UNIFORM GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Contract Interpretation

A. Arizona Law. The law of Arizona applies to this Contract including, where applicable, the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted by the State of Arizona and the Arizona School District Procurement Code, Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 15-213, and its implementing rules, Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) Title 7, Chapter 2, Articles 10 and 11.

B. Implied Contract Terms. Each Provision of law and any terms required by law to be in this Contract are a part of this Contract as if fully stated in it.

C. Relationship of Parties. The Contractor under this Contract is an independent Contractor. Neither party to this Contract shall be deemed to be the employee agent of the other party to the Contract.

D. Severability. The provisions of this Contract are severable. Any term or condition deemed illegal or invalid shall not affect any other term or condition of the Contract.

E. No Parol Evidence. This Contract is intended by the parties as a final and complete expression of their agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall supplement or explain any terms used in this document.

F. No Waiver. Either party’s failure to insist on strict performance of any term or condition of the Contract shall not be deemed waiver of that term or condition even if the party accepting or acquiescing in the nonconforming performance knows of the nature of the performance and fails to object to it.

2. Contract Administration and Operation

A. Records. Under A.R.S. § 35-214 and § 35-215, the Contractor shall retain and shall contractually require each Subcontractor to retain all data and other records (“records”) relating to the acquisition and performance of the Contract for a period of five years after the completion of the Contract. All records shall be subject to inspection and audit at reasonable times. Upon request, the Contractor shall produce a legible copy of any or all such records.

B. Non-Discrimination. The Contractor shall comply with State Executive Order No. 99-4, 2000-4 and all other applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

C. Audit. The books and records of the Offeror pertaining to operations under this Agreement shall be available to the District at any reasonable time. These records are subject to inspection or audit by representatives of the District, State Agency, the US Department of Agriculture (for food/nutrition only), and the US General Accounting Office at any reasonable time and place. The District shall maintain such records, for a period of not less than 5 years after the final day of the contract, or longer if required for audit resolution (ARS §35-214) 7 CFR §210.23 and 2 CFR Part 200.318(i).

D. Inspection and Testing. The Contractor agrees to permit access to its facilities, Subcontractor facilities and the Contractor’s processes for producing the materials, at reasonable time for inspection of the materials and services covered under this Contract. The School District shall also have the right to test at its own cost the materials to be supplied under this Contract. Neither inspection at the Contractor’s facilities nor testing shall constitute final acceptance of the materials. If the School District determines non-compliance of the materials, the Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of all costs incurred by the School District for testing and inspection.

E. Notices. Notices to the Contractor required by this Contract shall be made by the School District to the person indicated on the Offer and Acceptance Form submitted by the Contractor unless otherwise stated in the Contract. Notices to the School District required by the Contract shall be made by the Contractor to the
Solicitation Contact Person indicated on the Solicitation cover sheet, unless otherwise stated in the Contract. An authorized Procurement Officer and an authorized Contractor representative may change their respective person to whom notices shall be given by written notice and an Amendment to the Contract shall not be necessary.

F. Advertising and Promotion of Contract. The Contractor shall not advertise or publish information for commercial benefit concerning this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.

G. Property of the School District. Any materials, including reports, computer programs and other deliverables, created under this Contract are the sole property of the School District. The Contractor is not entitled to a patent or copyright on those materials and may not transfer the patent or copyright to anyone else. The Contractor shall not use or release these materials without the prior written consent of the School District.

3. Costs and Payments

A. Payments. Payments shall comply with the requirements of A.R.S. Titles 35-342 and 41, Net 30 days. Upon receipt and acceptance of goods or services, the Contractor shall submit a complete and accurate invoice for payment from the School District within thirty (30) days. The Purchase Order number must be referenced on the invoice.

B. Applicable Taxes.

1. Payment of Taxes by the School District. The School District will pay only the rate and/or amount of taxes identified in the Bid and in any resulting Contract.

2. State and Local Transaction Privilege Taxes. The School District is subject to all applicable state and local transaction privilege taxes. Transaction privilege taxes apply to the sale and are the responsibility of the seller to remit. Failure to collect taxes from the buyer does not relieve the seller from its obligation to remit taxes.

