

Cameron County Inmate Food RFP Questions Q & A 1

- How many Officer Dining Rooms (ODR) are currently in operation? *Four*
- How are meals being provided to units without an ODR? *No*
- Can you please provide the current staff schedule being worked? (hours per shift/shift per week) *At walkthrough*
- Please provide current contractor staffing patterns for each facility. *At Walkthrough*
- Please provide current number of inmates assigned to each kitchen daily. (each shift) *Varies*
- What tasks are inmates currently allowed to perform? (prepping, cooking, serving, delivery, sanitation) *Varies*
- Please confirm that inmates will NOT be available to prep, cook or serve meals. *As specified in RFP*
- What is the current starting pay for officers at your facility? *Available @ county website HR*
- How many kitchens are currently in use? *Three*
- The RFP states that snacks are being provided 3x daily. Can you please elaborate as to what those snacks are? (excluding diabetic snacks) *Available at walkthrough*
- Is milk currently being served in a carton? If not, what method is the milk provided? *NO*
- Please confirm that the county wants milk with each meal (3x daily). *NO*
- Do you currently provide milk 3x daily? *NO*
- Can you please provide a copy of the current menu? *Available on RFP and at walkthrough*
- Please provide the number of snacks provided for court. Annually, monthly, weekly **or** daily. (any number would be helpful) *Varies on court docket.*
- Please provide the number of diet meals served. Annually, monthly, weekly or daily. (any number would be helpful) *Available at walk through*
- Please provide the expected rate of pay (and benefits) for county staff to be retained by the contractor? *One staff, rate available at walkthrough*
- Please provide the total value of all commodities received in the past twelve (12) months? *None*
- Can the County confirm it is requesting 5 each ½ cup servings of fruits and vegetables? *Yes*
- Can the County **confirm** it is requesting three (3) servings of 2% milk per day (one with each meal)? *NO*
- On page 19-20 of the RFP, can the County **confirm** if these pages are to be included as part of the proposal? *see pg 19 top – Example (Start) Include your proposed replacement for this Section. The awarded vendor can submit menus as examples.*
 - If yes, can the County confirm the desired meal patterns for breakfast, lunch and dinner as 3 options are given for each meal. *Cameron County would like examples of breakfast, lunch, and dinner trays.*
 - Can the County confirm if 30% or 35% of calories as fat are acceptable? *Cameron County agrees to 30 to 35% of calories as fat.*
 - Can the County confirm if 6 ounces of meat are required at each meal or per day on average? *4 ounces per meal / 12 ounces per day.*
 - Can the County confirm the percent of soy, if used, would be allowed, if any? *NO soy will (except as a binder only) will be accepted. Cameron County will accept mechanically separated chicken.*
 - Can the County confirm if Mechanically Separated Chicken can be used or is Ground Beef 80/20 required? *Mechanically Separated Chicken can be used.*
- Can the County confirm if kosher diets are provided to inmates? If yes, can the County provide the kosher menu and confirm the number of kosher diets currently provided per meal? *Less than a dozen per year.*