

**Fixed-Price Contract**  
FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

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## **Fixed-Price Contract**

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## Contract Summary

<b>FOOD SERVICES CONTRACT</b>		<b>CONTRACT NUMBER</b>	
		<b>REGISTRATION NUMBER</b>	
<b>1</b>	This contract is entered into between the school food authority and the food service management company named below:		
	<b>SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY NAME</b>		
	William S Hart UHSD		
	<b>FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY NAME AND FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER</b>		
	Sodexo America, LLC / Sodexo School Services		
<b>2</b>	<b>The term of this Contract is for one year, commencing on</b>	<b>07/01/2023</b>	<b>and ending on 06/30/2024</b>
<b>3</b>	The maximum dollar amount of this Contract is equal to the fixed price per meal multiplied by the number of meals served		<b>\$6,721,566</b>
<b>4</b>	The parties herein agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following exhibits, which are by this reference made a part of the Contract.		
	Request for Proposal Released	Enter page(s) 1-32	
	Contractor Proposal Received	Enter page(s) 61-332	
	Attached Terms and Conditions	Enter page(s) 36-43	
	Exhibit A: Scope of Work	Enter page(s) 55-59	
	Exhibit B: Schedule of Fees	Enter page(s) 60	
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract.			
<b>FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY</b>			<i>California Department of Education Use Only</i>
NAME of FSMC (if other than an individual, state whether a corporation, partnership, etc.)			
Sodexo America, LLC                      Corporatoin			
<b>BY (Authorized Signature)</b> 		<b>DATE SIGNED (do not type)</b>	
<b>PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING</b>			
<b>ADDRESS</b>			
<b>SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY</b>			
<b>NAME of SFA</b>			
William S. Hart Union High School District			
<b>BY (Authorized Signature)</b> 		<b>DATE SIGNED (do not type)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt per:
<b>PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING</b>			
Ralph Peschek, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services			

## Model Fixed-Price Contract

### I. Introduction

The **WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**, hereinafter referred to as the school food authority (SFA), enters into this Contract with **Sodexo America, LLC / Sodexo School Services**, hereinafter referred to as the FSMC to provide food service management assistance for the SFA's food service program, hereinafter referred to as "Services." **During the term of this Contract, the FSMC will provide services to the SFA as described in the Scope of Work (Exhibit A) of this Contract.**

### II. General Terms and Conditions

#### A. Term

The term of this contract is one year. The FSMC shall commence providing Services under the Contract on **01 July 2023**, and continue through **30 June 2024**. After careful consideration, the SFA may annually renew this Contract for four additional one-year periods upon agreement between both parties. Execution of all contracts and amendments is contingent on approval by the California Department of Education (CDE). The SFA may cancel this Contract upon notification from the CDE that it or any part of the bidding process has been determined noncompliant with state and federal laws and regulations (Title 7. Code of Federal Regulations (7 *CFR*), Section 210.16[d]).

#### B. Designated Contract Liaisons

SFA Liaison for Services		FSMC Liaison for Services	
Name: Ralph Peschek		Name: Leslie Milinkovic	
Title: Assistant Superintendent, Business Services		Title: Senior Vice President	
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Respondents shall serve or deliver by postal mail all legal notices to:

SFA	FSMC
Name: Ralph Peschek	Name: Leslie Milinkovic
Title: Assistant Superintendent., Business Svcs.	Title: Senior Vice President
Address: 21380 Centre Pointe Pkwy. Santa Clarita, CA 91350	Address: 9801 Washington Blvd. Gaithersburg, MD 20878

## C. Fees

### 1. Fixed-price Contracts

The SFA will pay the FSMC at a fixed rate per meal. The fixed rate per meal includes all fees and charges indicated in the Schedule of Fees (Exhibit B) of this Contract. The SFA must determine, and the FSMC shall credit the SFA for, the full value of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Foods. The FSMC's fixed-price invoice will be fully compliant with procurement requirements for the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, and Special Milk Programs, set forth in 7 *CFR*, parts 210, 215, and 220, and the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Final Rule issued Wednesday, October 31, 2007. The FSMC shall take discounts, rebates, and other credits into account when formulating their prices for this fixed-price contract (Title 2, Code of Federal Regulations (2 *CFR*), Section 200.406[a]).

### 2. Payment Terms

The FSMC shall submit *monthly* invoices by *fifteen* of the following month that reflect all activity for the previous *month*. The FSMC must submit detailed cost documentation *monthly* to support all charges to the SFA. Charges and expenses are included in the Schedule of Fees (Exhibit B). All costs, charges, and expenses must be mutually agreeable to the SFA and the FSMC, and must be allowable costs consistent with the cost principles in 2 *CFR*, Part 200, as applicable. The SFA will pay invoices submitted by the FSMC within *thirty* days of the invoice date. The SFA will notify the FSMC of invoices that do not pass audit, which the SFA will not pay until the invoices have passed audit, with no penalty accruing to the SFA.

### 3. Interest, Fines, Penalties, Finance Charges, Income and Expenses

Interest, fines, penalties, finance charges, income and expenses that may accrue under this contract are not allowable expenses to the nonprofit school food service (cafeteria fund) (2 *CFR*, Section 200.441). The SFA is prohibited from paying unallowable expenses from the SFA's cafeteria fund.

