

1. What do you mean when you say the different values by each committee member will be averaged together?

The committee members will score each vendor that submits a proposal separately. For each question, the committee member responses will be averaged and result in one score for each vendor and this is the total that we will use to grade the vendor.

2. Will the food categories be weighted based on the dollar value that you spend per category?

Yes, we will actually do the math based on the mark up that you give us; we are looking for the lowest across the board annual cost for all categories.

3. Does the educational donation aspect of the RFP refer simply to monetary or product donations, or would donations of educational seminars be considered

Yes, educational seminars would be considered in terms of the educational donation aspect of the RFP

4. Would you consider a product not represented in the current bid information?

Yes, products that are of equal quality to the currently specified products will be considered. To be considered, a manufacturer needs to find a vendor willing to carry their product and give them a bid. After the responses have been turned in on November 2, 2009, we will do a blind taste of the currently specified item and the item of interest. If the item of interest is found to be of acceptable quality it can then be included as a reasonable substitute on the bid.

5. If the scores between two vendors are close, will a secondary, or back up vendor be awarded?

No, no back up vendor will be awarded. The prime vendor is expected to fulfill the needs of dining services singularly. If the prime vendor cannot fulfill these needs, we reserve the right to end the contract and begin a new search for a prime vendor.

6. Will the prime vendor supply all products? Are you interested in using a local produce vendor in conjunction with the prime vendor?

We were very specific about items that were excluded from the prime vendor contract. The prime vendor will be responsible for supplying the bulk of the University's produce.

7. Do we have to respond to section 5.21?

Although not a mandatory section, please address.

8. Are paper goods and disposables for the entire University included in the bid?

No, just papers goods and disposables used by Dining Services

9. Is Stockpot exclusion?

Yes, however we will consider an alternate to Stockpot

10. Can Stockpot use a distributor if they wish?

Yes.

11. Is there anyone within the University that manufacturers can speak to and ask questions about University policies before the 11/2 deadline?

Tom Fiebiger is the only acceptable contact.

12. Do you intend to purchase 65% of your goods from the prime vendor?

Yes, the items in the RFP represent 65% of our annual purchases.

13. Can Seattle's Best Products, both the coffees & disposables be a part of this rfp?

Yes, they already are included in the rfp document.

14. Where can we find information on sustainability efforts at the University?

At the UA Sustainability website: www.sustainability.arizona.edu

End of Addendum #1 for rfp L061014. All else remains the same