

**Bid Recommendation of \$500,000 or Greater**  
**Bid 15-101V – Fresh Produce for Cafeterias**  
**March 17, 2015 Board Agenda**  
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**CONTINUATION OF SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND**

This Bid incorporates the USDA's new meal pattern that became effective on July 2012. The five meal components that changed were milk, fruits, vegetables, grains, and meat/meat alternates. School breakfast and lunches must meet meal pattern and nutrition standards based on the latest USDA Regulations for meal reimbursement. The current meal pattern increases the availability of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains in the school menu.

**USDA REGULATIONS**

This contract has been directly impacted by regulations implemented by the USDA, as well as new initiatives of the Food and Nutrition Services Program.

**Lunch (2012-13)**

- Old Regulation: Offer a total of  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup fruit and/or vegetable daily.
- New Regulation: Offer  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup fruit /juice daily and  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup vegetable daily.
- Impact: An increase of  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup serving of fruit /juice or vegetable daily resulting in increased quantities of fresh produce purchased.
  
- Old Regulation: There were no subgroups.
- New Regulation: Offer subgroups in the vegetable category. The subgroups are green, red/orange, beans, starchy, and other.
- Impact: To meet the subgroups, more fresh produce was added to the menu resulting in increased quantities of fresh produce purchased.

Food and Nutrition Services projects using \$230,000 in produce a week, based on 38 weeks of purchases = \$8,740,000. \$8,740,000 x 3 Years = \$26,220,000.