3. Tax Indemnification. Contractor and all Subcontractors shall pay all federal, state, and local taxes applicable to its operation and any persons employed by the Contractor. Contractor shall, and require all Subcontractors to hold the School District harmless from any responsibility for taxes, damages and interest, if applicable, contributions required under federal, and/or state and local laws and regulations and any other costs including transaction privilege taxes, unemployment compensation insurance, Social Security and Worker’s Compensation.

4. IRS W-9. In order to receive payment under any resulting Contract, Contractor shall have a current I.R.S. W-9 Form on file with the School District.

C. Availability of Funds for the Next Fiscal Year. Funds may not presently be available for performance under this Contract beyond the current fiscal year. No legal liability on the part of the School District for any payment may arise under this Contract beyond the current fiscal year until funds are made available for performance of the Contract. The School District will make reasonable efforts to secure such funds.

4. Contract Changes

A. Amendments. This Contract is issued under the authority of the Procurement Officer who signed this Contract. The Contract may be modified only through a Contract Amendment within the scope of the Contract signed by the Procurement Officer. Changes to the Contract, including the addition of work or materials, the revision of payment terms, or the substitution of work or materials, directed by an unauthorized employee or made unilaterally by the Contractor are violations of the Contract and or applicable law. Such changes, including unauthorized written Contract Amendments, shall be void and without effect, and the Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim and this Contract based on those changes.
B. **Subcontracts.** The Contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract under this Contract without the advance written approval of the Procurement Officer. The Subcontract shall incorporate by reference the terms and conditions of this Contract.

C. **Assignment and Delegation.** The Contractor shall not assign any right nor delegate any duty under this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer. The Procurement Officer shall not unreasonably withhold approval.

5. **Risk and Liability**

A. **Risk of Loss.** The Contractor shall bear all loss of conforming material covered under this Contract until received by authorized personnel at the location designated in the purchase order or Contract. Mere receipt does not constitute final acceptance. The risk of loss for nonconforming materials shall remain with the Contractor regardless of receipt.

B. **General Indemnification.** To the extent permitted by A.R.S. § 41-621 and § 35-154, the School District shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Contractor for its vicarious liability as result of entering into this Contract. Each party to this Contract is responsible for its own negligence.

C. **Indemnification - Patent and Copyright.** To the extent permitted by A.R.S. § 41-621 and § 35-154, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the School District against any liability, including costs and expenses, for infringement of any patent, trademark, or copyright arising out of Contract performance or use by the School District of materials furnished or work performed under this Contract. The School District shall reasonably notify the Contractor of any claim for which it may be liable under this paragraph.

D. **Force Majeure.**

1. Except for payment of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this Contract if and to the extent that such party’s performance of this Contract is prevented by reason of force majeure. The term “force majeure” means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Without limiting the foregoing, force majeure includes acts of God; acts of the public enemy; war; riots; strikes; mobilization; labor disputes; civil disorders; fire; flood; lockouts; injections-intervention acts; or failures or refusals to act by government authority; and other similar occurrences beyond the control of the party declaring force majeure which such party is unable to prevent by exercising reasonable diligence.

2. Force Majeure shall not include the following occurrences:

   a. Late delivery of equipment or materials caused by congestion at a manufacturer’s plant or elsewhere, or an oversold condition of the market. ; or
   b. Late performance by a Subcontractor unless the delay arises out of a force majeure occurrence in accordance with this force majeure term and condition. ; or
   c. Inability of either the Contractor or any Subcontractor to acquire or maintain any required insurance, bonds, licenses, or permits.

3. If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by force majeure, the delayed party shall notify the other party in writing of such delay, as soon as is practicable and no later than the following working day, of the commencement thereof and shall specify the causes of such delay in such notice. Such notice shall be delivered or mailed certified-return receipt requested, and shall make a specific reference to this article, thereby invoking its provisions. The delayed party shall cause such delay to cease as soon as practicable and shall notify the other party in writing when it has done so. The time of completion shall be extended by Contract Amendment for a period of time equal to the time that results or effects of such delay prevent the delayed party from performing in accordance with this Contract.
4. Any delay or failure in performance by either party hereto shall not constitute default hereunder or give rise to any claim for damages or loss of anticipated profits if, and that such delay or failure is caused by force majeure.

E. Third Party Antitrust Violations. The Contractor assigns to the School District any claim for overcharges resulting from antitrust violation the extent that those violations concern materials of services supplied by third parties to the Contractor toward fulfillment of this Contract.

