



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

May 18, 2016

MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – WIC FOOD IFB
RFx#3160000944 – Due 10:30 A.M., Friday, May 27, 2016

Clarification/Answers to Questions Concerning RFx#3160000944:

Where samples are required, how many samples will be sufficient? **One is sufficient.**
Samples are not required of every item – only items where it specifically states to send sample.
If a sample is required, it would apply to new and existing vendors.

Confirm where to send the samples? **MSDH-WIC Central Office**
Attn: Gwendolyn Ducksworth
805 S. Wheatley Street, Suite 400 B
Ridgeland, MS 39157

When was the last bid for the food card? **The MSDH WIC Program still operates using a warehouse system for our WIC clients. We have never had a bid for a “food” card.**

How many bidders were there? **N/A**

Name and contact info for the last WIC Package bidder? **N/A**

List of bidders and winners from the last cycle? **For the last MSDH WIC Food IFB we received bids from SuperValue (804-746-6045) and Associated Grocers (225-444-1240) - SuperValue was awarded the IFB.**

Some of our product samples will not have finished labels by May 20. We propose to send manufactured product in plain white 32 ounce UHT containers that show product name, ingredients, nutrition panel and UPC. We will submit electronic label files and can also send paper copies of the labels to you. Does this meet with your requirements for samples? **Yes, this is permissible.**

Regarding the Juice submission – Package Type: Cans and PET plastic bottles? Is one format preferred? Cans v PET plastic bottles. **No Preference**

Paperwork states that we must “bid on the following 4 nationally”. Does this mean we have to bid on all 4 flavors? **No. This is at the discretion of your company. The bid does not state that you “must” bid on all items. We are requesting pricing for all four juices. The one with the lowest price will be chosen.**

If we choose to use a distributor, does the distributor need to be a MS WIC approved vendor? **All of our orders are placed with and filled by the ONE winner of this bid. Unless you are submitting a bid directly to our agency for every item on this bid request, and are the awarded bidder, we would not be ordering directly from your company.**

For clarification, If we bid to supply one item for the Mississippi WIC program, would we be expected to ship to each of the 98 locations outlined in the attachment? **NO, Again, unless you are submitting a bid directly to our agency for every item on this bid request, and are the awarded bidder, we would not be ordering directly from your company. Our orders would be placed with the ONE winner of this bid.**

Is it possible to attend the May 27 bid opening for RFX #3160000944 by phone? **Attending by phone is not available.**

What is the timing needed for these products? Once the bid process is underway, what is the timing for contract award and first ship/delivery? **After bid opening, the contract award will be made in early June. Shipments will begin in July, 2016.**