### 4. Spoiled or Unwholesome Food, Food Not Meeting Detailed Food Component Specifications or Contract Requirements.

The SFA shall make no payment to the FSMC for food that, in the SFA's determination, is spoiled or unwholesome at the time of delivery, does not meet detailed food component specifications as developed by the SFA for the meal pattern, or does not otherwise meet the requirements of this Contract (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[c][3]).

The SFA shall make no payment to the FSMC for meals that, in the SFA's determination, are spoiled or unwholesome at the time of delivery, do not meet detailed food component specifications as developed by the SFA for

the meal pattern, or do not otherwise meet the requirements of this Contract (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[c][3]).

#### **D. Contract Cost Adjustment**

The contract price (which can include General and Administrative Expense and Management Fees) may be increased on an annual basis by the Yearly Percentage Change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Food Eaten Away from Home [insert one [CPI regional index](#): Los Angeles (CPI)]. The January CPI value will be used as a representation of the change in CPI. Such increases shall be effective on a prospective basis on each anniversary date of this Contract and will be allowed only if approved in advance by the SFA. CPI Fee increases for the upcoming Contract renewal year must be submitted to the SFA. Of note, the CPI fee increases should be applied to individual meal or unit costs.

The renegotiation of price terms under this Contract is permitted only upon the occurrence of unpredictable, unexpected conditions beyond the control of both parties. If those conditions create a significant and material change in the financial assumptions upon which the price terms of this contract were based, then those price terms so affected may be renegotiated by both parties. Renegotiation of price terms under such conditions must be mutual and both parties must agree on any changes in price terms. Any adjustments so negotiated and agreed upon must accurately reflect the change in conditions. The occurrence of contingencies that are foreseeable and predictable, but not certain, should be calculated into the defined price terms, to the extent possible, with the goal of minimizing the need for renegotiation of price terms during the term of the Contract. Substantive changes of the Contract will require the SFA to rebid the Contract.

#### **E. Availability of Funds**

Every payment obligation of the SFA under this Contract is conditioned upon the availability of funds appropriated or allocated for the payment of such obligation. The SFA may terminate this Contract at the end of the period for which funds are available if funds are not allocated and available for the continuance of this Contract. In the event the SFA exercises this provision, no liability shall accrue to the SFA and the SFA shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments or for any damages resulting from termination under this provision.

#### **F. Timeliness**

Time is of the essence in this Contract.

#### **G. Approval**

This Contract has no force or effect until it is signed by both parties and is approved by the CDE (7 *CFR*, Section 210.19[a][5]).

## **H. Amendment**

No amendment or variation of the terms of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by both parties, and approved by the CDE. Any oral understanding or agreement not incorporated into the Contract in writing and approved by the CDE is not binding on either party (7 *CFR*, Section 210.19[a][5]).

## **I. Substantive Changes to Contract**

Any change to this Contract that results in a material change or any proposed renewals of this Contract may, at the determination of the CDE, either void this Contract or require the SFA to rebid the Contract. Following are examples of substantive changes that could require the SFA to rebid the Contract:

- The addition of a program
- A major shift in responsibilities for FSMC or SFA staff

## **J. Subcontract/Assignment**

No provision of this Contract shall be assigned or subcontracted without prior written approval of the SFA. If subcontracts are let, the FSMC should have taken steps to contract with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms when possible.

## **K. Written Commitments**

Any written commitment by the FSMC relative to the services herein shall be binding upon the FSMC. Failure of the FSMC to fulfill any such commitment shall render the FSMC liable for damages due to the SFA. Such written commitments include, but are not limited to:

- Any warranty or representation made by the FSMC in any publication, drawing, or specifications accompanying or referred to in the proposal pertaining to the responsiveness of the proposal
- Any written notifications, affirmations, or representations made by the FSMC in, or during the course of, negotiations that are incorporated into a formal amendment to the proposal

## **L. Trade Secrets/Copyrights**

The FSMC and SFA shall designate any information they consider confidential or proprietary—including recipes, surveys and studies, management guidelines, operational manuals, and similar documents—that the SFA and FSMC regularly use in the operation of their business or that they develop independently during the course of this Contract. Information so designated and identified shall be treated as confidential by the FSMC and the SFA, and the FSMC and the SFA shall exercise the same level of care in maintaining the confidences of the other party as they

would employ in maintaining their own confidences, unless disclosure is otherwise required under the law. All such materials shall remain the exclusive property of the party that developed them and shall be returned to that party immediately upon termination of this Contract. Notwithstanding, the federal awarding agency reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and authorize others to use the work for federal purposes (7 *CFR*, Section 200.315[b]).

#### **M. Severability**

Should any provision(s) of this Contract be declared or found to be illegal, unenforceable, ineffective, and/or void, then each party shall be relieved of any obligations arising from such provision(s). The balance of this Contract, if capable of performance, shall remain and continue in full force and effect.

#### **N. Counterparts**

This Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

#### **O. Silence/Absence/Omission**

Any silence, absence, or omission from the Contract specifications concerning any point shall mean that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. Only those materials (e.g., food, supplies, etc.) and workmanship of a quality that would normally be specified by the SFA are to be used.

