

## Austin ISD 20RFP101 Tortilla Products

We seek to purchase more products that are grown or manufactured within 500 miles of our warehouse as well as food products that are Certified USDA Organic (or have similar third-party certifications).

This document provides some important updates and information about our continued commitment to GFPP and our expectations in this bid cycle. Here is a highlight of the key changes you may see in our bid:

- **All of the bid specifications will include options for submitting multiple bid prices according to the qualities of each product you are able to supply.** *Please be sure to place the bid price in the correct location. **\*\*** You are not required to submit a price for every product option, but you are encouraged to submit pricing for all qualifying products that you are able to supply to Austin ISD according to the bid specifications.*
- **All of the bid specifications indicate our preference for products that are Certified USDA Organic (or which have similar certifications).** *If you are able to supply a product that is Certified USDA Organic (or which has a similar third party certification), please identify which certification(s) the product has in the associated Vendor Comments column. Please also make sure you include documentation of this certification in your bid response: we will consider bids with these claims only if documentation is provided.*
- **All of the bid specifications will indicate our preference for products grown and harvested within 500 miles of AISD.** *If you are able to supply products made from ingredients grown or which have been manufactured within this radius of AISD, please include a list of the farms the ingredients of your products come from, including their name and location.*

**\*\****There are three columns to enter price information for each product. The bid price columns correspond to each of the following versions for every product:*

- 1) Certified USDA Organic/Pesticide-Free + grown/manufactured within 500 miles of AISD
- 2) Certified USDA Organic/Pesticide-Free **but not** grown/manufactured within 500 miles of AISD
- 3) Conventional

Further, there is a Vendor Comments column to add relevant information about your product and bid price. You are encouraged to include important product details, third-party certifications associated with the bid price(s) you provide, or information that shows how your product reflects Austin ISD's commitment to GFPP. **For example, if your product uses mostly ingredients from a GAP Certified farm or if your product is Certified USDA Organic, please include this information in the Vendor Comments section (and clarify the bid price to which your comments refer).**

Also, attached to this letter is a graphic outlining Austin ISD's values for the products we are prioritizing for purchase in this bid cycle. Priority will be given to products that advance these values, and any claims about third-party certifications must be supported with clear documentation that the certifications are current and valid.



**AUSTIN**  
Independent School District

**Nutrition &  
Food Services**

Our mission is to support the achievement of all students by expanding food access, serving healthy, tasty meals, and providing learning opportunities about nutrition, cultural foodways and the food system.

**AISD will give greater priority to products that advance the following goals:**



### **Support the Local Economy**

Producers or manufacturers who are family owned or cooperatively owned by workers.

AND

Are located within 500 miles of AISD.



### **Protect the Environment**

Products with certifications that highlight sustainable environmental practices.  
Examples include:

- AGA Grassfed (meat/dairy)
- Animal Welfare Approved (meat)
- Certified humane raised and handled (eggs)
- Pesticide free (grain)
- USDA Transitional Organic Standard (produce)
- Salmon Safe/LEAF (produce)
- Food Alliance Certified (grain)
- USDA Organic (except fish)
- Aligns with the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch Guide



### **Provide Humane Treatment of Animals**

Products with certifications that demonstrate animals were treated humanely.  
Examples include:

- Certified Humane
- USDA Organic
- Gap Step 1,2,3,4,5, or 5+
- Cage Free
- American Humane Certified Pasture Raised or Certified Humane Pasture Raised
- Certified Humane Free Range
- American Grassfed Association Producer
- Animal Welfare Approved
- Certified Grassfed by a Greener World



### **Ensure Fair Labor**

Producers and manufacturers who provide a safe working environment and fair wages for their workers demonstrated by a documented social responsibility policy, a union contract with employees, or certification from Fair for Life, Fairtrade America (Fairtrade International FLO), or Fairtrade USA.



### **Serve Healthy Food**

Products that promote health and wellness and meet the federal nutrition guidelines for school meals. Priority is also given to food products that are minimally processed and do not contain ingredients that are on the School Food Focus unwanted and watch ingredient lists.

**Austin ISD is a participant in the Good Food Purchasing Program**

**Austin ISD is an equal opportunity provider.**