SPECIFIC SECURITY REQUIREMENTS:

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (NDCS) SECURITY and TOBACCO POLICY

The Contractor and all Contractors' employees shall abide by security requirements of the Department of Correctional Services necessary for the safety, security, and good order of the facility in the performance of duties. These include, but are not limited to appropriate dress, conduct, and the confidentiality of inmates/personnel encountered during the performance of the Contract.

Contractor shall make his/her employees aware of the provisions §28-322.01 of the State of Nebraska Revised Statutes that states it shall be a felony for individuals working for or under contract to the Department of Correctional Services to engage in sexual contact or relations with an inmate or parolee within the State correctional system, and that no inmate nor parolee is legally capable of giving consent to any such relationship.

Contractor's personnel shall be subject to departmental security checks prior to their arrival on site, and will carry proper identification with them at all times while on facility grounds.

Contractor shall inform his/her personnel of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Tobacco Policy, which states that tobacco and tobacco-related products are contraband and must not be carried into any NDCS-owned or controlled property. Such products must remain in Contractor's locked vehicle while on NDCS-owned or controlled property.

Contractor's personnel shall be aware that they, their vehicles and items being delivered may be subject to searches upon entering and leaving each facility. Cell phones, pagers and any other item as dictated by the safety, security and good order of the facility will be left with the officer processing the vehicle and will not be allowed into secure institutions. Contractor's personnel should be aware that these checks upon entry and exit can take time, depending upon availability of NDCS staff to provide such checks.

The Department of Correctional Services may require the successful completion of a background check on all employees at any facility maintained by the Department of Correctional Services.

2. AGENCY SPECIFIC SECURITY REQUIREMENTS:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Contractors are prohibited from using or distributing tobacco materials anywhere on DHHS facility campuses/grounds. This No-Tobacco Policy applies seven (7) days a week, 24 hours a day. Tobacco materials may include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, pipes, pipe tobacco, tobacco substitutes, electronic cigarettes, chewing tobacco, cigars, matches, clove cigarettes, cigarette lighters, and other smoking and tobacco-related paraphernalia.

M. DELIVERY SCHEDULES –TYPICAL BY AGENCY

See Attachment N for estimated deliveries for each food category.

N. LIST OF FACILITY/LOCATIONS & SCHEDULE (OPEN TIMES) may be found attached to the end of this document.

O. STANDARD DELIVERY

Standard delivery is expected within 24-48 hours of order placement by using facility.

P. WILL CALL/ PICK-UP

Contractor will allow for the possible need for a State Facility to pick up goods at the Contractor's place of business, in the event of an emergency situation or other unique need. This shall not be a standard business practice.

Q. EMERGENCY ORDERS

The State reserves the right, through the State Purchasing Bureau, to purchase items from other sources as necessary when the vendor cannot perform or for emergency needs.

R. DELIVERY ~ ALL DELIVERIES STATEWIDE

Delivery personnel will be required to deliver and off load all products to a specified area on the inside of the designated facility or dock. It will be the Contractor's responsibility to provide any equipment needed to complete the delivery process. Contractor's delivery personnel must wait for the order to be received, invoice(s) / packing slip(s) verified and signed with discrepancies (shortages, longs, damage, etc.) documented on the delivery invoice. Deliveries must be clearly marked with the purchase order number.

At the time of delivery, a designated State of Nebraska employee will sign the "invoice/packing slip." This signature will only indicate that the order has been received and that the items actually delivered agree with the delivery invoice. This signature does not indicate all items were received in good condition and/or that there is not possible hidden damage.

Each using state facility has its own internal processes for receiving and handling product deliveries. Contractor(s) should expect slight variances in procedures between facilities within agencies and between agencies. **See Attached General Delivery Instructions under Section V, Specifications for each specific Food Category.**

S. ORDERS

Orders will be placed either by, phone, fax, e-mail or Internet. All orders must reference a purchase order number and the purchase order number must be referenced on the packing slip, and invoice. Invoices are to be sent to the "Invoice to" address on the purchase order. Internet ordering capability preferred. Vendor shall not impose minimum order requirements.

T. ON-LINE ORDERING OPTION

Contractor should be able to provide on-line ordering capabilities, at no additional cost to the State, along with other standard means of ordering as listed above. All items covered by the contract and viewed on the Internet must show State pricing.

U. ORDER CONFIRMATION

Line detail order confirmation will be sent via e-mail to the user placing the order and if needed, any additional e-mail addresses linked to the user account. It will also confirm stock of items ordered, and note those items that will not be fulfilled.

V. SAMPLE(S)

After award, facilities may from time to time, request a sample of product in order to ascertain whether it would be a useful inclusion to the facility dietary offerings. New product offerings may be provided by the contractor.

W. REFERENCES

The State reserves the right to check any reference(s), regardless of the source of the reference information, including but not limited to, those that may be identified by the company in the bid, those indicated through the explicitly specified contacts, those that are identified during the review of the bid, or those that result from communication with other entities involved with similar projects.

The State may use a third party to obtain reference checks. Bidding vendors are expected to comply with any third party reference check process used by the State.

List the name, addresses, and the telephone numbers of three companies/businesses that we may contact who are currently using the same equipment being bid for the same application.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

X. CUSTOMER SERVICE

The vendor shall list the name and phone number of the customer service representative who will be assigned to service the State of Nebraska's account:

Customer Service Representative: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

The State reserves the right to effect/request a change in the account representative assigned to this account if his/her performance is deemed consistently unsatisfactory.

Y. OTHER or OPTIONAL SERVICES

Submit with bid response a detailed statement with respect to bidder's Customer Service Philosophy.

Submit with bid response a detailed explanation of bidder's Quality Assurance Measures.

Submit with bid response Additional Services that can be provided which can be found in the attached specifications pages. – See Optional Services.

Notice of Trade Shows to using agencies and State Purchasing Bureau.

Additional Services may be used as a factor in award consideration.

V. INVITATION TO BID - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

Bidder must respond to each of the following statements. Specifications listed are minimum conditions that must be met in order for a Bidder to qualify for the award.

“YES” response means the Bidder guarantees they can meet this condition.

“NO” response means the Bidder cannot meet this condition and will not be considered.

“NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE” responses should be used only with a narrative response in the NOTES/COMMENTS section explaining in detail any deviation from the Bidder’s ability to meet the condition, and an explanation of how this would be determined to be an acceptable alternative to meeting the condition. Alternatives must be detailed in such a way that allows such deviations to be fully evaluated. The State of Nebraska shall determine at its sole discretion whether or not the Bidder’s alternative is an acceptable alternative.