#### **P. Indemnification**

The FSMC shall indemnify and hold harmless the SFA, or any employee, director, agent, or Board Member of the SFA, from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses (including attorney's fees and court costs incurred to defend litigation), and decrees or judgments whatsoever arising from any and all injuries, including death or damages to or destruction of property resulting from the FSMC's acts or omissions, willful misconduct, negligence, or breach of the FSMC's obligations under this Contract by the FSMC, its agents, employees, or other persons under its supervision and direction.

The FSMC shall not be required to indemnify or hold harmless the SFA from any liability or damages arising from the SFA's sole acts or omissions.

#### **Q. Sanctions**

If the FSMC fails to perform the contract terms, the following penalties may be imposed:

- FSMC will be required to provide in writing to the SFA how they will ensure future contract compliance



- Continued nonperformance will result in termination of this contract
- FSMC may be prohibited from bidding on future contracts with the SFA

List other sanctions that the SFA and their legal counsel deem appropriate.

## **R. Breach of Contract**

For the breach of the Contract and associated benefits:

If the FSMC causes the breach, the FSMC assumes liability for any and all damages, including excess cost to the SFA in procuring similar services, and is liable for administrative, contractual, and legal remedies, as applicable.

## **S. Penalties**

Cost resulting from the SFA's violations, alleged violations of, or failure to comply with federal, state, tribal, local, or foreign laws and regulations are unallowable, except when incurred as a result of compliance with specific provisions of the federal award, or with prior written approval of the federal awarding agency (2 CFR, Section 200.441).

## **T. Force Majeure**

1. Neither party shall be liable to the other for delay in, or failure of, performance nor shall any such delay in, or failure of, performance constitute default if such delay or failure is caused by force majeure. Force majeure means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Force majeure may include, but is not restricted to, acts of God, the public enemy, acts of the state in its sovereign capacity, fires, floods, power failure, disabling strikes, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, and freight embargoes.
2. Force majeure does not include any of the following occurrences:
  - Late delivery of equipment or materials caused by congestion at a manufacturer's plant or elsewhere, or an oversold condition of the market
  - Late performance by a subcontractor, unless the delay arises out of a force majeure occurrence
  - Inability of either the FSMC or any of its subcontractors to acquire or maintain any required insurance, bonds, licenses, or permits

3. If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of work by force majeure, the delayed party shall notify the other party in writing of such delay, as soon as practicable and no later than the following work day or the commencement thereof, and shall specify the causes of such delay. Such notice shall be delivered by hand or sent by postal mail with a certified return receipt requested and shall make a specific reference to this article, thereby invoking its provisions. The delayed party shall cause such delay to cease as soon as practicable and shall notify the other party in writing when it has done so. The time for completion shall be extended by contract amendment, as long as the amended period does not violate 7 *CFR*, Section 210.16(d).
4. Any delay or failure in performance by either party caused by force majeure shall not constitute default, nor give rise to any claim for damages or loss of anticipated profits.

#### **U. Nondiscrimination**

Both the SFA and FSMC agree that no child who participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP) will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. State agencies and SFAs shall comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Department of Agriculture regulations on nondiscrimination (7 *CFR*, parts 15, 15a, and 15b); and FNS Instruction 113-1 (7 *CFR*, Section 210.23[b]).

#### **V. Compliance with the Law**

The FSMC shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of all applicable federal, state, county, and city governments, bureaus, and agencies regarding purchasing, sanitation, health, and safety for the food service operations and shall procure and maintain all necessary licenses and permits. The SFA shall cooperate, as necessary, in the FSMC's compliance efforts.

The FSMC shall comply with all applicable federal regulations in 2 *CFR*, parts 200 and 400 and 7 *CFR*, parts 210 (NSLP), 220 (SBP), 245 (Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk in Schools) as applicable, 250 (Donation of Foods for Use in the United States, its Territories and Possessions and Areas Under its Jurisdiction), USDA FNS Instructions and policy, federal laws and regulations, California *Education Code (EC)*, and California laws and regulations, where applicable.

## **W. Choice of Law**

This Contract shall be construed under the laws of the state of California, where applicable, without giving effect to the principles of conflict of laws. Any action or proceeding arising out of this Contract shall be heard in the appropriate courts in California.

## **X. Advice of Counsel**

Each party acknowledges that, in executing this Contract, such party has had the opportunity to seek the advice of independent legal counsel and has read and understood all of the terms and provisions of this Contract.

## **Y. Relationship of the Parties**

- A.** The FSMC's relationship with the SFA will be that of an independent contractor and not that of an employee of or supervisor for the SFA. The FSMC will not be eligible for any employee benefits, nor will the SFA make deductions from payments made to the FSMC for taxes, all of which will be the FSMC's responsibility. The FSMC agrees to indemnify and hold the SFA harmless from any liability for, or assessment of, any such taxes imposed on the SFA by relevant taxing authorities. The FSMC will have no authority to enter into contracts that bind the SFA or create obligations on the part of the SFA.
- B.** When the SFA is a public school district or program operated by the county Office of Education, the FSMC, as an independent contractor, shall have no authority to supervise food service classified personnel operating the NSLP, SBP, or Afterschool Meal Supplements (AMS) under the NSLP (*EC* Section 45103.5).
- C.** All services to be performed by the FSMC will be as agreed between the FSMC and the SFA. The FSMC will be required to report to the SFA concerning the services performed under this Contract. The SFA shall determine the nature and frequency of these reports.
- D.** The SFA is the responsible authority, without recourse to USDA or CDE, for the settlement and satisfaction of all contractual and administrative issues arising in any way from this Contract. Such authority includes, but is not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, claims, or other matters of a contractual nature.

