



Request for Proposal

- Commercial Food (SY23-24CF)
- USDA Foods (SY23-24USDA)
- Beverages (SY23-24B)
- Cafeteria Essentials (SY23-24CE)

Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council (EPC)
Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency (OMERESA)
Ohio Schools Council (OSC)
Stark County Schools Council

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions

The undersigned bidder makes this certification as part of its proposal in response to the RFP. The bidder certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- 1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- 2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or Local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- 3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph 2) above; and
- 4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or Local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the bidder is unable to certify to any of the above statements, the bidder must attach an explanation to this proposal.

Friends Service Inc., dba Friends Office
Bidder's Name

Friends 23/24
PR/Award Number of Project Name

Ken Schroeder President/CEO
Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Ken Sch - Pres.
Signature

May 16, 2023
Date