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	1. NON-COMPLIANCE STATEMENT
			A. Read these specifications carefully. Any and all exceptions to these specifications must be written on or attached to quotation request. Any noncompliance may void your quotation. Non-compliance to any single specification can void your bid.
			B. It is the responsibility of Bidders to obtain information and clarifications as provided below. The State of Nebraska is not responsible for any erroneous or incomplete understandings or wrongful interpretations of this Invitation to Bid by any Bidder.
			C. No interpretation related to the meaning of bid specifications or other pre-bid documents will be made orally to any Bidder by the State of Nebraska. Any Invitation To bid interpretation must be put in writing and faxed by the Bidder to: the State Purchasing Bureau, Fax (402) 471-2089 or e-mailed to AS Materiel Purchasing as.materielpurchasing@nebraska.gov by the last day to submit written questions that is specified in the Schedule of Events. (Inquiries received after the last day to submit written questions may not be addressed).
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

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BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	1. CORE GROCERY PRODUCTS AND PRICING
			A. The Bidder shall provide a bid for each Grocery Products core item listed in DHHS Attachment G .
			B. The Bidder shall provide a bid for each Grocery Products core item listed in NDCS Attachment A .
			C. If not already specified, Bidder shall provide the supplier/manufacturer and brand. Core List pricing is to remain firm for the initial 180 days of the contract. Changes to the core product list pricing must be the same change as made available for all customers.
			D. The Contractor must inform the State Purchasing Bureau at least 30 days prior to requesting a change. The contractor must provide documentation explaining their adjustments in costs to manufacture produce or otherwise supply the products in order to adjust the charges for any Core product. See 1. Price within Terms and Conditions.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	2. MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS
			A. For those Core Grocery items identified as Grade A and/or Fancy per USDA, no lesser grade may be substituted.
			B. For those Core Grocery items NOT identified as Grade A and/or Fancy per USDA, Grade B is acceptable. No lesser grade may be substituted.
			C. For information on USDA grading for vegetables, see: http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELDEV3103622
			D. For information on USDA grading for fruit, see: http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELDEV3103621
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	3. ORDER CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR GROCERY PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
			A. A firm order for Department of Correctional Services will be provided to the Contractor by the ordering state facility a minimum of 72 hours before delivery is required.
			B. Line detail order confirmation will be sent via e-mail to the user placing the order within 24 hours of order being placed and if needed, any additional e-mail addresses linked to the user account.
			C. Contractor's Order Confirmation will confirm stock availability. Order Confirmation will identify those items that cannot be filled and offer a one-time alternative equivalent substitute at no additional charge.
			D. Ordering state facility will accept or reject alternative equivalent substitute items via e-mail to the Contractor within 24 hours of receiving notice.
			E. <i>All Catalog/non-core list items ordered or shipped will be invoiced separately.</i>
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	4. ORDER CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR GROCERY PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
			A. A firm order for Department of Health and Human Services will be provided to the Contractor by the ordering state facility a minimum of 48 hours before delivery is required.
			B. Line detail order confirmation will be sent via e-mail to the user placing the order within 24 hours of order being placed and if needed, any additional e-mail addresses linked to the user account.
			C. Contractor's Order Confirmation will confirm stock availability. Order Confirmation will identify those items that cannot be filled and offer a one-time alternative equivalent substitute at no additional charge.
			D. Ordering state facility will accept or reject alternative equivalent substitute items via e-mail to the Contractor within 24 hours of receiving notice.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	5. GROCERY PRODUCTS GENERAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS
			A. Estimated delivery service to each State facility can be found on Attachment N . Facility address and delivery contacts are on attached sheets.
			B. Contractor must segregate orders by each ordering facility on separate pallets and follow USDA/HACCP guidelines for each product category. This includes dry goods, refrigerated goods and frozen items. The intent is that each ordering facility's products are properly handled and segregated from every other ordering facility and/or customer.
			C. Contractor must ensure when loading the trucks that all appropriate temperatures and guidelines are adhered to and there is a barrier between frozen and dry goods to ensure the integrity of the frozen products. All USDA and HACCP guidelines will be adhered to. http://www.fsis.usda.gov/shared/PDF/Transportation_Security_Guidelines.pdf
			D. Delivery personnel may be required to deliver and off load all products to a specified area on the inside of the designated facility or dock. It is the Contractor's responsibility to provide equipment/personnel to complete the delivery process as needed. Note: Some state facilities may be able to assist in the off load process.
			E. Contractor is able to provide alternate delivery methods for facilities that cannot accommodate full size trucks. If "YES", please list size(s) of alternate truck(s) and/or alternate delivery method: _____
			F. DHHS Facility Delivery Instructions: Contractor's delivery personnel must wait for the order to be received, invoice(s) / packing slip(s) verified and signed with discrepancies (shortages, longs, damage, etc.) documented on the delivery invoice. This signature will only indicate that the order has been received and that the items actually delivered agree with the delivery invoice. This signature does not indicate all items were received in good condition and/or that there is not possible hidden damage.
			G. NDCS Facility Delivery Instructions: NDCS Central Warehouse receives all food orders placed for the Nebraska State Penitentiary (NSP) and the Lincoln Correctional Center (LCC). The Tecumseh State Correctional Institution (TSCI) warehouse receives all food orders placed by that facility. For Central Warehouse and Tecumseh deliveries, warehouse staff will acknowledge receipt of orders delivered by stamping the invoice "Receipt Acknowledged – Quantities To Be Verified." Within 72 hours of delivery the product will be shipped to the facility which placed the order and Food Service staff will verify quantities and report any discrepancies to the Contractor. For the Work Ethic Camp (WEC), McCook, warehouse staff will acknowledge receipt of orders delivered by stamping the invoice "Receipt Acknowledged – Quantities To Be Verified." WEC Food Service staff will verify quantities and report any discrepancies to the Contractor. The delivery instructions for all other NDCS facilities are the same as listed in "F" above.

			H. If damage is detected prior to delivery being complete, the product will be returned and a credit memo will be issued by the delivery personnel or acknowledged in writing on the delivery ticket/invoice for credit issuance.
			I. If damage is detected after delivery is complete, the facility will contact the vendor with a list of the damaged items/circumstances of damage as soon as detected.
			J. Deliveries must be clearly marked with the invoice/purchase order number.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	6. CATALOG GROCERY PRODUCTS AND PRICING
			A. The Bidder shall provide a catalog list of items or a link to their website showing a comprehensive list of all additional Grocery items available from the vendor, but not listed as part of the Grocery Core List, DHHS Attachment G.
			B. The Bidder shall provide a catalog list of items or a link to their website showing a comprehensive list of all additional Grocery items available from the vendor, but not listed as part of the Grocery Core List, NDCS Attachment A.
			C. Prices for Catalog items shall be determined by applying the quoted discount for the item to the supplier/vendor's current catalog or price list. The percentage discount for the items shall remain firm for the duration of the contract period. The Bidder shall provide percent discount on NDCS Attachment F and DHHS Attachment L.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	7. SECRETARY OF STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS
			<p>*Prior to contract award and/or upon request of SPB, potential award recipient(s) will be asked to certify compliance with Nebraska Secretary of State Registration by providing a true and exact copy of current (dated within 90 days) valid Certificate of Good Standing or Letter of Good Standing.</p> <p>A. Bidder is a SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP (in which case, no Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing is required)</p> <p>If the Bidder is an Individual or Sole Proprietorship, the following applies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Bidder must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the Department of Administrative Services website at http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html <p>The completed United States Attestation Form should be submitted with the Invitation to Bid response.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If the Bidder indicates on such attestation form that he or she

			<p>is a qualified alien, the Contractor agrees to provide the US Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the Contractor's lawful presence in the United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.</p> <p>3. The Bidder understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required and the Contractor may be disqualified or the contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §4-108.</p>
			B. Bidder is a GENERAL PARTNERSHIP (in which case, no Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing is required)
			C. Bidder is a FOREIGN or DOMESTIC CORPORATION or BUSINESS and a copy of current Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing from the Nebraska Secretary of State is provided within bid submission documents.
			D. Bidder is a FOREIGN or DOMESTIC CORPORATION or BUSINESS and a copy of current Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing from the Nebraska Secretary of State will be provided in a timely manner upon request prior to award.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