6. Warranties

A. Liens. The Contractor warrants that the materials supplied under this Contract are free of liens.

B. Quality. Unless otherwise modified elsewhere in these terms and conditions, the Contractor warrants that for one year after acceptance by the School District of the materials or services, they shall be:

1. A quality to pass without objection in the trade under the Contract description;
2. Fit for the intended purposes for which the materials or services are used;
3. Within the variations permitted by the Contract and are of even kind, quality, and quality within each unit and among all units;
4. Adequately contained, packaged and marked as the Contract may require; and
5. Conform to the written promises or affirmations of fact made by the Contractor.

C. Fitness. The Contractor warrants that any material or service supplied to the School District shall fully conform to all requirements of the Solicitation and all representations of the Contractor, and shall be fit for all purposes and uses required by the Contract.

D. Inspection/Testing. The warranties set forth in subparagraphs A through C of this paragraph are not affected by inspection/ testing of or payment for the materials or services by the School District.

E. Exclusions. Except as otherwise set forth in this Contract, there are no express or implied warranties or merchant ability fitness.

F. Compliance with Applicable Laws. The materials and services supplied under this Contract shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, and the Contract shall maintain all applicable licenses and permits.

G. Survival of Rights and Obligations after Contract Expiration or Termination.

1. Contractor’s Representations and Warranties. All representations and warranties made by the Contractor under this Contract shall survive the expiration of termination hereof. In addition, the parties hereto acknowledge that pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-510, except as provided in A.R.S. § 12-529, the School District is not subject to or barred by any limitations of actions prescribed in A.R.S. Title 12, Chapter 5.

2. Purchase Orders. The Contractor shall, in accordance with all terms and conditions of the Contract, fully perform and shall be obligated to comply with all purchase orders received by the Contractor prior to the expiration or termination hereof, unless otherwise directed in writing by the Procurement Offices, including, without limitation, all purchase orders received prior to but not fully performed and satisfied at the expiration or termination of this Contract.

7. School District's Contractual Remedies
A. **Right to Assurance.** If the School District in good faith has reason to believe that the Contractor does not intend to, or is unable to perform or continue performing the Contract, the Procurement Officer may demand in writing that the Contractor give a written assurance of intent or ability to perform. Failure by the Contractor to provide written assurance within the number of days specified in the demand may, at the School District’s option, be the basis for terminating the Contract under the Uniform General Terms and Conditions.

B. **Stop Work Order.**

1. The School District may, at any time, by written order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all or any part, of the work called for by this Contract for a period of up to ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to the Contractor, and for any further period to which the parties may agree. The order shall be specifically identified as a stop work order issued under this clause. Upon receipt of the order, the Contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage.

2. If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled or the period of the order or any extension expires, the Contractor shall resume work. The Procurement Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule or Contract price, or both, and the Contract shall be amended in writing accordingly.

C. **Non-exclusive Remedies.** The rights and the remedies of the School District under this Contract are not exclusive.

D. **Nonconforming Tender.** Materials supplied under this Contract shall fully comply with the Contract. The delivery of materials or a portion of the materials in an installment that do not fully comply constitutes a breach of Contract. On delivery of nonconforming materials, the School District may terminate the Contract for default under applicable termination clauses in the Contract, exercise any of its remedies under the Uniform Commercial Code, or pursue any other right or remedy available to it.

E. **Right to Offset.** The School District shall be entitled to offset against any sums due the Contractor, any expenses or costs incurred by the School District or damages assessed by the School District concerning the Contractor’s nonconforming performance or failure to perform the Contract, including expenses, costs and damages described in the Uniform General Terms and Conditions.

8. **Contract Termination**

A. **Cancellation for Conflict of Interest.** Per A.R.S. 38-511 the School District may cancel this Contract within three (3) years after Contract execution without penalty or further obligation if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting, or creating the Contract on behalf of the School District is, or becomes at any time while the Contract or an extension the Contract is in effect, an employee of or a consultant to any other party to this Contract with respect to the subject matter of the Contract. The cancellation shall be effective when the Contractor receives written notice of the cancellation unless the notice specifies a later time.

B. **Gratuities.** The School District may, by written notice, terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, if the School District determines that employment or gratuity was offered or made by the Contractor or a representative of the Contractor to any officer or employee of the School District for the purpose of influencing the outcome of the procurement or securing the Contract, an Amendment to the Contract, or favorable treatment concerning the Contract, including the making of any determination or decision about Contract performance. The School District, in addition to any other rights or remedies, shall be entitled to recover exemplary damages in the amount of three (3) times the value of the gratuity offered by the Contractor.

