

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON CONTRACT AWARD FOR COMMODITY FOOD PROCESSING

Board Meeting Date:	June 22, 2026
Contract Number and Title:	26-SRS-008 Commodity Food Processors

Procurement Type:	Request for Proposal (RFP)
# of Vendors Sent Bid Announcement:	54
# of RFPs Received:	28

Term:	July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
Renewals:	5 additional, 1-year renewals

Estimated Value of Contract:	Over \$100,000
Funding Source:	Food & Nutrition Budget
Department:	Food & Nutrition

Description:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each year the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) donates commodity food products to school districts, examples of commodity food products are beef, pork, chicken, and cheese.• The USDA Foods entitlement funding is based on the number of lunches served in the previous school year and must be used for approved USDA food purchases.• All Commodity Manufacturers and Processors must be approved by the USDA and the State of Maryland.• The commodity food products require processing, which converts the raw commodity into a variety of convenient, ready-to-use end products such as hamburgers, meatballs, chicken patties, chicken nuggets, and mozzarella sticks.• This contract is an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract.• Proposals were evaluated based on Technical criteria, Cost, and Student Acceptance, through taste testing. Award was based on the following matrix:
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Evaluation Criteria Matrix	Maximum Possible Points
Technical Proposal:	
Tab 1 – Respondent’s Profile and Submittal Letter	5
Tab 2 – Respondent ability to meet delivery requirements	10
Tab 3 – Product Recall Policy and Procedure	15
Tab 4 – Experience of Manufacturer	5
Tab 5 – References	5
Tab 6 – Exceptions to Draft Contract	5
Cost Proposals	15
Student Acceptance – Pass (25-40 Points)/ Fail (< 25 Points)	40
Combined Total	100

Recommended Award To:

Bongard's Creameries	Chanhassen, MN
Chefs Corner Foods	Southlake, TX
Conagra Brands, Inc	Troy, OH
ES Foods Technical	Woodbury, NY
Foster Farms	Livingston, CA
Gold Creek Foods	SE Gainesville, GA
Hormel Food Sales, LLC	Austin, MN
International Food Solutions, Inc dba Asian Food Solutions/Comida Via/Aahar Foods	Oviedo, FL
JTM Provisions Co. Inc.	Harrison, OH
Land O'Lakes	Arden Hills, MD
MBC Companies for Nardone Bros	McDonald, TN
McCain Foods USA, Inc	Oakbrook Terrace, IL
National Food Group	Novi, MI
Out of the Shell, LLC d.b.a. Yang's	El Monte, CA
Peterson Farms Fresh, LLC	Shelby, MI
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	Greeley, CO
Red Gold	Elwood, IN

Rich Chicks	Gardena, CA
Rich Products Corporation	Buffalo, NY
SA Piazza & Associates, Inc.	Clackamas, OR
Schwans Sales Co	Marshall, MN
Smucker Foodservice, Inc.	Orrville, OH
Tabatchnick Fine Foods, Inc	Somerset, NY
Tyson Sales & Distribution	Springdale, AR