End of Grocery Specifications

Frozen Products Specifications and Bidder Instructions 5143 OF

BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	1. CORE FROZEN PRODUCTS AND PRICING
			A. The Bidder shall provide a bid for each Frozen Products core item listed in DHHS Attachment H .
			B. The Bidder shall provide a bid for each Frozen Products core item listed in NDCS Attachment B .
			C. If not already specified, bidder shall provide the supplier/manufacturer and brand. Core List pricing is to remain firm for the initial 180 days of the contract. Changes to the core product list pricing must be the same change as made available for all customers.
			D. The Contractor must inform the State Purchasing Bureau at least 30 days prior to requesting a change. The contractor must provide documentation explaining their adjustments in costs to manufacture, produce or otherwise supply the products in order to adjust the charges for any Core product. See 1. Price within Terms and Conditions.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	2. ORDER CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
			A. A firm order for Department of Correctional Services will be provided to the Contractor by the ordering state facility a minimum of 72 hours before delivery is required.
			B. Line detail order confirmation will be sent via e-mail to the user placing the order within 24 hours of order being placed and if needed, any additional e-mail addresses linked to the user account.
			C. Contractor’s Order Confirmation will confirm stock availability. Order Confirmation will identify those items that cannot be filled and offer a one-time alternative equivalent substitute at no additional charge.
			D. Ordering state facility will accept or reject alternative equivalent substitute items via e-mail to the Contractor within 24 hours of receiving notice.
			E. <i>All Catalog/non-core list items ordered or shipped will be invoiced separately.</i>

NOTES/COMMENTS:

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	3. ORDER CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
			A. A firm order for Department of Health and Human Services will be provided to the Contractor by the ordering state facility a minimum of 48 hours before delivery is required.
			B. Line detail order confirmation will be sent via e-mail to the user placing the order within 24 hours of order being placed and if needed, any additional e-mail addresses linked to the user account.
			C. Contractor's Order Confirmation will confirm stock availability. Order Confirmation will identify those items that cannot be filled and offer a one-time alternative equivalent substitute at no additional charge.
			D. Ordering state facility will accept or reject alternative equivalent substitute items via e-mail to the Contractor within 24 hours of receiving notice.

NOTES/COMMENTS:

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	4. FROZEN PRODUCTS GENERAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS
			A. Estimated delivery service to each State facility can be found on Attachment N . Facility address and delivery contacts are on attached sheets.
			B. Contractor must segregate orders by each ordering facility on separate pallets and follow USDA/HACCP guidelines for each product category. This includes dry goods, refrigerated goods and frozen items. The intent is that each ordering facility's products are properly handled and segregated from every other ordering facility and/or customer.
			C. Contractor must ensure when loading the trucks that all appropriate temperatures and guidelines are adhered to and there is a barrier between frozen and dry goods to ensure the integrity of the frozen products. All USDA and HACCP guidelines will be adhered to. http://www.fsis.usda.gov/shared/PDF/Transportation_Security_Guidelines.pdf
			D. Delivery personnel will be required to deliver and off load all products to a specified area on the inside of the designated facility or dock. It will be the Contractor's responsibility to provide any equipment needed to complete the delivery process if not provided at the facility. Note: Some state facilities may be able to assist in the off load process.
			E. Contractor is able to provide alternate delivery methods for facilities that cannot accommodate full size trucks. If "YES", please list size(s) of alternate truck(s) and/or alternate delivery method: _____

			<p>F. DHHS Facility Delivery Instructions: Contractor's delivery personnel must wait for the order to be received, invoice(s) / packing slip(s) verified and signed with discrepancies (shortages, longs, damage, etc.) documented on the delivery invoice. This signature will only indicate that the order has been received and that the items actually delivered agree with the delivery invoice. This signature does not indicate all items were received in good condition and/or that there is not possible hidden damage.</p>
			<p>G. NDCS Facility Delivery Instructions: NDCS Central Warehouse receives all food orders placed for the Nebraska State Penitentiary (NSP) and the Lincoln Correctional Center (LCC).</p> <p>The Tecumseh State Correctional Institution (TSCI) warehouse receives all food orders placed by that facility.</p> <p>For Central Warehouse and Tecumseh deliveries, warehouse staff will acknowledge receipt of orders delivered by stamping the invoice "Receipt Acknowledged – Quantities To Be Verified." Within 72 hours of delivery the product will be shipped to the facility which placed the order and Food Service staff will verify quantities and report any discrepancies to the Contractor.</p> <p>For the Work Ethic Camp (WEC), McCook, warehouse staff will acknowledge receipt of orders delivered by stamping the invoice "Receipt Acknowledged – Quantities To Be Verified." WEC Food Service staff will verify quantities and report any discrepancies to the Contractor.</p> <p>The delivery instructions for all other NDCS facilities are the same as listed in "F" above.</p>
			<p>H. If damage is detected prior to delivery being complete, the product will be returned and a credit memo will be issued by the delivery personnel or acknowledged in writing on the delivery ticket/invoice for credit issuance.</p>
			<p>I. If damage is detected after delivery is complete, the facility will contact the vendor with a list of the damaged items/circumstances of damage as soon as detected.</p>
			<p>J. Deliveries must be clearly marked with the invoice/purchase order number.</p>
<p>NOTES/COMMENTS:</p>			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	5. CATALOG FROZEN PRODUCTS AND PRICING
			<p>A. The Bidder shall provide a catalog list of items or a link to their website showing a comprehensive list of all additional Frozen items available from the vendor, but not listed as part of the Frozen Core List, DHHS Attachment H.</p>
			<p>B. The Bidder shall provide a catalog list of items or a link to their website showing a comprehensive list of all additional Frozen items available from the vendor, but not listed as part of the Frozen Core List, NDCS Attachment B.</p>

			C. Prices for Catalog items shall be determined by applying the quoted discount for the item to the supplier/vendor's current catalog or price list. The percentage discount for the items shall remain firm for the duration of the contract period. The Bidder shall provide percent discount on NDCS Attachment F and DHHS Attachment L .
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	6. SECRETARY OF STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS *Prior to contract award and/or upon request of SPB, potential award recipient(s) will be asked to certify compliance with Nebraska Secretary of State Registration by providing a true and exact copy of current (dated within 90 days) valid Certificate of Good Standing or Letter of Good Standing.
			<p>A. Bidder is a SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP (in which case, no Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing is required) If the Bidder is an Individual or Sole Proprietorship, the following applies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Bidder must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the Department of Administrative Services website at http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html <p>The completed United States Attestation Form should be submitted with the Invitation to Bid response.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. If the Bidder indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Contractor agrees to provide the US Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the Contractor's lawful presence in the United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program. 3. 4. The Bidder understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required and the Contractor may be disqualified or the contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §4-108.
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			D. Bidder is a FOREIGN or DOMESTIC CORPORATION or BUSINESS and a copy of current Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing from the Nebraska Secretary of State will be provided in a timely manner upon request prior to award.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