C. **Suspension or Debarment.** The School District may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate this Contract if the School District determines that the Contractor has been disbarred, suspended
or otherwise lawfully prohibited from participating in any public procurement activity, including but not limited to, being disapproved as a Subcontractor of any public procurement unit or other governmental body.

D. **Termination for Convenience.** The School District reserves the right to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part at any time, when in the best interests of the School District without penalty recourse. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work, as directed in the notice, notify all Subcontractors of the effective date of the termination and minimize all further costs to the School District. In the event of termination under this paragraph, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the School District. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for work in progress, work completed, and materials accepted before the effective date of the termination. The cost principles and procedures provided in A.A.C. R7-2-1125 shall apply.

The District may terminate for cause and for convenience the contract. Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200. (Only applies to Federal Grant Funded contracts over $10,000)

E. **Termination for Default.**

1. In addition to the rights reserved in the Uniform Terms and Conditions, the School District reserves the right to terminate the Contract in whole or in part due to the failure of the Contractor to comply with any term or condition of the Contract, to acquire and maintain all required insurance policies, bonds, licenses and permits, or to make satisfactory progress in performing the Contract. The Procurement Officer shall provide written notice of the termination and the reasons for it to the Contractor.

2. Upon termination under this paragraph, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the School District.

3. The School District may, upon termination of this Contract, procure, on terms and in the manner that it deems appropriate, materials and services to replace those under this Contract. The Contractor shall be liable to the School District for any excess costs incurred by the School District re-procuring the materials or services.

F. **Continuation of Performance through Termination.** The Contractor shall continue to perform, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, up to the date of termination, as directed in the termination notice.

9. **Contract Claims**

All Contract claims and controversies under this Contract shall be resolved according to A.R.S. Title 15-213 and rules adopted thereunder.

10. **Gift Policy**

The District will accept no gifts, gratuities or advertising products from bidders. The District has adopted a zero tolerance policy concerning bidder gifts. The District may request product samples from bidders for official evaluation with disposal of those said samples at the discretion of the Procurement Officer.

11. **Integrity of Bid**

By signing this bid, the Offeror affirms that the Offeror has not given, nor intends to give any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan gratuity, special discount, trip favor, or service to any employee of the School District/Public Entity in connection with the submitted Bid. Failure to sign the bid, or signing it with a false statement, shall void the submitted Bid or any resulting contract.
12. **Offshore Performance**

Due to security and identity protection concerns, direct services under any subsequent contract shall be performed within the borders of the United States. Any services that are described in the specifications or scope of work that directly serve the school district(s) or charter school(s) or its clients and may involve access to secure or sensitive data or personal client data or development or modification of software for the State shall be performed within the borders of the United States. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the specifications, this definition does not apply to indirect or “overhead” services, redundant back-up services or services that are incidental to the performance of the contract. This provision applies to work performed by subcontractors at all tiers.

13. **Contractor’s Employment Eligibility (E-Verify Requirement)**

By entering the contract, contractor warrants compliance with A.R.S. 41-4401, A.R.S. 23-214, the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (FINA), and all other federal immigration laws and regulations. The District may request verification of compliance from any contractor or subcontractor performing work under this contract. The District reserves the right to confirm compliance in accordance with applicable laws. Should the District suspect or find that the contractor or any of its subcontractors are not in compliance, the District may pursue any and all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to: suspension of work, termination of the contract for default, and suspension and/or debarment of the contractor. All costs necessary to verify compliance are the responsibility of the contractor.

14. **Program Regulations**

The Offeror shall be in conformance with the applicable portions of the District’s agreement and the program. The Offeror will conduct program operations in accordance with 7CFR Parts 210, 215, 220, 225, and 250. The Offeror shall provide products that meet the Public Law 111-296, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA). The Offeror’s products shall meet grade level caloric, sodium, saturated fat, and trans-fat requirements.

15. **Affordable Care Act**

The Offeror understands and agrees that it shall be solely responsible for compliance with the patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148 and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, Public Law 111-152 (collectively the Affordable Care Act “ACA”). The Offeror shall bear sole responsibility for providing health care benefits for its employees who provide services to the District as required by State or Federal law.