## **IV. Food Service Program**

### **A. Food Service Management Company Responsibilities**

1. The FSMC will not directly or indirectly restrict the sale or marketing of fluid milk at any time or in any place on school premises or at any school-SFAed event (7 *CFR*, Section 210.21[e]).
2. The FSMC shall have state or local health certification for any facility outside the school in which it proposes to prepare meals and the FSMC shall maintain this health certification for the duration of the contract (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[c][2]).

## **B. School Food Authority Responsibilities**

1. The SFA shall ensure that the food service operation is in conformance with the SFA's Permanent Single Agreement with the CDE and will monitor the food service operation through periodic on-site visits (7 *CFR*, sections 210.16[a][2] and 210.16[a][3]).
2. The SFA retains control of the quality, extent, and the general nature of its food service; the prices children are charged for meals (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][4]), and a la carte prices. The SFA may not contract with the FSMC to provide only nonprogram food (e.g., a la carte and adult meals) unless the FSMC offers free, reduced-price, and paid reimbursable lunches to all eligible children (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a]).
3. SFAs with more than one school shall perform no less than one on-site review of the lunch counting and claiming system employed by each school under its jurisdiction. The on-site review shall take place prior to February 1 of each school year. Further, if the review discloses problems with a school's meal counting or claiming procedures, the SFA shall ensure that the school implements corrective action and, within 45 days of the review, conduct a follow-up on-site review to determine that the corrective action resolved the problem. Each on-site review shall ensure that the school's claim is based on the counting system authorized by the CDE under 7 *CFR*, Section 210.7(c) and that the counting system, as implemented, yields the actual number of reimbursable free, reduced-price, and paid lunches respectively, served for each day of operation (7 *CFR*, Section 210.8[a][1]).
4. The SFA shall retain responsibility for developing the meal pattern for students with disabilities, when their disability restricts their diet, and for those students without disabilities who are unable to consume the regular lunch because of medical or other special dietary needs (7 *CFR*, Section 210.10[m]).
5. The SFA shall retain signature authority for the food services application, agreements, Free and Reduced-Price Policy Statement, monthly Claim for Reimbursement, reports, program renewal, the verification of

applications, letters to households, and all correspondence to the CDE relating to the food service program (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][5]).

6. The SFA shall retain signature authority and be responsible for all contractual agreements entered into in connection with the food service program (7 *CFR*, Section 210.21).
7. The SFA shall be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the free and reduced-price meals eligibility roster (*EC* Section 49558).
8. The SFA shall be responsible for the development, distribution, and collection of the letter to households and Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals and/or Free Milk (7 *CFR*, Section 245.6).
9. If the SFA uses direct certification of eligibility, the SFA shall be responsible for obtaining the direct certification list at least three times annually.
10. The SFA shall be responsible for the determination of eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and shall disclose the eligibility status of individual students or confidential information provided on the application for free or reduced-price meals to the FSMC, to the extent that such information is necessary for the FSMC to fulfill its obligations under this Contract. The FSMC will not disclose the eligibility status of individual students or confidential information provided (*EC* Section 49558).
11. The SFA shall be responsible for conducting any hearings related to determinations regarding free and reduced-price meal eligibility (7 *CFR*, Section 245.7).
12. The SFA shall be responsible for verifying applications for free and reduced-price meals as required by federal regulations (7 *CFR*, sections 245.6 and 245.6[a]).
13. The SFA shall establish and maintain an advisory board composed of parents, teachers, and students to assist with menu planning (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][8]).
14. The SFA shall maintain applicable health certification and ensure that all state and local regulations are being met **by the FSMC preparing** at an SFA facility (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][7]).

## **V. Buy American Requirements**

### **A. Food Service Management Company Responsibilities**

1. The FSMC must submit statements for all processed agricultural products to the SFA at the time of delivery for each processed agricultural product certifying that the food product was processed 100 percent domestically and that the percentage of domestic content in the food component of the processed food product is over 51 percent, by weight or volume (USDA Policy Memo [SP 38-2017](#)).
2. The FSMC must notify the SFA in writing at least 10 days **prior** to delivering a nondomestic agricultural commodity or product and request prior approval for delivery of a nondomestic agricultural commodity or product. This written notification must list alternative domestic substitutes for the SFA to consider and provide an explanation for the following:
  - a) Why the domestic product is not produced or manufactured in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality; and/or
  - b) Why competitive bids reveal the cost of the domestic product is significantly higher than the nondomestic product
  - c) FSMC must maintain compliance with California SB-490 The Buy America Food Act (2022)
3. The FSMC will provide certification of domestic origin for products which do not have country of origin labels.

## **B. School Food Authority Responsibilities**

1. The SFA shall maintain documentation outlining the justification for supporting their use of an exception to the Buy American Provision requirement **prior** to accepting nondomestic agricultural commodities or products. This documentation will be kept on file for the term of the contract plus any extensions and three additional school years thereafter. This will be made available during an on site administrative review and an off site procurement review.
2. The SFA shall monitor the contract to ensure that the correct domestic food components contracted for are delivered as required by 2 *CFR*, Section 200.318(b) unless the FSMC has received prior approval from the SFA for nondomestic agricultural commodity or product.
3. The SFA must ensure FSMC compliance with the Buy American Provision in accordance with their procurement procedures. These procedures, at a minimum, must include the requirement to include Buy American Provision language in solicitations and contracts as well as the

process for requiring FSMCs to certify the domestic percentage of the agricultural food component of products.

