

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

SPI RFP 18-09 Statewide Warehousing and Delivery of USDA Foods
Addendum 01 – Questions & Answers

Note to potential respondents:

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1. There is one particular question we have that will define whether we can participate in the RFP. Within Document B. Warehouse Operations (Reference FNS Instruction 709-5), Letter F Temperature Controls, it states, "In accordance with 250.14 (b)(3) storage facilities are to maintain foods at proper storage temperatures. For dry goods "recommended" 50-70 degrees F. Is this a mandate or is this a recommendation as it states? We are not temperature controlled here in Sumner and want to clearly define if this eliminates XXXXXX from participating. Please advise.
As indicated in the RFP, the 50-70 degrees F is recommended.
2. RFP 8.3 Delivery: can bidder (contractor) require pallet exchange (recycle) from the LEA's?
Yes.
3. RFP 8.7 Packaging: clarification for delivered pallet height of 5' – is Contractor to breakdown cold product pallets to 5' high before shipping to LEA's?
There is no expectation that a full pallet received from a processor and shipped as a full pallet of those same items to one delivery location would be broken down. Full pallets "built" at the warehouse and containing a mix of products would be required to meet the 5' requirement.
4. Pricing – Will OSPI accept west and east pricing separation?
Yes.
5. Electronic Communication. Will current method of electronic communication change in any way?
We anticipate that they will remain the same, but cannot guarantee that they will not "change in anyway" in the future.
6. Will the LEA orders, indirectly shipped to larger school districts, FSA and SYSCO, continue through the 2018-2019 contract period? Briefly, FSA and Sysco deliver to remote destinations. Does OSPI expect FSA/Sysco to continue delivering to the same LEAs? The transport cost can be affected otherwise.
OSPI delivers to the location requested by the LEA. We understand deliveries to remote locations increase cost. We work with LEAs and our distribution company to find agreeable solutions. Some LEAs request their shipments go to FSA or Sysco. Other LEAs may work with a neighboring LEA to receive their shipment. Our goal is to provide USDA foods to all requesting LEAs.