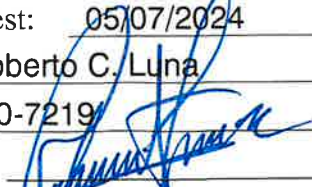


**Cameron County Commissioners' Court
Agenda Request Form**

REF #2205-A

No. **TT**

Date: 04/23/2024 Meeting Date Request: 05/07/2024
Department Name: Purchasing Department Contact Person: Roberto C. Luna
Phone: 544-0871 Fax: 550-7219
Department Head Name: Robert C. Luna Signature: 

Caption: CONSENT ITEM

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE REGION ONE ESC – SOUTH TEXAS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING: REF 2205-A

a. FRESH PRODUCE

Background: *(Briefly summarize your request, if needed use separate sheet(s) or attach supporting documentation).*

Contract Effective to 08/31/24 to extend up to four (4) additional one-year period

**APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT
05/07/2024**

**PLEASE FILL IN ALL BLANKS WITH REQUIRED INITIALS AND FISCAL DATA INFORMATION
OR PLACE N/A IF IS NOT APPLICABLE:**

County Judge N/A Auditor N/A Budget N/A Legal N/A Human Resources N/A Purchasing N/A
1295 Form N/A

Fiscal Data:

Dept. Name: N/A Fund No. N/A
Funds Available: Yes No

Funds From:

Department: Yes N/A No N/A Amt. Expended: \$ N/A
General: Yes N/A No N/A Impact on future budget: Yes No
Grant: Yes N/ No N/A

Comments:

Action taken by Commissioners' Court

Approved Tabled Denied Motion made by Seconded Vote

Purchasing

The Purchasing Department provides quality support and assistance in the area of purchasing to all Region One ESC programs, and its cooperative members in Region One and other school districts, charter schools, and governmental entities throughout the State to operate more efficiently and economically (Texas Education Code §8.002).

Our Process:

The Purchasing Department is committed to ensuring a transparent bid process to our internal and external customers that drives community perceptions. To offer clarity, our standard procedures and timelines are outlined in this [Bid Process Flowchart](#) ([/fs/resource-manager/view/4625ca51-befd-46d0-a37d-3bcc176771e6](#)).

Services

Resources

Bids & Proposals

The Purchasing Department provides quality and effective training and assistance to both our internal and external customers. The primary focus of our cooperatives is to assist participating members in the administration of fiscally sound programs through the procurement of cost effective goods and services, and compliance with all bid law requirements. Authority for such services is granted by Texas Education Code §8.053.

— Child Nutrition Program - South Texas Cooperative (CNP-STC)

The South Texas Cooperative was established on September 8, 1999, and continues to play an integral part in achieving healthy school meals and efficient business practices by ensuring high quality, customer satisfying, cost effective food and supplies for its members. The primary focus of the CNP-STC is to assist participating members in the administration of a fiscally sound School Nutrition Program, and compliance with bid law requirements. The CNP-STC acts as a coordinating center for all bids/proposals; authority for such services is granted by Texas Education Code § 8.053.

The South Texas Cooperative administers food service related bids and proposals to meet the specific needs of our School Nutrition Program members.

Competitive Procurement

- *Bids & Proposals*
 - Bread & Tortilla Products
 - Cafeteria Dining Decor
 - Dairy & Juice Products
 - Dispensed Products
 - Equipment & Small Kitchen Wares
 - Food Items
 - Food Service Apparel, Shoes and Accessories
 - Fresh Produce - NEW!
 - Frozen Dessert Products
 - Janitorial Supplies & Paper/Plastic Products
 - Manufacturer Direct Ship to District Warehouse Commercial Products
 - Processing of USDA Foods
 - Removal of Grease from Traps & Barrels

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- School Nutrition Program Food Safety Sanitation Products and Services
- Wireless Temperature Monitoring Systems

Processing of USDA Foods

CNP-STC consolidates further processing requests of USDA Food allocations for its members. Small or medium sized schools could not do this on their own because further processing requests must be done in truckload quantities. By aggregating the members further processing requests through the CNP-STC, all schools, regardless of size, are provided the opportunity to take advantage of this valuable service.

+ Region One Purchasing Cooperative - ROPC

This is a 'no fee' cooperative to members, provided their Board approves a resolution and Interlocal agreement which allows members to purchase from awarded bids competitively solicited by the ROPC. Current awards include:

- Automotive and Bus Parts, Tires, Tubes, Supplies & Equipment
- Copy Paper and Printing Supplies
- Equipment Facility Products, Services and Rentals
- Fire, Law Enforcement, Public Safety Security - Equipment, Supplies, Systems and Repairs
- Fire Suppression System and Vent Hood Installation, Training, Parts and Repairs
- Fire Suppression System and Vent Hood Scheduled Maintenance, Inspection and Cleaning
- General Merchandise and School Related Products
- HVAC Equipment, Supplies, Installation and Repair
- Office and Classroom Furniture and Decor
- Professional Consultant Services
- Promotional Bottled Water
- Promotional Merchandise and Services

Membership requires an [Election of Goods and/or Services and Master Interlocal Agreement \(/fs/resource-manager/view/3f828068-f417-4c4b-8241-52a374fa359f\)](/fs/resource-manager/view/3f828068-f417-4c4b-8241-52a374fa359f) approvals by your Board. Click on the link to access this document. An original copy must be submitted to Region One ESC for the Executive Director's signature. A copy of the fully executed document will be provided for agency records.