## **VI. U.S. Department of Agriculture Foods**

### **C. Food Service Management Company Responsibilities**

1. The FSMC shall fully use, to the maximum extent possible, donated foods made available by the SFA solely for the purpose of providing benefits for the SFA's nonprofit school food program (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][6]).
2. In accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 250.53, the FSMC shall comply with the following provisions relating to the use of donated foods, as applicable:
  - a) The FSMC must credit the SFA for the value of all donated foods (including both entitlement and bonus foods) received for use in the SFA's meal service in the school year or fiscal year. The credit must include the value of donated foods contained in processed end products if the FSMC procures processed end products on behalf of the SFA, or acts as an intermediary in passing on the donated foods value of processed end products to the SFA (7 *CFR*, Section 250.51[a]).
  - b) The FSMC shall account for the full value of donated foods (7 *CFR*, Section 250.51) by:
    - i) Subtracting the value of all donated foods received for use in the SFA's food service from the SFA's (monthly/quarterly) invoice, and
    - ii) Using the Average Price File for the school year in which the donated foods are received by the SFA. This listing is available from the USDA Food Distribution web page at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/processor-pricing-reports>.
3. The FSMC will be responsible for any activities relating to donated foods in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 250.50(d), as applicable, and will ensure that such activities are performed in accordance with the applicable requirements in 7 *CFR*, Part 250.
4. The FSMC shall accept liability for any negligence on its part that results in any loss of, improper use of, or damage to donated foods.

5. The FSMC must use all donated beef, pork, and all processed end products, in the recipient agency's food service, and must use all other donated foods, or commercially purchased foods of the same generic identity, of U.S. origin, and of equal or better quality than the donated foods, in the recipient agency's food service (unless the contract specifically stipulates that the donated food, and not such commercial substitutes, be used) (7 *CFR*, Section 250.51[d]).
6. The FSMC shall ensure that the processing agreement's value will be used in crediting the SFA for the value of donated foods contained in end products (7 *CFR*, Section 250.53[a][7]).
7. The method and frequency of crediting donated foods will be in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 250.51(b). The FSMC must ensure that it follows the negotiated method and frequency of crediting agreed upon by the parties.
8. The FSMC will provide assurance that it will not itself enter into the processing agreement with the processor required in subpart C of 7 *CFR*, Part 250 (7 *CFR*, Section 250.53[a][8]).
9. The FSMC will provide assurance that it will comply with the storage and inventory requirements for donated foods (7 *CFR*, Section 250.53[a][9]).
10. The FSMC will maintain records to document its compliance with requirements relating to donated foods, in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 250.54(b).

#### **D. School Food Authority Responsibilities**

1. The SFA shall retain title to all donated foods and ensure that all donated foods received by the SFA and made available to the FSMC accrue only for the benefit of the SFA's nonprofit school food service and are fully used therein (7 *CFR*, Section 210.16[a][6]).
2. The SFA shall accept and use, in as large quantities as may be efficiently used in its nonprofit food service program, such foods as may be offered as a donation by USDA (7 *CFR*, Section 210.9[b][15]).
3. The SFA will maintain records to document its compliance with requirements relating to donated foods and conduct reconciliation (at least annually and upon termination of the Contract) to ensure that the FSMC has credited the value of all donated foods in accordance with 7 *CFR*, sections 250.54(a) and (c).



4. The SFA will not extend or renew any Contract if the FSMC did not fulfill all Contract provisions relating to donated foods (7 *CFR*, Section 250.53[a][12]).

## **VII. Meal Responsibilities**

### **A. The FSMC shall:**

1. Serve meals on such days and at such times as requested by the SFA.
2. Offer free, reduced-price, and paid reimbursable meals to all eligible children through the SFA's food service program.
3. Provide meals through the SFA's food service program that meet the requirements as established in 7 *CFR*, parts 210 and 220, as applicable.

## **VIII. Food Service Management Company Employees**

- A.** The FSMC shall only place employees for work at the SFA that meet the minimum professional standards outlined in 7 *CFR*, Section 210.30 which can be viewed at the following web page: [School Nutrition Program Professional Standards](#).

The SFA shall ensure that all employees the FSMC proposes for placement meet the minimum professional standards. The FSMC shall ensure their employees take the required annual training as outlined in the professional standards. The FSMC shall track the trainings completed by each employee and maintain documentation to validate that training was completed. The FSMC shall remove from the SFA premises any employee who fails to take the required training.

The FSMC shall provide the SFA with a list of employees and evidence that they meet the professional standards.

- B.** The SFA reserves the right to interview and approve the on-site food service consultant(s)/employee(s).
- C.** The FSMC shall provide the SFA with a schedule of employees, positions, assigned locations, salaries, and work hours. The FSMC will provide specific locations and assignments to the SFA [*Enter number of weeks here*] calendar weeks prior to the commencement of operation.

