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PHYSICAL LOCATION

Montgomery County
Administrative Building, Annex III
101 S. Lawrence Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

P.O. BOX 1667
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INVITATION TO BID
Catering of Food Trays

Bid Date: August 19, 2022	Bid Number: 51988-22B-024	Return Quotation By: September 9, 2022 10:00 a.m. CST
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Please submit a sealed price quotation on the items listed herein. (**Faxed bids will not be accepted.**) The submissions will be received at the Purchasing Department Office, 101 S. Lawrence Street until the date and time shown above, and publicly opened as soon thereafter as practicable. If unable to quote, write "NO BID" and return.

The Montgomery County Commission reserves the right to award this bid on an all or none basis, to refuse all bids, and to waive technicalities.

Questions regarding this bid should be directed to Khristie Davis, Purchasing Manager, Purchasing Department, Montgomery County Administrative Building Annex III, 101 South Lawrence Street, Montgomery, Alabama, phone number (334) 832-1267.

Florence M. Cauthen
County Administrator and Purchasing Agent

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. The bid number must appear on the outside of the bid envelope.
2. No oral, telephonic, facsimile, modifications or alternate bids will be considered. Bids from firms, individuals, or the same owners of separate companies submitting more than one bid will not be considered.
3. Late bids will not be opened.
4. Three (3) no responses to invitation to bid will be reason for deletion of bidder's name from the bid list. Once deleted from bid list, bidder's name may be returned to bid list with a written request from the bidder.
5. Bidders must submit an original and one (1) copy of its bid. The attached bid form must be completed in its entirety, signed by an authorized agent of the company, and submitted with the bid response. Bid forms that are not signed will be disqualified.
6. Bidders must attach to bid a copy of a current City of Montgomery business license and Montgomery County business license, if required by law, and shall be current on payment of all city and county sales taxes. If vendor is not required to have a City of Montgomery business license or a Montgomery County business license, vendor must specify why license is not required.
7. Bidders having a place of business within the legal boundaries of Montgomery County shall be given a 5% preference over vendors located outside of the legal boundaries of Montgomery County. Separately, the Montgomery County Commission reserves the right to award the contract to a local responsible bidder if the bid is within 10% of a foreign entity's bid. A foreign entity is a business that does not have a place of business within the State of Alabama.
8. The contract period will be for three (3) years beginning the date of award. Prices shall remain firm for the duration of the contract.
9. The successful vendor awarded the contract/ purchase order must provide documentation of its enrollment in the e-verify program.
10. Montgomery County Commission or the successful vendor reserves the right to cancel this contract with a thirty day (30) written notice at any time during the contract.
11. Successful vendor shall file at minimum the following insurance coverage and limited liability with the Purchasing Department before beginning work with Montgomery County:

General Liability	
Bodily Injury and Property Damage	\$500,000.00 Each

Workers' Compensation Insurance with statutory requirements or a minimum \$500,000.00 coverage per occurrence or statutory limits.

Successful vendor must maintain such insurance for the duration of the contract, as it will protect him and Montgomery County from claim under Workmen's Compensation Acts, and from claims for damage and/or personal injury, including death which may arise from operations under the contract.

12. If a dispute arises out of or relates to this agreement or its breach, the parties shall endeavor to settle the dispute first through direct discussions and negotiations. If the dispute cannot be settled through direct discussions or negotiations, the parties shall endeavor to settle the dispute by non-binding mediation. The location of the mediation shall be Montgomery, Alabama. Either party may terminate the mediation at any time after the session, but the decision to terminate must be delivered in person to the other party and the mediator. Engaging in mediation is a condition precedent to any other form of binding dispute resolution. If the parties cannot agree on a mutual resolution, any disputes not resolved by mediation shall be decided in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama, governed by the laws of the state of Alabama.
13. If a bidder desires to protest a bid, a formal written protest shall be submitted to the Administrator/Purchasing Agent within five (5) working days before the bid opening or proposal due date or within five (5) working days after award. The formal written protest may be hand delivered to the Administrator or Administrator's Office of the Montgomery County Commission and/or mailed to the Administrator/Purchasing Agent by registered certified mail. The bidder and/or his authorized agent or legal representative must sign the formal written protest, or it will not be accepted.

Failure to file the notice of protest within the time limit prescribed herein shall constitute a waiver of any protest to the bid and/or request for proposal process.

14. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. Within 30 calendar days of receipt of the timely filed, formal written protest, the Administrator/Purchasing Agent shall issue a written decision with respect to the protest. Should the decision by the Administrator/Purchasing Agent be adverse to the bidder, the bidder may seek relief in accordance with the Code of Alabama 41-16-31.
15. The selected vendor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold the Montgomery County Commission and its employees, agents, officers and servants free and harmless from any and all losses, claims, liens, not limited to, the amounts of judgments, penalties, interests, court costs, legal fees, and all other expenses incurred by the County arising in favor of any party, including employees of the successful vendor, death or damages to property and without limitation by enumeration, all other claims or demands of every character but only on the proportion of and to the extent such losses, claims, liens, demands and causes of action arise out of the negligent acts or omissions of contractor, its employees, agents and officers. The successful vendor agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for and defend any such claims,

demand, or suite at its sole expense. The successful vendor also agrees to bear all other costs and expense related thereto, even if the claim or claims alleged are groundless, false or fraudulent.