16. **Buy American Provision – for food/nutrition only**

The Offeror shall purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic agricultural commodities or products substantially processed in the United States, in accordance with 7CFR§210.21(d) and 7CFR§220.16(d). “Substantially” means the final processed product contains over 51% domestically grown agricultural commodities. This provision applies to all food purchases paid from the nonprofit school food services account. There are limited exceptions to this provision which allow for the purchase of products not meeting the “domestic” standard as described above (“non-domestic”) in circumstances when use of domestic products is truly not practicable. However, before utilizing an exception, alternatives to purchasing non-domestic food products should be considered.

Exceptions to the Buy American provision should be used as the last resort; however, an alternative or exception may be approved upon request. Exceptions include: (1) The product is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonable available quantities of a satisfactory quality, or (2) competitive bids reveal the costs of a U.S. product are significantly higher than the non-domestic product.

To be considered for the alternative or exception, the request must be submitted in writing to a designated official, a minimum of _____ <insert number of days> days in advance of delivery. The request must include:
(1) the alternative substitutes that are domestic and meet the required specifications, with price of the domestic food alternative substitute and the availability of the domestic alternative substitute in relation to quantity ordered, and (2) the reason for exception, whether limited/lack of availability or price. If price, include the price of the domestic food product and the price of the non-domestic product that meets the required specifications of the domestic product. (Only applies to food purchases/contracts)

17. Civil Rights Compliance

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

a. For food/nutrition only: Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

b. For food/nutrition only: To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found on line at www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

18. Terrorism Country Divestments

Per A.R.S. 35-392, the District is prohibited from purchasing from a company that is in violation of the Export Administration Act.

19. Per A.R.S. 35-391, a public entity may not enter into a separate contract with a company to acquire or dispose of services, supplies, information technology or construction unless the contract includes a written certification that the company is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract to not engage in, a boycott of Israel.

NOTICE: Unless and until the District Court’s injunction in Jordahl v. Brnovich et al., Case No. 3:17-cv-08263 (D. Ariz.) is stayed or lifted, the Anti-Israel Boycott Provision (A.R.S. 35-393-01 (A)) is unenforceable and the District will take no action to enforce it. This written certification is not a mandatory part of the offer as long as the injunction remains in place. Offers will not be evaluated based on whether this certification has been provided.

20. Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Environmental Protection Agency Regulation

The Offeror will comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act, Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, Executive Order 11738 and Environmental Protection Agency regulations which prohibit the use, under nonexempt federal contracts, grants or loans to facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities. The District will report all violations to ADE (Arizona Department of Education) and to the USEPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency)’s Assistant Administrator for Enforcement. (Only applies to contracts over $100,000)

21. Copeland anti-Kickback Act and Davis-Bacon Act

Contract vendor agrees, when working on any federally assisted projects with more than $2,000 in labor costs, to comply with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the Davis-Bacon Act (Section 29, CFR Part 5), the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act, the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and the Equal Opportunity Employment requirements of Executive Order 11246 as amended by Executive Order 11375. In
such projects, contract vendor agrees to post wage rates at the work site and submit a copy of their payroll to the member for their files if requested.

In addition, to comply with the Copeland Act, contract vendor must submit weekly payroll records to the member. Contract vendor must keep records for three years and allow the federal grantor agency access to these records, upon demand. Contract vendor also agrees to comply with State of Arizona Executive Order 75-5, as amended by Executive Order 99-4.

When working on any projects funded with federal grant monies, contract vendor agrees to comply with the administrative requirements for grants and cooperative agreements to state, local and federally recognized Indian tribal governments (24 CFR, Part 85.36), including 24 CFR 85.36(i), contract provisions.

22. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standard Act

The Offeror shall comply with 40 U.S.C. 3701-3708, that involves the employment of mechanics or laborers, offeror shall be required to comply with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). (Only applies to contracts over $100,000).

23. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

The Offeror admits that all prices in this Offer have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other Offeror or with any competitor certification regarding non-collusion.

24. Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion

By signing the Offer & Acceptance form, the Offeror shall certify that they have not been debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under executive order 12549 and 12689. The Offeror shall comply with regulations implementing Office of Management and Budget Guidance in Non-procurement Debarment and Suspension codified at 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 417. These regulations restrict transactions with certain parties that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from, or ineligible for, participation in Federal assistance programs or activities. (Only applies to contracts over $25,000)

25. Energy Policy and Conservation Act

The Offeror shall meet the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the State Energy Conservation Plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. (Pub. L. 94–163, 89 Stat.871.)