- D.** The FSMC shall comply with all wage and hours of employment requirements of federal and state laws. The FSMC will be responsible for supervising and training their personnel.
- E.** The FSMC agrees to assume full responsibility for the payment of all contributions and assessments, both state and federal, for all of its employees engaged in the performance of this Contract.
- F.** The FSMC agrees to furnish the SFA, upon request, a certificate or other evidence of compliance with state and federal laws regarding contributions, taxes, and assessments on payroll.
- G.** The FSMC will be solely responsible for all personnel actions regarding employees on its respective payroll. The FSMC shall withhold and/or pay all applicable federal, state, and local employment taxes and payroll insurance with respect to its employees, insurance premiums, contributions to benefit and deferred compensation plans, licensing fees, and workers' compensation costs, and shall file all required documents and forms. The FSMC shall indemnify, defend, and hold the SFA harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, and expenses related to, or arising out of, the indemnifying party's responsibilities set forth herein.

## **IX. Books and Records**

- A.** The SFA and the FSMC must provide all documents as necessary for an independent auditor to conduct the SFA's single audit. The FSMC shall maintain such records as the SFA will need to support its Claims for Reimbursement. Such records shall be made available to the SFA upon request and shall be retained in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 210.16(c)(1).
- B.** The SFA and the FSMC shall, upon request, make all accounts and records pertaining to the nonprofit food service program available to the CDE, USDA FNS and Office of Inspector General of the United States for audit or review at a reasonable time and place. Each party to this Contract shall retain such records for a period of three (3) years after the date of the final Claim for Reimbursement for the fiscal year in which this Contract is terminated, unless any audit findings have not been resolved. If audit findings have not been resolved, then records shall be retained beyond the three-year period as long as required for resolution of issues raised by the audit (7 *CFR*, Section 210.9[b][17]).
- C.** The FSMC shall not remove state or federally required records from the SFA premises upon contract termination.

- D.** The USDA, Inspector General, the Comptroller of the United States, and the CDE, or any of their duly authorized representatives must have the right of access to any documents, papers, or other records of the FSMC and the SFA which are pertinent to the federal award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to the FSMC and SFA's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents (2 *CFR*, Section 200.336[a]).
- E.** The distributing agency/CDE, recipient agency/SFA, the Comptroller General, the USDA, or their duly authorized representatives, may perform on-site reviews of the FSMC's food service operation, including the review of records, to ensure compliance with requirements for management and use of donated foods (7 *CFR*, Section 250.53[a][10]).

**X. Monitoring and Compliance**

- A.** The FSMC shall monitor the food service operation of the SFA through periodic on-site visits in order to develop recommendations for improvement of the food service program.
- B.** The FSMC warrants and certifies that in the performance of this Contract it will comply with all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and orders of the United States and the state of California.
- C.** The SFA shall establish internal controls that ensure the accuracy of lunch counts prior to the submission of the monthly Claim for Reimbursement in accordance with 7 *CFR*, Section 210.8(a). At a minimum, these internal controls shall include all of the following:
- An on-site review of the lunch counting and claiming system employed by each school within the jurisdiction of the SFA (7 *CFR*, Section 210.8[a][1])
  - Comparisons of daily free, reduced-price, and paid lunch counts against data that will assist with the identification of lunch counts in excess of the number of free, reduced-price, and paid lunches served each day to children eligible for such lunches
  - A system for following up on lunch counts that suggest the likelihood of lunch counting problems

**XI. Equipment, Facilities, Inventory, and Storage**

- A.** The SFA will make available to the FSMC, without any cost or charge, area(s) of the premises agreeable to both parties in which the FSMC shall render its services. The SFA shall provide the FSMC with local telephone service. The SFA shall not be responsible for loss or damage to equipment owned by the FSMC and located on the SFA's premises.
- B.** The FSMC shall notify the SFA of any equipment belonging to the FSMC on the SFA's premises within 10 days of its placement on the SFA's premises.
- C.** The SFA shall have access, with or without notice, to all of the SFA's facilities used by the FSMC for purposes of inspection and audit.
- D.** Ownership of the beginning inventory of food and supplies shall remain with the SFA.
- E.** Ownership of all nonexpendable supplies and capital equipment shall remain with the SFA. However, the FSMC must take such measures as may be reasonably required by the SFA for protection against loss, pilferage, and/or destruction.

## **XII. Certifications**

- A.** The FSMC warrants and certifies that in the performance of this Contract, it will comply with the rules and regulations of the CDE and the USDA, and any additions or amendments thereto, including but not limited to 2 *CFR*, parts 200 and 400, and 7 *CFR*, parts 210, 215, 220, 245, 250, and USDA FNS Instruction and policy, as applicable. The FSMC agrees to indemnify the SFA and the CDE against any loss, cost, damage, or liability by reason of the FSMC's violation of this provision.
- B.** The FSMC shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; USDA regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and any additions or amendments to any of these regulations, and statutes.
- C.** The SFA and FSMC shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued.

For contracts in excess of \$150,000, the SFA and FSMC shall comply with the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. sections 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1251) as amended (Appendix II to 2 *CFR*, Part 200).

- D.** Debarment and Suspension

The parties shall not enter into contracts with parties listed on the General Services Administration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Nonprocurement programs (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 and 2 *CFR*, Part 200, Appendix II).