16. The selected vendor affirms that it will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama for the duration of the agreement. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.
17. The Montgomery County Commission is committed to increase participation by Minority and Women-Owned Businesses (M/WBs) in the procurement process in Montgomery County; to insure equal opportunity for M/WBs to participate in the procurement process; to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status in the procurement process; and to achieve a minimum of 30% participation by M/WBs in the procurement process in Montgomery County.
18. Montgomery County Commission may review bidder's qualifications and references as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work, and the bidder shall furnish to the County all such information and data for this purpose as the County may request.
19. Montgomery County Commission reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of such bidder fails to satisfy the County that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work contemplated therein.
20. While the bid award may be made to the lowest bidder meeting all specifications, Montgomery County Commission will not award the bid on the basis of the low bid only. Quality, conformity with specifications, terms of delivery, past service history, and experience are among factors that may be considered in determining the lowest responsible bidder.
21. Montgomery County Commission reserves the right to award the bid in any manner that is in the best interest of the County.

Montgomery County Commission is accepting bids from professional and experienced catering companies to provide catering services for meals on an as needed basis for various county departments.

VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS

1. Bidder must furnish the following information with their bid submittal:
 - A. Copies of the past three (3) health inspection reports or a list of the last three (3) health inspection scores.
 - B. A copy of current health permit.
 - C. A copy of current food safety certifications.
 - D. A current City of Montgomery business license and Montgomery County business license, if required by law. If vendor is not required to have a City of Montgomery Business license or a Montgomery County business license; vendor must specify, in writing why license is not required.
2. Bidder shall have at least three (3) years' experience in the catering business.
3. Bidders shall be classified as a Category 3 by the Health Department.
4. Bidders shall have a Health Department rating of 95 or above for two of its last three health inspection reports (and none lower than 90), with no critical violations. Montgomery County Commission will contact the local health department to verify the scores.
5. The successful vendor shall comply with all health and safety codes in effect relating to the preparation of meals.
6. The successful vendor may not assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of the contract or its rights, title or interest in or the same, or any part thereof, without written consent from Montgomery County Commission.
7. Quoted prices shall remain firm regardless of the number of meals prepared.
8. Quoted prices shall include all applicable charges, to include but not limited to handling, packaging, service, delivery, gratuity and any other billable charges not specifically listed.
9. Quoted price shall include all tableware: plates, napkins, forks and cups, unless otherwise specified.

BID SUBMITTAL FORM

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Price
1.	Breakfast sandwich tray with bagels, croissants, grilled white and wheat bread with eggs and cheese and assorted breakfast meats. To include plates, napkins and forks	Small: 5 people Medium: 10 people Large: 12 people	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
2.	Mini croissants stuffed with eggs, cheese and an assortment of breakfast meats; to include plates, napkins and forks	Small: 5 -6 people Medium: 10 – 12 people Large: 15-17 People	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
3.	Biscuit tray with choice of sausage, ham, bacon or combined; to include plates, napkins and forks.	Small: 24 biscuits Medium: 36 biscuits Large: 48 biscuits	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
4.	Scrambled eggs, grits, bacon and biscuits served buffet style; to include plates, napkins and forks. Ability to substitute meats at no additional charge.	Small: 6 people	\$ _____
5.	Cheese Grits	4 Servings	\$ _____

6.	Plain Grits	2 Servings	\$ _____
7.	Tray of mini breakfast sweet rolls and assorted muffins	Small: Medium: Large:	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
8.	Chicken finger tray with dip; to include plates, napkins and forks	Small: 9- 18 People Standard: 8-10 People Medium: 18-36 People Large: 27-54 People	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
9.	Double decker sandwich tray: An overstuffed assortment of meats, cheeses, breads and toppings quartered double decker style; to include chips, cookies, tea and paper products (Plates, Napkins, Forks and cups)	Small: 9- 18 People Standard: 8-10 People Medium: 18-36 People Large: 27-54 People	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
10.	Box meal: To include club sandwich, chips, pickles and cookie	Each	\$ _____
11.	Box meal: To include 4 chicken tenders, roll, chips, slaw, pickle, spear, cookie and sauce	Each	\$ _____

12.	Fruit Tray: Seasonal fruit with dip to include plates, napkins and forks	Small: 9- 18 people Standard: 18- 25 people Large: 30-35 people	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
13.	Fruit and Cheese tray: Seasonal fruit and deli cheese with dip; to include plates, napkins and forks	Small: 9- 18 people Standard: 18- 25 people Large: 30-35 people	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
14.	Veggie and relish tray: Seasonal vegetables and relish with dip to include plates, napkins and forks	Small: 9- 18 people Standard: 18- 25 people Large: 30-35 people	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
15.	Chicken salad and pimento cheese finger sandwich tray	Small: 9- 18 people Standard: 18- 25 people Large: 30-35 people	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
16.	Salad Box Grilled Chicken with cookie or Chef Salad with cookie	Each	\$ _____

17.	Cheese Straws	Small 9 – 18 people Standard 18 – 25 people Large 30 -35 people	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
18.	Chex Mix	Small: 9- 18 people Standard: 18- 25 people Large: 30-35 people	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
19.	“Bite- Size” assorted cookie tray	Small: 9- 18 people Standard: 18- 25 people Large: 30-35 people	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

Total Cost of Items 1-19 \$ _____

Please complete this form and return it with your bid proposal. Should you choose not to bid at this time, please complete this form and forward back to our office as soon as possible. It is necessary that you check all categories that apply to your company.

Vendor Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Is the Company Minority Owned: _____ Yes _____ No

Is the Company Owned By: _____ Female _____ Male _____ Both

Is the Company Incorporated: _____ Yes _____ No

Ethnicity of Ownership:

_____ African American

_____ American Indian

_____ Asian American

_____ Caucasian

_____ Disabled

_____ Hispanic

_____ Other (Please Specify) _____

Official Signature

Printed Name and Title

Date: _____

RESPONSE FORM TO BE ATTACHED TO BID

Company Name _____

Federal I.D. # _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Quote F.O.B. _____

Terms of Payment _____

Delivery Date _____

Official Signature

Printed Name and Title