Question and Answer re IFB No. MS-2012 – PART 2

Below is the question that SFUSD has received regarding IFB #MS-2012 during the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and the District’s response to this question.

List of requirements for commodities will not meet the new specifications for beef and chicken (poultry items) with regards to CN labeling as required by USDA. What is the District’s position regarding this issue?

**District Response:** The District understands the statement “commodities that will not meet the new specifications” to refer **only** to the IFB/contract specifications in Section 57(T) (“Sourcing”), and thus the District has drafted this answer accordingly. Please refer to Section 57(T) (“Sourcing”), which requires detailed sourcing information for all meal ingredients regarding three criteria (locally grown, sustainably produced, and free of the use of non-therapeutic antibiotics—as defined in the IFB/contract). Please note that Section 57(T) does not state that meal ingredients are banned if they do not meet those three criteria. Please also refer to Section 58 (“Utilization of USDA Foods”); the District participates in the USDA Donated Food Program, and if the Contractor/bidder is an approved USDA foods processor then the Contractor/bidder is required to accept and utilize USDA foods in the menu plan accordingly, if the Contractor/bidder is **not** an approved USDA foods processor then the Contractor/bidder is required to accept and utilize USDA foods in the menu plan to the extent permitted by the USDA. Please also refer to Bid Addendum No. 1 which revises Subsection (C) of Section 59 (“Food Quality, Inspections and Labeling”) to clarify that the District requires a Child Nutrition (CN) label **if used** by the Contractor/bidder.