+ Texas Energy Center

Since the deregulation of electricity in 2002, the Region One Education Service Center has provided its school districts the opportunity to save money on energy costs through participation in the Texas Energy Center (*formerly the Region One Energy Consortium*).

The Texas Energy Center saves its members millions of dollars in energy costs! We offer excellent electricity rates with contracts specifically designed to minimize risk to our members. In addition to saving money, benefits of TEC include qualified suppliers competitively vying for our members' business; greater control over contract structure; bidding process management; and direct access to expert consultants.

TEC members:

- **Hidalgo ISD**
- **Horizon Montessori**
- **PS/South Texas Ed Tech**
- **La Villa ISD**
- **Lyford CISD**

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- **Raymondville ISD**
- **Region One ESC**

The **Texas Energy Center** continues to expand its program offerings and member benefits!

Contact us today for an Interlocal Agreement to join the Region One ESC **Texas Energy Center!**

Energy Aggregation and Consultant Services RFP 21-AGENCY-000088 awarded to **Tradition Energy.**

[TEAMView energy data management portal \(https://auth.traditionenergy.com/\)](https://auth.traditionenergy.com/)

+ **Library Services & Instructional Resources**

The Library Services and Instructional Resources Cooperative provides a comprehensive collection of high-quality instructional resources and services that help students develop information and digital literacy skills. In addition, schools receive financial benefit from volume purchasing discounts provided through cooperative membership.

[More information here \(/fs/pages/884\)](/fs/pages/884)

+ **Vendor Opportunities**

[View your latest opportunities to work with us as a vendor \(/fs/pages/799\)](/fs/pages/799)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday December 4

Purchasing Cooperative Product Show

 Harlingen Convention Center

Read More

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TO: Child Nutrition Program – South Texas Cooperative (CNP-STC) Members
FROM: Lori Atwood Ramos, Purchasing Director
SUBJECT: Child Nutrition Program-South Texas Cooperative – **Fresh Produce RFP 23-0136**
DATE: November 16, 2023

This request for proposal (RFP) allows Region One Education Service Center and its Child Nutrition Program - South Texas Cooperative (CNP-STC) members the opportunity to purchase from Vendors, known as a company or firm, whose purpose is to provide fresh produce and related goods such as, but not limited to, apples, bananas, oranges, grapefruit, lemons, tangerines, pears, berries, grapes, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, coleslaw, carrots, celery, leafy greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, spring mix, spinach, potatoes, squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, cantaloupe, melon, watermelon. Item descriptions, specifications and estimated quantities are provided for items. CNP-STC members are required to conduct a cost or price analysis for the procurement of goods not listed in the items tab, and within the scope of services offered with this bid solicitation. CNP-STC members are responsible for the selection of goods and/or services available to meet their needs, nutrition goals, storage capabilities, and student preferences.

On October 4, 2023, the Region One Education Service Center Purchasing Department, acting on behalf of its CNP-STC members, received four (4) responses to CNP-STC Fresh Produce RFP 23-0136.

On November 16, 2023, the Region One ESC Board of Directors met to review and approve the recommendations of the CNP-STC, acting on behalf of its members, for award of CNP-STC Fresh Produce RFP 23-0136. Proposals were evaluated to select the best qualified vendors based on the established criteria. Four (4) vendors were recommended for award. The following vendors were awarded for CNP-STC Fresh Produce RFP 23-0136 based on the proposals received, including pricing and services that best meet the needs of the cooperative members; effective upon board approval through August 31, 2024, with the option to extend up to four (4) additional one-year periods if all parties are in agreement:

- *Aspire Staffing Incorporated dba Institute for Ecology Scholarship and Health. – McAllen, TX.*
- *Labatt Food Service, LLC – San Antonio, TX.*
- *Lopez Vera Produce, LLC – McAllen, TX.*
- *Nicho Produce Company, Inc. – Edinburg, TX.*

Bid item awards are subject to change monthly due to the fluctuation of fresh produce prices and availability. For your convenience, the order guide has been revised and posted on the Child Nutrition Program – South Texas Cooperative webpage at www.esc1.net/SouthTexasCoop Awarded Bids & Proposals.

For additional information or questions, please contact the Region One Purchasing Cooperative at eBuyOne@esc1.net:

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TO: Child Nutrition Program - South Texas Cooperative Members
FROM: Lori Atwood Ramos, Purchasing Director
SUBJECT: Child Nutrition Program-South Texas Cooperative – Fresh Produce RFP-23-0136, Addendum 3
DATE April 1, 2024

Please note the following addendum to the CNP-STC Fresh Produce RFP 23-0136; supporting documentation is enclosed:

Bid Item #	Change/Addition
0-126	Nicho Produce: Vendor item number change from ARMV113 to ORANV88. No price change
0-182	Nicho Produce: Vendor item number change from STRCL to STRGLSE. No price change

CNP-STC members are responsible for the selection of products available to meet the menu needs, nutrition goals, storage capabilities, and student preferences.

For your convenience, the order guide has been revised and posted on the CNP-South Texas Cooperative Web page at www.escl.net/southtexascoop, Awarded Bids & Proposals.

For additional information or questions, please contact the South Texas Cooperative email eBuyOne@escl.net

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