The following questions were submitted (via e-mail)/discussed (at conference call) for clarification on the above listed proposal and shall be part of the Request for Proposal and contract Nonprofit School Food Service Group Purchasing Organization Palm Bay Education Group

Question #1 Can you respond to only one of the RFP’s

Answer #1 Yes

Question #2 Are schools all located on one campus

Answer #2 No, 2 schools are located a few blocks away but are serviced from the Balboa location.

Question #3 How many deliveries do you anticipate per week

Answer #3 One

Question #4 Are you in a GPO currently

Answer #4 No currently we are “piggy-backing” on Manatee County contract

Question #5 Is there a specific day of the week for deliveries

Answer #5 Currently delivery is on Wednesday, however we can be flexible with an agreed upon day

Question #6 Do you anticipate an August start as usual

Answer #6 Yes. Consistent with federal, state, and local orders. If dates change, we will work with the selected company to make appropriate adjustments.

Question #7 What is the total estimated volume per year?

Answer #7 We estimate approximately $150,000.00 per year

Question #8 We use US Foods as our sole source. Will that be an issue?

Answer #8 No

Question #9 Section 6.2 speaks to pricing and invoicing. How do you anticipate handling the possibility of a pricing increase?

Answer #9 If there is a need for a price increase, the contractor must submit explanation for the increase in writing to SFA as early as possible prior to increase for approval. Increase must be approved prior to implementing change

Question #10 Provide clarification on the Lower Tier Covered transactions on page 17

Answer #10 The bidding vendor is the Lower Tier participant and will complete the “Certification Regarding Debarment….” This is a pretty standard federal requirement, and this language applies to all vendors contracting with NSLP sponsors, not just GPO’s

Question #11 Definition of sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-contracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) on page 19

Answer #11 GPO agreements with suppliers must include the Certification Regarding Lobbying clause. The GPO must also ensure any contract/subcontracts they procure on PBEG behalf meet all requirements, which is covered in the solicitation as well.

Question #12“The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled ''Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions,'' without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions. “page18

Answer #12 This is meaning the agreement with Palm Bay Education Group, and any other agreements they might have with suppliers, and any other contractors that are necessary to fulfill the agreement with or procured on behalf of Palm Bay Educational Group.

Correction- to Food Service Product and Supplies, PBEG Request for Proposal No. 1-0001KP – this main line RFP on page 34 Proposal opening date says June 2, 2020 this should read June 9, 2020.