**E. Lobbying**

The Certification Regarding Lobbying and a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (2 *CFR*, Section 418) must accompany each subsequent four (4) additional one-year renewals. Contract renewals that do not include this certification will not be accepted for consideration (Appendix II to 2 *CFR* Part 200 Section [I]: Byrd Anti-Lobbying [31 U.S.C 1352]).

**XIII. Insurance**

The parties shall maintain the following insurances:

**A. Workers' Compensation Insurance**

Each party shall maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage as required by state law, and Employers' Liability in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for each accident covering all employees employed in connection with child nutrition program operations.

**B. Comprehensive or Commercial Insurance**

The FSMC shall maintain during the term of this Contract, for protection of the SFA and the FSMC, Comprehensive or Commercial General Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Insurance with a Combined Single Limit of not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) for each occurrence, including, but not limited to, Personal Injury Liability, Broad Form Property Damage Liability on the FSMC-owned property, Blanket Contractual Liability, and Products Liability, covering only the operations and activities of the FSMC under the Contract and, upon request, shall provide the SFA with a certificate evidencing such policies. The insurance policies shall contain covenants by the issuing company that the policies shall not be canceled without 30 days prior written notice of cancellation to the SFA. With the exception of Workers' Compensation Insurance, the SFA shall be named as an additional insured under the FSMC's policies of insurance to the extent the SFA is indemnified pursuant to this Contract.

**C. Property Insurance**

The SFA shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, a system of coverage either through purchased insurance, self-insurance, or a combination thereof to keep the buildings, including the premises, and all property contained therein insured against loss or damage by fire, explosion, or other cause normally covered by standard broad form property insurance.

#### **XIV. Termination**

Either party may cancel for cause with a 60-day notification if either party breaches a provision of this Contract (7 *CFR*, sections 210.16[d] and 250.12[f][9]). The nonbreaching party shall give the other party notice of such cause. If the cause is not remedied within 10 days, the nonbreaching party shall give a 60-day notice to the breaching party of their intent to terminate this Contract upon expiration of the 60-day period. This Contract may be terminated, in whole or in part, for convenience by the SFA with the consent of the FSMC, in which case the two parties shall agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated (2 *CFR*, Section 200.339[a][3]). The Contract may also be terminated, in whole or in part, by the FSMC upon written notification to the SFA, setting forth the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. However, in the case of a partial termination, if the SFA determines that the remaining portion of the Contract will not accomplish the purposes for which the Contract was made, the SFA may terminate the Contract in its entirety (2 *CFR*, Section 200.339[a][4]). The rights of termination referred to in this Contract are not intended to be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights or remedies available to either party at law or in equity.

## Scope of Work

### 1. Overview of Wm. S. Hart District Food Service Program

- A. The SFA provides food service to approximately 22,000 children at sixteen school sites. The food service prepares approximately 2.5 million meals annually.
- B. Financial Goals. The food service program will be run on a cost effective basis so as to be self supporting. The SFA and the FSMC shall work together to ensure a financially sound and well-run operation. The FSMC shall guarantee that the food service program will achieve, at a minimum, financial break-even, defined, as “generated program revenues will be sufficient to cover the fixed price per meal for all meals served plus LEA direct and indirect costs
- C. Management Goals. The FSMC will provide nutritious, high-quality meals and snacks to students and participants in NSLP, SBP, FFVP, and SFSP; accommodate special diets where medically necessary, provide occasional catered food services, and improve nutrition awareness.

The SFA shall be legally responsible for the conduct of the food service program and shall supervise the food service operations in such manner as will ensure compliance with the rules and regulations of ODE and USDA regarding each of the Child Nutrition Programs covered by this contract.

- D. Food Service Office and Staff. The food service office is located at 21380 Centre Pointe Pkwy., Santa Clarita, CA 91350.
- E. National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

### Participation

Copies of one year meal data was downloaded from CNIPS and provided to vendors for their reference per Addendum 1.

## **2. Description of FSMC Responsibilities**

General: Under the direction of the SFA's Assistant Superintendent, Business Services (or designee), the FSMC selected pursuant to this RFP will provide the following:

Responsibilities of the FSMC shall include:

### **A. Purchasing of Supplies for the Food Service Program**

Be responsible for purchasing standards and specifications that will result in the best quality of products and services at the lowest price for the food service program.

All transactions shall be conducted in a manner so as to provide maximum open and free competition as provided by statute and regulation.

The grade, purchase unit, style, weight, ingredients, formulation, etc., shall be in compliance with applicable statutes and regulations.

Purchase food and/or supplies (if applicable); if authorized by the SFA, the FSMC shall purchase food used by the food service operation and the purchasing of food shall not displace SFA staff or delegate responsibilities of the SFA to the FSMC.

Recommend new or improved procedures for the requisition, receipt, and verification of all supplies used by the food service operation.

Oversight and coordination of purchasing, maintaining and repairing all equipment used in the kitchen

### **B. Contracting With Small, and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms**

The FSMC shall comply with 2 *CFR*, Section 200.321 (as applicable).

### **C. Buy American**

The SFA participates in meal programs that require the use of nonprofit school food service funds, to the maximum extent practicable, to buy domestic commodities or products for Program meals. A 'domestic commodity or product' is defined as one that is either produced in the U.S. or is processed in the U. S. substantially (51 percent or more by weight or volume) using agricultural commodities that are produced in the U. S. as provided in 7 *CFR*, sections 210.21(d) and 220.16(d).