End of Frozen Products Specifications

Bread and Bakery Products Specifications and Bidder Instructions 5143 OF

BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	1. CORE BREAD & BAKERY PRODUCTS AND PRICING
			A. The Bidder shall provide a bid for each Bread and Bakery core item listed in DHHS Attachment I .
			B. The Bidder shall provide a bid for each Bread and Bakery core item listed in NDCS Attachment C .
			C. If not already specified, Bidder shall provide the supplier/manufacturer and brand. Core List pricing is to remain firm for the initial 180 days of the contract. Changes to the core product list pricing must be the same change as made available for all customers.
			D. The Contractor must inform the State Purchasing Bureau at least 30 days prior to requesting a change. The contractor must provide documentation explaining their adjustments in costs to manufacture produce or otherwise supply the products in order to adjust the charges for any Core product. See 1. Price within Terms and Conditions.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	2. ORDER CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR BREAD & BAKERY PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
			A. A firm order for Department of Correctional Services will be provided to the Contractor by the ordering state facility a minimum of 24 hours before delivery is required.
			B. Line detail order confirmation will be sent via e-mail to the user placing the order within 24 hours of order being placed and if needed, any additional e-mail addresses linked to the user account.
			C. Contractor's Order Confirmation will confirm stock availability. Order Confirmation will identify those items that cannot be filled and offer a one-time alternative equivalent substitute at no additional charge.
			D. Ordering state facility will accept or reject alternative equivalent substitute items via e-mail to the Contractor within 24 hours of receiving notice.

			<i>E. All Catalog/non-core list items ordered or shipped will be invoiced separately.</i>
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	3. ORDER CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR BREAD AND BAKERY PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
			A. A firm order for Department of Health and Human Services will be provided to the Contractor by the ordering state facility a minimum of 24 hours before delivery is required.
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			D. Ordering state facility will accept or reject alternative equivalent substitute items via e-mail to the Contractor within 24 hours of receiving notice.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	4. BREAD & BAKERY PRODUCTS GENERAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS
			A. Estimated delivery service to each State facility can be found on Attachment N . Facility address and delivery contacts are on attached sheets.
			B. On occasion, 24 hour facilities may request Saturday deliveries. Contractor shall make every effort to accommodate these requests.
			C. All bread and bakery products shall have an expiration/use by date. Delivery trucks and carriers must meet Sanitary Food Act regulations for overall sanitation. Delivery shall be pre-ordered by each facility.
			D. Bread is to be delivered in stackable racks, which are sanitary, non-ferrous and non-corrosive. Racks shall have the capability of being stored in a relatively small area. Bread dollies must be provided when requested.
			E. Delivery personnel will be required to deliver and off load all products to a specified area on the inside of the designated facility or dock. It will be the Contractor's responsibility to provide any equipment needed to complete the delivery process if not provided at the facility. Note: Some state facilities may be able to assist in the off load process.
			F. Contractor is able to provide alternate delivery methods for facilities that cannot accommodate full size trucks. If "YES", please list size(s) of alternate truck(s) and/or alternate delivery method: _____

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			<p>I. If damage is detected prior to delivery being complete, the product will be returned and a credit memo will be issued by the delivery personnel.</p>
			<p>J. If damage is detected after delivery is complete, the facility will contact the vendor with a list of the damaged items/circumstances of damage as soon as detected.</p>
			<p>K. Deliveries must be clearly marked with the invoice/purchase order number.</p>
<p>NOTES/COMMENTS:</p>			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	5. CATALOG BREAD & BAKERY PRODUCTS AND PRICING
			<p>A. The Bidder shall provide a catalog list of items or a link to their website showing a comprehensive list of all additional Bread and Bakery items available from the vendor, but not listed as part of the Bread and Bakery Core List, DHHS Attachment I.</p>
			<p>B. The Bidder shall provide a catalog list of items or a link to their website showing a comprehensive list of all additional Bread and Bakery items available from the vendor, but not listed as part of the Bread and Bakery Core List, NDCS Attachment C.</p>
			<p>C. Prices for Catalog items shall be determined by applying the quoted discount for the item to the supplier/vendor's current catalog or price list. The percentage discount for the items shall remain firm for the duration of the contract period. The Bidder shall provide percent discount on NDCS Attachment F and DHHS Attachment L.</p>

NOTES/COMMENTS:

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	6. SECRETARY OF STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS *Prior to contract award and/or upon request of SPB, potential award recipient(s) will be asked to certify compliance with Nebraska Secretary of State Registration by providing a true and exact copy of current (dated within 90 days) valid Certificate of Good Standing or Letter of Good Standing.
			<p>A. Bidder is a SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP (in which case, no Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing is required)</p> <p>If the Bidder is an Individual or Sole Proprietorship, the following applies:</p> <p>1. The Bidder must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the Department of Administrative Services website at http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html</p> <p>The completed United States Attestation Form should be submitted with the Invitation to Bid response.</p> <p>i. If the Bidder indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Contractor agrees to provide the US Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the Contractor's lawful presence in the United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.</p> <p>ii. The Bidder understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required and the Contractor may be disqualified or the contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §4-108.</p>
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NOTES/COMMENTS:

End of Bread and Bakery Product Specifications

Milk/Dairy Products Specifications and Bidder Instructions 5143 OF

BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	1. CORE MILK/DAIRY PRODUCTS AND PRICING
			A. The Bidder shall provide a bid for each Dairy core item listed in DHHS Attachment J.
			B. The Bidder shall provide a bid for each Dairy core item listed in NDCS Attachment D.
			C. If not already specified, Bidder shall provide the supplier/manufacturer and brand. Core List pricing is to remain firm for the initial 180 days of the contract. Changes to the core product list pricing must be the same change as made available for all customers.
			D. The Contractor must inform the State Purchasing Bureau at least 30 days prior to requesting a change. The contractor must provide documentation explaining their adjustments in costs to manufacture and produce or otherwise supply the products in order to adjust the charges for any Core product. See 1. Price within Terms and Conditions.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	2. GRADING SPECIFICATIONS
			A. For information on USDA grading for dairy, see: http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELDEV3103624
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	3. MILK/DAIRY PACKAGING NEEDS - GENERAL
			A. Bidder can provide cardboard containers and plastic containers for milk per request of facility.

			<p>B. For half-pint individual servings, Bidders should be able to provide either cardboard containers or plastic containers. Illustrations are representative only:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
			<p>C. Bidder can provide 5 Gallon Bladders for dispensing machines.</p> <p>D. Bidder can provide 1 Gallon containers and Half Gallon containers.</p>
<p>NOTES/COMMENTS:</p>			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	4. ORDER CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR MILK/DAIRY PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
			A. A firm order for Department of Correctional Services will be provided to the Contractor by the ordering state facility a minimum of 72 hours before delivery is required.
			B. Line detail order confirmation will be sent via e-mail to the user placing the order within 24 hours of order being placed and if needed, any additional e-mail addresses linked to the user account.
			C. Contractor's Order Confirmation will confirm stock availability. Order Confirmation will identify those items that cannot be filled and offer a one-time alternative equivalent substitute at no additional charge.
			D. Ordering state facility will accept or reject alternative equivalent substitute items via e-mail to the Contractor within 24 hours of receiving notice.
			E. <i>All Catalog/non-core list items ordered or shipped will be invoiced separately.</i>
<p>NOTES/COMMENTS:</p>			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	5. ORDER CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR MILK/DAIRY PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
			A. A firm order for Department of Health and Human Services will be provided to the Contractor by the ordering state facility a minimum of 48 hours before delivery is required.
			B. Line detail order confirmation will be sent via e-mail to the user placing the order within 24 hours of order being placed and if needed, any additional e-mail addresses linked to the user account.
			C. Contractor's Order Confirmation will confirm stock availability. Order Confirmation will identify those items that cannot be filled and offer a one-time alternative equivalent substitute at no additional charge.