26. Equal Employment Opportunity


27. Fingerprint Clearance Cards

In accordance with A.R.S 15-512(H), a contractor, subcontractor or vendor or any employee of a contractor, subcontractor or vendor who is contracted to provide services on a regular basis at an individual school may be required to obtain a valid fingerprint clearance card pursuant to Title 41, Chapter 12, Article 3.1. An exception to this requirement may be made as authorized in Governing Board policy.

Contractor, subcontractors, vendors and their employees shall not provide services on school district properties until authorized by the District.
Additionally, contractor shall comply with the governing body fingerprinting policies of each individual School District.

28. Clarifications

Clarification means communication with Bidder for the sole purpose of eliminating minor irregularities, informalities, or apparent clerical mistakes in the Bid. It is achieved by explanation or substantiation, either in a written response to an inquiry from the District or as initiated by Bidder. Clarification does not give Bidder an opportunity to revise or modify its Bid, except to the extent that correction of apparent clerical mistakes results in a revision.

29. Confidential/Proprietary Information

Confidential information request: If Bidder believes that its Bid contains trade secrets or proprietary information that should be withheld from public inspection as required by A.R.S. § 39-121, a statement advising the School District of this fact shall accompany the Bid, and the information shall be so identified wherever it appears. The School District shall review the statement and shall determine in writing whether the information shall be withheld. If the School District determines to disclose the information, the School District shall inform Bidder in writing of such determination.

Contract Terms and Conditions, Pricing and information generally available to the Public are not considered confidential information under this section.

Public Record: All Bids submitted in response to this solicitation shall become the property of the School District. They will become a matter of public record available for review, subsequent to award notification, under the supervision of the Purchasing Official at 4502 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012 by appointment.

30. Conflict of Interest

A. All bidders must disclose the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee or Governing Board member of the Phoenix Union High School District.

B. All bidders must disclose the name of any District employee or Governing Board member who owns, directly or indirectly, any interest in the offeror’s business of any of its branches.

31. Lobbying

Bidders are hereby advised that lobbying is not permitted with any District personnel or Board Members related to or involved with this solicitation until the Administration’s recommendation for award has been approved by the Governing Board. All oral or written inquiries must be directed through the Purchasing Department.

Lobby is defined as “any action taken by an individual, firm, association, joint venture, partnership, syndicate, corporation, and all other groups who seek to influence the Governmental Decision of a Board Member or ANY District Personnel after release and prior to the award of this contract by all entities.” Any Bidder or any individuals that lobby on behalf of the bidder during the time specified will result in the rejection and disqualification of said bid.

Certification Regarding Lobbying: Pursuant to 31 USC 1352, the Offeror must submit a certification regarding lobbying which conforms in substance with the language provided in CFR Part 200.450. No appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative Agreement to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered Federal actions. (Only applies to contracts over $100,000)
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities – for food/nutrition only: Pursuant to Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment 31 USC 1352, the Offeror must disclose lobbying activities in connection with school nutrition programs. If there are material changes after the initial filing, updated reports must be submitted on a quarterly basis. 7CFR§3018.100 (Only applies to contracts over $100,000)

32. Prohibition of Reprisals

Phoenix Union High School District is committed to complying with Federal requirements related to whistleblower protections.

To that end, an employee may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing, including a disclosure made in the ordinary course of an employee’s duties, to the Board, an inspector general, the Comptroller General, a member of Congress, a State or Federal regulatory or law enforcement agency, a person with supervisory authority over the employee (or such person working for the employer who has the authority to investigate, discover, or terminate misconduct), a court or grand jury, the head of a Federal agency, or their representatives, information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of:

A. gross mismanagement of a contract or grant;
B. a gross waste of public funds;
C. a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety related to the implementation or use of public funds;
D. an abuse of authority related to the implementation or use of public funds; or
E. a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a school district contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant, awarded or used relating to public funds.

33. When Federal Grant Funding shall be used, the District shall take all necessary affirmative steps to assure minority businesses, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are notified of any bidding opportunities when possible. 2 CFR Part 200.321