RESPONSE TO WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY DEADLINE AMENDMENT 1 TO RFP GUIDELINES

Background Information Questions

1. What are the current prices per meals?
   The price per meal is reflected in the current contract after consumer price index adjustments and as such is considered public information. The County currently pays $3.72 per meal. This price is for all meals including medical, religious (excluding pre-packaged meals), vegetarian (lacto-ovo), and other special diet and holiday and event meals. The price per meal also includes one daily snack as required by the California Code of Regulations Title 15.

2. What is current volume of meals serviced each day?
   During November and December 2012, the average weekly volume of meals was 1,950 (or 279 meals daily). However, be sure to use the cost data supplied in Question #5 of the RFP Transmittal Form and Service Response Attachment A when developing your price per meal.

3. Is the Environmental Health Permit issued in the name of the Contractor or the County, and if the County, who is responsible for the associated fee's?
   The Environmental Health permit is issued in the County's name and the County is responsible for the fee. (See section 8 of Exhibit D in the Proposed Contract Attachment B).

4. Who has turned in an intent to bid notification?
   Submittal of a Letter of Intent to Propose, by the specified deadline, is not a prerequisite for submitting a proposal (see section 1.4 of the RFP Guidelines and Instructions). That being said, all prospective vendors which attended the mandatory pre-proposal conference submitted letters of intent to propose. They are, in alphabetical order:
   - Aramark Correctional Services
   - Innovative Federal Operations Group
   - New Era Foods
   - Trinity Services Group

RFP Guidelines and Instruction Questions

No questions were submitted.

Proposal Transmittal Form Questions

5. Can we have a clarification of whether we can use the cook serve /method of service?
   The County's desire is to enter into a contract that meets the County's objectives. The County will consider cook/serve method as well as the current used cook/chill method. Section 5.1 of the RFP Guidelines and Instructions states "The evaluation process is designed to award the procurement, not necessarily to the Proposer with the lowest price, but rather to the Proposer who is fully qualified and best suited among those submitting

proposals". That being said, it is incumbent upon the proposer to submit a proposal that best meets the RFP requirements.

6. Would it be okay to have all the nutritional data on a CD?
   Question 16 requires an item by item computerized nutritional analysis indicating food specifications and a comparison summary to RDA values. Please submit one single hard copy to be included as an attachment to the **one original proposal only**, and include an electronic copy of the analysis on the CD. This analysis will be reviewed by the County dietitian and will be considered when forming her expert opinion.

7. Can we use our Directors references where applicable?
   Your question is unclear. If you are referring to Question #10 of the RFP Transmittal Form and Service Response Attachment A, please note your response is regarding an "on-site" food service manager or director. That being said, it is incumbent upon the proposer to submit a proposal that best meets the RFP requirements.

Proposed Contract Questions

No questions were submitted.