			D. Ordering state facility will accept or reject alternative equivalent substitute items via e-mail to the Contractor within 24 hours of receiving notice.
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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	6. MILK/DAIRY PRODUCTS GENERAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS
			A. Estimated delivery service to each State facility can be found on Attachment N . Facility address and delivery contacts are on attached sheets.
			B. Contractor must segregate orders by each ordering facility on separate pallets and follow USDA/HACCP guidelines for each product category. This includes dry goods, refrigerated goods and frozen items. The intent is that each ordering facility's products are properly handled and segregated from every other ordering facility and/or customer.
			C. All delivered product will be clean and free of debris no matter the size or type of container.
			D. Contractor must ensure when loading the trucks that all appropriate temperatures and guidelines are adhered to and there is a barrier between frozen and dry goods to ensure the integrity of the frozen products. All USDA and HACCP guidelines will be adhered to. http://www.fsis.usda.gov/shared/PDF/Transportation_Security_Guidelines.pdf
			E. Delivery personnel will be required to deliver and off load all products to a specified area on the inside of the designated facility or dock. It will be the Vendor's responsibility to provide any equipment needed to complete the delivery process if not provided at the facility. Note: Some state facilities may be able to assist in the off load process.
			F. Contractor is able to provide alternate delivery methods for facilities that cannot accommodate full size trucks. If "YES", please list size(s) of alternate truck(s) and/or alternate delivery method: _____
			G. DHHS Facility Delivery Instructions: Contractor's delivery personnel must wait for the order to be received, invoice(s) / packing slip(s) verified and signed with discrepancies (shortages, longs, damage, etc.) documented on the delivery invoice. This signature will only indicate that the order has been received and that the items actually delivered agree with the delivery invoice. This signature does not indicate all items were received in good condition and/or that there is not possible hidden damage.
			H. NDCS Facility Delivery Instructions: NDCS Central Warehouse receives all food orders placed for the Nebraska State Penitentiary (NSP) and the Lincoln Correctional Center (LCC). The Tecumseh State Correctional Institution (TSCI) warehouse receives all food orders placed by that facility. For Central Warehouse and Tecumseh deliveries, warehouse staff will acknowledge receipt of orders delivered by stamping the invoice "Receipt Acknowledged – Quantities To Be Verified." Within 72 hours of delivery the product will be shipped to the facility which placed the order and Food Service staff will verify quantities and report any discrepancies to the Contractor.

			<p>For the Work Ethic Camp (WEC), McCook, warehouse staff will acknowledge receipt of orders delivered by stamping the invoice "Receipt Acknowledged – Quantities To Be Verified." WEC Food Service staff will verify quantities and report any discrepancies to the Contractor.</p> <p>The delivery instructions for all other NDCS facilities are the same as listed in "G" above.</p>
			I. If damage is detected prior to delivery being complete, the product will be returned and a credit memo will be issued by the delivery personnel.
			J. If damage is detected after delivery is complete, the facility will contact the vendor with a list of the damaged items/circumstances of damage as soon as detected.
			K. Deliveries must be clearly marked with the invoice/purchase order number.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	7. CATALOG MILK/DAIRY PRODUCTS AND PRICING
			A. The Bidder shall provide a catalog list of items or a link to their website showing a comprehensive list of all additional Milk/Dairy items available from the vendor, but not listed as part of the Milk/Dairy Core List, DHHS Attachment J .
			B. Bidder will ensure that Milk/Dairy Catalog categories include Ice Cream and Related Products, Including Soft Serve Mix Options for DHHS and NDCS.
			C. The Bidder shall provide a catalog list of items or a link to their website showing a comprehensive list of all additional Milk/Dairy items available from the vendor, but not listed as part of the Milk/Dairy Core List, NDCS Attachment D .
			D. Prices for Catalog items shall be determined by applying the quoted discount for the item to the supplier/vendor's current catalog or price list. The percentage discount for the items shall remain firm for the duration of the contract period. The Bidder shall provide percent discount on NDCS Attachment F and DHHS Attachment L .
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	8. SECRETARY OF STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS
			<p>*Prior to contract award and/or upon request of SPB, potential award recipient(s) will be asked to certify compliance with Nebraska Secretary of State Registration by providing a true and exact copy of current (dated within 90 days) valid Certificate of Good Standing or Letter of Good Standing.</p> <p>A. Bidder is a SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP (in which case, no Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing is required)</p> <p>If the Bidder is an Individual or Sole Proprietorship, the following applies:</p>

			<p>1. The Bidder must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the Department of Administrative Services website at http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html</p> <p>The completed United States Attestation Form should be submitted with the Invitation to Bid response.</p> <p>iii. If the Bidder indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Contractor agrees to provide the US Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the Contractor's lawful presence in the United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.</p> <p>iv. The Bidder understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required and the Contractor may be disqualified or the contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §4-108.</p>
			B. Bidder is a GENERAL PARTNERSHIP (in which case, no Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing is required)
			C. Bidder is a FOREIGN or DOMESTIC CORPORATION or BUSINESS and a copy of current Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing from the Nebraska Secretary of State is provided within bid submission documents.
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NOTES/COMMENTS:			

End of Dairy Specifications

Fresh Egg Products Specifications and Bidder Instructions 5143 OF

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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	1. CORE FRESH EGG PRODUCTS
			A. The Bidder shall provide a bid for each Fresh Egg Product core item listed in DHHS Attachment K .
			B. The Bidder shall provide a bid for each Fresh Egg Product core item listed in NDCS Attachment E .
			C. Bidder must indicate on bid sheet the pricing under or over the Chicago Urner-Barry Market Price.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	2. FRESH EGGS MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS
			A. Grade A Medium, minimum weight of individual eggs at a rate of 21 ounces per dozen.
			B. Grade A Large, minimum weight of individual eggs are a rate of 24 ounces per dozen.
			C. Eggs shall be clean, sound and odor-free.
			D. Not more than five days shall elapse between grading and delivery. Eggs shall be delivered in clean snug-fitting fiberboard boxes to reduce breakage.
			E. Eggs shall be delivered under refrigeration to a temperature not to exceed 45 degrees F.
			F. Contractor must ensure when loading the trucks that all appropriate temperatures and guidelines are adhered to and there is a barrier between frozen and dry goods to ensure the integrity of the frozen products. All USDA and HACCP guidelines will be adhered to. http://www.fsis.usda.gov/shared/PDF/Transportation_Security_Guidelines.pdf
			G. Eggs shall be purchased and packed in cases of 30 dozen.
			H. Cases and flats shall be clean and in good condition.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	3. ORDER CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR FRESH EGG PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
			A. A firm order for Department of Correctional Services will be provided to the Contractor by the ordering state facility a minimum of 72 hours before delivery is required.
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NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	4. ORDER CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR FRESH EGG PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
			A. A firm order for Department of Health and Human Services will be provided to the Contractor by the ordering state facility a minimum of 48 hours before delivery is required.
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NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	5. FRESH EGG PRODUCTS GENERAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS
			A. Estimated delivery service to each State facility can be found on Attachment N . Facility address and delivery contacts are on attached sheets.
			B. Contractor must segregate Fresh Egg Products by facility on separate pallets and follow HACCP guidelines. Contractor must segregate orders by each ordering facility on separate pallets and follow USDA/HACCP guidelines for each product category. This includes dry goods, refrigerated goods and frozen items. The intent is that each ordering facility's products are properly handled and segregated from every other ordering facility and/or customer.