The FSMC must submit certification statements for all processed agricultural products. The FSMC must provide written documentation to the SFA at the time of delivery for each processed agricultural product certifying that the food product was processed 100 percent domestically and that the percentage of domestic content in the food component of the processed food product is over 51 percent, by weight or volume.

#### **D. Facility or Site Operations**

The FSMC shall recommend:

Safety programs for employees

Sanitation standards for housekeeping, preparation, storage, and equipment

Adjustments to practices and operation of equipment as required

A Food Safety Plan and participate in the development, implementation, and maintenance of said plan

Methods to increase participation at all levels of the SFA's food service programs, improve food quality, and upgrade equipment and facilities

Hours and number of positions at each site to meet food service operational needs

Maintaining all kitchen areas and working environments in a safe and sanitary condition

The SPONSOR shall comply with food safety inspection requirements as prescribed by USDA for its facilities and shall ensure that all state and local regulations are being met by the selected FSMC preparing or serving meals at any SPONSOR facility. 7 CFR 210.16(a)(3).

The selected FSMC shall maintain state and/or local health certifications for any facility outside the SPONSOR in which it proposes to prepare meals and shall maintain this health certification for the duration of the awarded contract as required under USDA Regulations 7 CFR 210.16(a)(7) and shall comply with food safety inspection requirements as prescribed by USDA for its facilities and shall ensure that all state and local regulations are being met in its facilities

#### **E. Menus**

Adhere to the 21-day cycle menu for the first 21 days of meal service; thereafter, the FSMC may only make changes with the SFA's approval (7 *CFR*, sections 210.10, 210.16[b][1] and 220.8, if applicable).

Provide recommendations for menu development that will result in the best quality of products and services at the lowest price for the food service program.

Seek student and parent input on successful menu variation and planning.

Provide, upon request by the SFA, recommended menus to assure compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations; include menu recommendations to meet the needs of students with special dietary needs or disabilities.

## **F. Quality Control**

Recommend or establish a formal structure to routinely and continuously gather input from students, staff, and parents about food services.

Recommend or establish a structure or process to routinely and continuously gather input from food service employees to ensure the most effective and efficient operation possible.

## **G. Staff**

FSMC shall provide necessary staff to manage the food service operations as proposed and supervise all employees.

FSMC shall be Recommend management staff and structure that will enhance the SFA's food service programs and ensure that the SFA's food service programs are of consistent top quality and held in positive regard by students, staff, and the public.

Recommend or establish and conduct management and staff training programs that will ensure staff development, proper supervision, professional and health certifications, and consistent quality control both in production and service.

## **H. Records**

Maintain full and complete financial and inventory records sufficient to meet federal and state requirements and that are in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures.

Maintain employment records that show FSMC staff have all professional and health certifications as required by federal or state law and the SFA.

## **I. Education**

Recommend actions or events to promote the nutrition education aspects of the food service program, and recommend or cooperate with efforts to merge these actions or events with classroom instruction; the FSMC will work in partnership with the SFA to educate students, parents, teachers, and the community about efforts to promote better nutrition and health.

Coordinate meeting times with the Food Service Director, other SFA staff, and parents or students to discuss ideas to improve the food service program; arrange meetings between an acceptable management representative of the FSMC and the Food Service Director, other SFA staff, and the school board, upon request.

## **J. Reports**

Collect and provide, in the required format, information necessary for school food service claims for reimbursement from state and federal agencies and maintain records of past information; at the end of each month the number of meals to be claimed will be submitted to the SFA contact by the FSMC consultant/representative on or before the **15th** of each month (7 *CFR*, 210.16[c][1]).

Provide the SFA with monthly operating statements and other information determined by the SFA regarding the food service programs.

## **K. Point of Service**

Provide and/or implement an accurate point of service meal and milk count; such meal and milk counting system must eliminate the potential for the overt identification of free and reduced-price eligible students under 7 *CFR*, Section 245.8.

## **L. Meal Preparation**

Preparing and serving meals and meal supplements (snacks) to students, and participants in NSLP, SBP, SFSP, FFVP, CACFP, and SMP

## **M. Preparing and serving meals to staff, parent organizations, and for some scheduled events (conferences, business partnerships, etc.), whether in or out of the SPONSOR**

## **N. Oversight and coordination of purchasing, maintaining and repairing all equipment used in the kitchen**

# **3. Specific FSMC Tasks**

**See Exhibit A**

## Exhibit B

### Schedule of Fees

The costs included in the Cost per Meal table comprise the fixed price per meal. The fees are agreed upon by both parties and represent allowable food service costs in accordance with 2 *CFR*, Part 200.

**All costs are based on the average daily participation of 20,000 students in the district and 180 number of school days.**

### Cost per Meal

Note: Prices must **not** include values for donated foods, and must include all meal programs.

LINE ITEM	UNITS*	RATE	TOTAL
<b>Breakfast</b>	1,230,655	\$1.80	\$2,215,179
<b>Lunch</b>	1,207,533	\$3.73	\$4,504,098
<b>Snacks</b>	0	\$-0-	\$-0-
<b>Seamless Summer Feeding Option</b>	0	\$-0-	\$-0-
<b>Nonreimbursable Meals</b>	2,650	\$0.86	\$2,279
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,440,838	\$2.75	\$6,721,566

\*Units to be provided by SFA