			<p>C. Contractor must ensure when loading the trucks that all appropriate temperatures and guidelines are adhered to and there is a barrier between frozen and dry goods to ensure the integrity of the frozen products. All USDA and HACCP guidelines will be adhered to. http://www.fsis.usda.gov/shared/PDF/Transportation_Security_Guidelines.pdf</p>
			<p>D. Delivery personnel will be required to deliver and off load all products to a specified area on the inside of the designated facility or dock. It will be the Vendor's responsibility to provide any equipment needed to complete the delivery process if not provided at the facility. Note: Some state facilities may be able to assist in the off load process.</p>
			<p>E. Contractor is able to provide alternate delivery methods for facilities that cannot accommodate full size trucks.</p> <p>If "YES", please list size(s) of alternate truck(s) and/or alternate delivery method: _____</p>
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			<p>H. If damage is detected prior to delivery being complete, the product will be returned and a credit memo will be issued by the delivery personnel.</p>
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<p>NOTES/COMMENTS:</p>			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	6. CATALOG FRESH EGG PRODUCTS AND PRICING
			A. If available, the Bidder shall provide a catalog list of items or a link to their website showing a comprehensive list of all additional Fresh Egg Products available from the vendor, but not listed as part of the Fresh Egg Products Core List, DHHS Attachment K .
			B. If available, the Bidder shall provide a catalog list of items or a link to their website showing a comprehensive list of all additional Fresh Egg Products available from the vendor, but not listed as part of the Fresh Egg Products Core List, NDCS Attachment E .
			C. Prices for Catalog items shall be determined by applying the quoted discount for the item to the supplier/vendor's current catalog or price list. The percentage discount for the items shall remain firm for the duration of the contract period. The Bidder shall provide percent discount on NDCS Attachment F and DHHS Attachment L .
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			Standing from the Nebraska Secretary of State is provided within bid submission documents.
			D. Bidder is a FOREIGN or DOMESTIC CORPORATION or BUSINESS and a copy of current Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing from the Nebraska Secretary of State will be provided in a timely manner upon request prior to award.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

End of Fresh Eggs Specs

Fresh Hard Shell Pasteurized Egg Products Specifications and Bidder Instructions 5143 OF

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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	1. CORE FRESH HARD SHELL PASTEURIZED EGG PRODUCTS
			A. The Bidder shall provide a bid for each Fresh Hard Shell Pasteurized Egg Product core item listed in DHHS Attachment K .
			B. If not already specified, Bidder shall provide the supplier/manufacturer and brand. Core List pricing is to remain firm for the initial 180 days of the contract. Changes to the core product list pricing must be the same change as made available for all customers.
			C. The Contractor must inform the State Purchasing Bureau at least 30 days prior to requesting a change. The contractor must provide documentation explaining their adjustments in costs to manufacture produce or otherwise supply the products in order to adjust the charges for any Core product. See 1. Price within Terms and Conditions.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	2. FRESH HARD SHELL PASTEURIZED EGGS MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS
			A. Grade A large, minimum weight of individual eggs are a rate of 24 ounces per dozen.
			B. Eggs shall be clean, sound and odor-free
			C. Eggs shall be delivered with no less than 14 days of shelf life remaining. Eggs shall be delivered in clean snug-fitting fiberboard boxes to reduce breakage.
			D. Eggs shall be delivered under refrigeration to a temperature not to exceed 45 degrees F.
			E. Eggs shall be purchased and packed in cases of 15 dozen.
			F. Cases and flats shall be clean and in good condition.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	3. ORDER CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR FRESH HARD SHELL PASTEURIZED EGG PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
			A. A firm order for Department of Health and Human Services will be provided to the Contractor by the ordering state facility a minimum of 48 hours before delivery is required.
			B. Line detail order confirmation will be sent via e-mail to the user placing the order within 24 hours of order being placed and if needed, any additional e-mail addresses linked to the user account.
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NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	4. FRESH HARD SHELL PASTEURIZED EGG PRODUCTS GENERAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS
			A. Estimated delivery service to each State facility can be found on Attachment N . Facility address and delivery contacts are on attached sheets.
			B. Contractor must segregate Fresh Egg Products by facility on separate pallets and follow HACCP guidelines. Contractor must segregate orders by each ordering facility on separate pallets and follow USDA/HACCP guidelines for each product category. This includes dry goods, refrigerated goods and frozen items. The intent is that each ordering facility's products are properly handled and segregated from every other ordering facility and/or customer.
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NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	5. CATALOG FRESH HARD SHELL PASTEURIZED EGG PRODUCTS AND PRICING
			A. The Bidder shall provide a catalog list of items or a link to their website showing a comprehensive list of all additional Fresh Hard Shell Pasteurized Egg Products available from the vendor, but not listed as part of the Fresh Hard Shell Pasteurized Egg Product Core List, DHHS Attachment K .
			B. Prices for Catalog items shall be determined by applying the quoted discount for the item to the supplier/vendor's current catalog or price list. The percentage discount for the items shall remain firm for the duration of the contract period. The Bidder shall provide percent discount on NDCS Attachment F and DHHS Attachment L .
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NOTES/COMMENTS:			

End of Fresh Pasteurized Eggs Specs

Western Nebraska Delivery Availability

Bidder Instructions 5143 OF

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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	1. WESTERN NEBRASKA VETERANS’ HOME (WNVH), Scottsbluff, NE
			A. Bidder is able to deliver food products to the Western Nebraska Veterans’ Home in Scottsbluff.
			B. Bidder list delivery time ARO: _____
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	2. WORK ETHIC CAMP (WEC), McCook, NE
			A. Bidder is able to deliver food products to the Work Ethic Camp in McCook.
			B. Bidder list delivery time ARO: _____
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

End of Western Nebraska Delivery Availability

National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs
Locations: Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers – Geneva and Kearney
Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility -Omaha

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YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	1. NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM
			A. DHHS Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers in Kearney and Geneva must comply with the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Contractor shall provide a list of all items available which have Child Nutrition Labels. The items can be either core or catalog items. See link below: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnlabeling/child-nutrition-cn-labeling-program
			B. NDCS Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility in Omaha must comply with the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Contractor shall provide a list of all items available which have Child Nutrition Labels. The items can be either core or catalog items. See link below: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnlabeling/child-nutrition-cn-labeling-program
			C. With their bid, Bidder shall provide a list of all available products that meet the USDA National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. This includes foods that are whole-grain rich. Foods that meet the whole grain-rich criteria for the school meal programs contain at least 51 percent whole-grain meal and/or flour. The remaining 49 percent or less of grains, if any, must be enriched. Awarded vendors will comply with and/or adapt to any new guidelines for such programs as necessary.
			D. Contractors must comply with the Federal Register for Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs (77 FR 4088) which can be found in the link below: http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-01-26/pdf/2012-1010.pdf
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	2. CORE SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PRODUCTS AND PRICING
			A. The Bidder shall provide a bid for each School Lunch and Breakfast Products core item listed in Combined School Lunch Program Core List Attachment M .
			B. If not already specified, Bidder shall provide the supplier/manufacturer and brand. Core List pricing is to remain firm for the initial 180 days of the contract. Changes to the core product list pricing must be the same change as made available for all customers.
			C. The Contractor must inform the State Purchasing Bureau at least 30 days prior to requesting a change. The contractor must provide documentation explaining their adjustments in costs to manufacture, produce or otherwise supply the products in order to adjust the charges for any Core product. See 1. Price within Terms and Conditions.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	3. CATALOG SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PRODUCTS AND PRICING
			A. The Bidder shall provide a catalog list of items or a link to their website showing a comprehensive list of all additional School Lunch and Breakfast Products items available from the vendor, but not listed as part of the NDCS & DHHS Combined School Lunch Program Core List Attachment M .
			B. Prices for Catalog items shall be determined by applying the quoted discount for the item to the supplier/vendor;s current catalog or price list. The percentage discount for the items shall remain firm for the duration of the contract period.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	4. ORDER CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
			A. A firm order for Department of Correctional Services will be provided to the Contractor by the ordering state facility a minimum of 72 hours before delivery is required.
			B. Line detail order confirmation will be sent via e-mail to the user placing the order within 24 hours of order being placed and if needed, any additional e-mail addresses linked to the user account.
			C. Contractor's Order Confirmation will confirm stock availability. Order Confirmation will identify those items that cannot be filled and offer a one-time alternative equivalent substitute at no additional charge.
			D. Ordering state facility will accept or reject alternative equivalent substitute items via e-mail to the Contractor within 24 hours of receiving notice.
			E. <i>All Catalog/non-core list items ordered or shipped will be invoiced separately.</i>

NOTES/COMMENTS:

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	5. ORDER CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
			A. A firm order for Department of Health and Human Services will be provided to the Contractor by the ordering state facility a minimum of 48 hours before delivery is required.
			B. Line detail order confirmation will be sent via e-mail to the user placing the order within 24 hours of order being placed and if needed, any additional e-mail addresses linked to the user account.
			C. Contractor's Order Confirmation will confirm stock availability. Order Confirmation will identify those items that cannot be filled and offer a one-time alternative equivalent substitute at no additional charge.
			D. Ordering state facility will accept or reject alternative equivalent substitute items via e-mail to the Contractor within 24 hours of receiving notice.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	6. FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM GENERAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS
			A. Estimated delivery service to each State facility can be found on Attachment N . Facility address and delivery contacts are on attached sheets.
			B. Contractor must segregate orders by each ordering facility on separate pallets and follow USDA/HACCP guidelines for each product category. This includes dry goods, refrigerated goods and frozen items. The intent is that each ordering facility's products are properly handled and segregated from every other ordering facility and/or customer.
			C. Contractor must ensure when loading the trucks that all appropriate temperatures and guidelines are adhered to and there is a barrier between frozen and dry goods to ensure the integrity of the frozen products. All USDA and HACCP guidelines will be adhered to. http://www.fsis.usda.gov/shared/PDF/Transportation_Security_Guidelines.pdf
			D. Delivery personnel may be required to deliver and off load all products to a specified area on the inside of the designated facility or dock. It is the Vendor's responsibility to provide equipment/personnel to complete the delivery process as needed. Note: Some state facilities may be able to assist in the off load process.

			<p>E. Contractor is able to provide alternate delivery methods for facilities that cannot accommodate full size trucks.</p> <p>If "YES", please list size(s) of alternate truck(s) and/or alternate delivery method: _____</p>
			<p>F. Contractor's delivery personnel must wait for the order to be received, invoice(s) / packing slip(s) verified and signed with discrepancies (shortages, longs, damage, etc.) documented on the delivery invoice. This signature will only indicate that the order has been received and that the items actually delivered agree with the delivery invoice. This signature does not indicate all items were received in good condition and/or that there is not possible hidden damage.</p>
			<p>G. If damage is detected prior to delivery being complete, the product will be returned and a credit memo will be issued by the delivery personnel or acknowledged in writing on the delivery ticket/invoice for credit issuance.</p>
			<p>H. If damage is detected after delivery is complete, the facility will contact the vendor with a list of the damaged items/circumstances of damage as soon as detected.</p>
			<p>I. Deliveries must be clearly marked with the invoice/purchase order number.</p>
<p>NOTES/COMMENTS:</p>			

End of School Lunch and Breakfast Programs

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BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

Bidder must respond to each of the following statements. Specifications listed are minimum conditions that must be met in order for a bidder to qualify for the award. A “YES” response means the bidder guarantees they can meet this condition. A “NO” response means the bidder cannot meet this condition and will not be considered. “NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE” responses should be used only with a narrative response in the NOTES/COMMENTS section explaining in detail any deviation from the bidder’s ability to meet the condition, and an explanation of how this would be determined to be an acceptable alternative to meeting the condition. Alternatives must be detailed in such a way that allows such deviations to be fully evaluated. The State of Nebraska shall determine at its sole discretion whether or not the vendor’s alternative is an acceptable alternative.

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	1. OPTIONAL SERVICES THAT CAN BE PROVIDED
			A. Dietician support
			B. Medical Religious/Dietary /recipe requirement support
			C. Test Kitchens
			D. Food Cuttings/Testing/Sampling of New Products
			E. Product Development
			F. Menu and Recipe Development support
			G. Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points Training or other Food Handling Training, please list below: <hr/>
			H. School Lunch and Breakfast Program recipes and product development/implementation
			I. Loaner program for refrigerated/freezer storage in the event of an emergency at any using State Facility.
			J. For any of these additional services, please attach list specifying availability by location. Designate any fees or charges with document.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

End of Optional Services

**Form A
Bidder Contact Sheet
Invitation To Bid Number 5143 OF**

Form A should be completed and submitted with each response to this Invitation to Bid. This is intended to provide the State with information on the Bidder's name and address, and the specific person(s) who are responsible for preparation of the Bidder's response.

Preparation of ITB Contact Information	
Bidder Name:	
Bidder Address:	
Contact Person & Title:	
E-mail Address:	
Telephone Number (Office):	
Telephone Number (Cellular):	
Fax Number:	

Each Bidder shall also designate a specific contact person who will be responsible for responding to the State if any clarifications of the Bidder's response should become necessary.

Communication with the State Contact Information	
Bidder Name:	
Bidder Address:	
Contact Person & Title:	
E-mail Address:	
Telephone Number (Office):	
Telephone Number (Cellular):	
Fax Number:	

ADDRESS AND RECEIVING HOURS FOR NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FACILITIES

Facility Letter	Facility Address & Telephone Number	Phone/Fax Number	Delivery Hours	Food Service Director	Special Instructions
A	DCS Central Warehouse 1001 Pioneers Blvd Lincoln, NE 68502	Phone: 402-479-3010 Fax: 402-479-3248	Monday - Friday 8:00 AM-2:00 PM		
B	Tecumseh State Correctional Institution 2725 North Highway 50 Tecumseh, NE 68450 P.O. Box 900 Tecumseh, NE 68450	Phone: 402-335-5998 Fax: 402-335-5115	Monday-Friday 7:00 AM-3:00 PM	Teresa Kalin 402-335-5157	
F	Diagnostic & Evaluation Center 3220 West Van Dorn St Lincoln, NE 68522 P.O. Box 22800 <u>Lincoln, NE 68542-2800</u>	Phone: 402-471-3330 Fax: 479-6396	Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 11:30 AM 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Janet Boyer 402-479-6215	All items delivered to Central Warehouse unless otherwise requested.
H	Lincoln Correctional Center 3216 West Van Dorn St. 68522 Lincoln, Ne 68522-9278 P.O. Box 22800 Lincoln, NE 68542-2800	Phone: 402-471-2861 Fax: 402-479-6100	Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 11:30 AM 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Janet Boyer 402-479-6215	All items delivered to Central Warehouse unless otherwise requested. Loading dock doors at LCC will accommodate trucks meeting the following dimensions: 117" high, 37" deep and 97" wide.
I	Cornhusker State Industries(Business Office) 800 Pioneers Blvd. Lincoln, NE 68522	Phone: 402-471-1264 Fax: 402-471-1263			Full semi-loads requested before noon.
I	Cornhusker State Industries (Warehouse) 800 Pioneers Blvd. Lincoln, NE 68522	Phone: 402-471-1264 Fax: 402-471-1263	Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM		Full semi-loads requested before noon.
J	Nebraska State Penitentiary 4201 S. 14th Street Lincoln, NE 68502 P.O. Box 2500 Lincoln, NE 68542-2500	Phone: 402-471-3161 Fax: 402-471-4326	Monday - Friday 8AM-2PM accept deliveries thru lunch	Shawn Shores 402-479-3319 Greg Burianek 402-479-3439	All items delivered to Central Warehouse unless otherwise noted. Dairy delivered to the kitchens.
K	Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility 2610 N. 20th Street East Omaha, NE 68110	Phone: 402-595-2000	Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Nicole Ramer 402-636-8660	
L	Omaha Correctional Center 2323 East Ave J Omaha, NE 68110 P.O. Box 11099 Omaha, NE 68111-0099	Phone: 402-595-3963 Fax: 402-595-2227	Monday-Friday 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM 12:00 AM - 2:30 PM	Tim Dickey 402-522-7010	
M	Work Ethic Camp 2309 N Hwy 83 McCook, NE 69001 P.O. Box 1150 McCook, NE 69001-1150	Phone: 308-345-8405 Fax: 308-345-8407	Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 15:30 PM	Clarice Shields 308-345-8405 ext. 226	Trucks must be shut off or cab locked.
O	Community Correctional Center - Omaha 2320 E Avenue "J" Omaha, NE 68110	Phone: 402-595-2010 Fax: 402-595-2227	Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Jeryl Carey 402-522-7065	
P	Residential Treatment Center - @ NSP 4201 S. 14th Street Lincoln, NE 68502	Phone: 402-479-3397	Monday - Friday 7:00AM-11:30AM 12:00PM-3:00PM		All items delivered to Central Warehouse unless otherwise noted
Q	DCS Pharmacy 2620 West Van Dorn St. Lincoln, NE 68522	Pharm. Phone: 402-471-7805 & 7806 Medical Supply Phone: 402-471-7807 Fax: 402-471-7809	Monday - Friday 7:00AM-3:30PM		
R	Nebraska Correctional Center for Women 1107 Recharge Rd York, NE 68467-8003	Phone: 402-362-3317 Fax: 402-362-3892	Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM	Joyce Plock 402-362-3317 ext, 252	Delivery Driver will be required to unload the shipment with minimal or no assist from facility staff.
T	Central Office, Bldg #1 (Double "Y") 801 W. Prospector Place, Bldg. #1 Lincoln, NE 68522	Phone: 402-471-2654	Monday - Friday 8:30-11:30 12:30-15:30		All items delivered to Central Warehouse unless otherwise noted.
W	Community Correctional Center - Lincoln 2720 West Van Dorn St. Lincoln, NE 68522 P.O. Box 2200 Lincoln, NE 68542-2200	Phone: 402-471-6271 Fax: 402-471-6268	Monday - Friday 5:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Belinda England 402-471-6263	
Z	Federal Surplus 2700 West Van Dorn St. Lincoln, NE 68522	Phone: 402-471-2677	Monday - Friday 8:00 AM-3:30PM		

HHS FACILITIES
VENDOR RECEIVING HOURS AND LOCATIONS
NO DELIVERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON STATE HOLIDAYS

A.	Beatrice State Developmental Center 3000 E Lincoln Blvd Beatrice, NE 68310 Diana Knoop, Purchasing (402) 223-6816 Fax: 402-223-7546	Dock 1 Sheridan Ind Dock 2 Maintenance Dock 5 North Laundry Dock 5 South	7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 6:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
B.	Norfolk Veterans' Home 600 E Benjamin Ave Norfolk, NE 68701 402-370-3330 Fax: 402-370-3190	Lori Burns, Bus. Mgr. 402-370-3178 Kate Renter, Supply Supervisor 402-370-3104	6:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. No deliveries accepted 12:00 pm-12:30 pm
C.	Grand Island Veterans' Home 2300 West Capital Ave. Burkett Station Grand Island, NE 68803 308-385-6252 Fax: 308-385-6257	Loading Dock WWII Bldg Lisa Sedlak, Food Svc Rod Halm, Commissary Sup.	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
D.	Hastings Regional Center W 2 St. PO Box 579 Hastings, NE 68901 Terry Blum, Supply Supervisor 402-462-1971 Fax: 402-460-3134	Bldg 3 Pharmacy Bldg 15 Food Supply Bld 7 Inst Supply Bldg 5 UPS	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
E.	Eastern Nebraska Veteran's Home 12505 South 40 th Street Bellevue, NE 68123 402-595-2180 Fax: 402-591-4943	David Moon, Bus. Mgr. (402) 591-4949 Rebecca McDaniel, Food Svc. 402-591-4911 Thomas Dudderar, Supply Svc. 402-591- 4897	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. All Deliveries should be sent to the attention of the Ordering Department or Supply Services if a department is not specified.
F.	Lincoln Regional Center 2705 Folsom St. Lincoln, NE 68522 402-471-4444	K Bldg (All Deliveries) Randy Willey, Administrator of Financial Management 402-479-5244 Anne Regelean, Food Svc 402-479-5445	5:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
G.	Western Nebraska Veterans' Home 1102 W 42 St Scottsbluff, NE 69361 308-632-0300	Main Bldg Sandy Schuldies, Bus Mgr 308-632-0314 Marci Docekal, Food Svc 308-632-0327	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. No deliveries accepted: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Deliveries allowed on holidays for this facility.

HHS FACILITIES
VENDOR RECEIVING HOURS AND LOCATIONS
NO DELIVERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON STATE HOLIDAYS

H.	Norfolk Regional Center 1700 N Victory Rd Norfolk, NE 68701 Fax: 402-370-4229	Diane Charles, Food Service Supervisor 402-370-3358 Lori Rector, 402-370- 3206	6:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. No deliveries between 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. No deliveries Saturday or Sunday
I.	Center For Children/Youth Lincoln Reg. Ctr., East Campus 5845 Huntington Ave. Lincoln, NE 68507 402-471-6969	Charles Wooldridge, Non Clinical Supervisor Kitchen 402-471-6912 Fax: 402-471-6948	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
J.	Youth Rehab & Treatment Center Route 1, Box 23A Geneva, NE 68361 402-759-3164 Fax: 402-759-4804	Sandi Renken, Business Mgr. Jon Eisenhauer, Food Service, Mgr.	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
K.	Youth Rehab & Treatment Center 2802 30 th Avenue Kearney, NE 68845 308-865-5313 Fax: 308-865-5323	Rita Uldrich, Business Mgr. Lindsey Eads, Purchasing	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday No Delivery 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.