

Hidalgo County Head Start Program Policy Council Agenda Request

DATE: September 17, 2008

SUBJECT: Discussion/Approval to extend Interlocal Agreement with South Texas Cooperative through Region One Education Service Center for the Purpose of Purchasing all Food, Commodities, Uniforms, Supplies and Services

RATIONALE/NEED: The purpose of this agreement is to purchase quality food commodities, kitchen/janitorial supplies, and services at the lowest price.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval.

COST: \$1,300,000 Year (Estimated)

RELATED INFORMATION INCLUDED: Memo/Participant Info

INITIATED BY: Ambrosio Tovar, Procurement Director *at*

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: *Jerem Flores*



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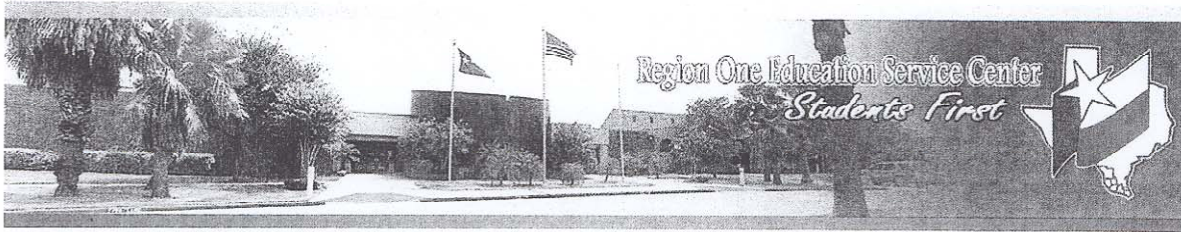
DATE: September 3, 2008

SUBJ: Region 1 ESC -South Texas Cooperative Contract Extension

The South Texas Cooperative Contract with Region One Education Service Center needs to be extended for another year. This program has helped Head Start and the Child Nutrition Program save time and money. This cooperative performs the bidding process on the commodities used by the Head Start Child Nutrition Program.

This coop has been beneficial for Head Start and the Child Nutrition Program. It is highly recommended by the Procurement Department and the Child Nutrition Department to renew this contract.

Should you have any questions please let us know. Thank you.



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Region One ESC welcomes you to the Child Nutrition Program-South Texas Cooperative (CNP-STC). Thank you for your interest and desire to do business with us!

The South Texas Co-op plays an integral part in achieving healthy school meals and efficient business practices by ensuring high quality, customer satisfying, cost effective food and supplies. The primary focus of the co-op is to assist participating members in the administration of a fiscally sound Child Nutrition Program through compliance with bid law requirements. STC will act as a coordinating center for all bids/proposals; authority for such services is granted by section 8.053 of the Texas Education Code.

The STC administers approximately twelve (12) bids/proposals, which are advertised in local newspapers and posted on our Web site. [Click here to view current bid opportunities!](#)

- **Competitive Procurement**
 - **Bids & Proposals**
 - Cafeteria Dining Decor
 - Dairy, Bread & Tortilla Products
 - Dispensed Products
 - Discounted Warehouse Proposal
 - Facility Linen Services
 - Food Service Full Line Items
 - Janitorial Supplies & Paper Products
 - Processing of USDA Commodity Foods
 - Removal of Grease from Traps & Barrels
 - Small Kitchen Wares & Equipment
 - Uniforms & Marketing Items
 - Wireless Temperature Monitoring Systems

Processing of USDA Commodity Foods

STC consolidates USDA Donated Food allocations to districts and places processing orders. Small or medium districts without a co-op could not do this on their own because processing must be done in truckload quantities. By consolidating processing orders, small schools take advantage of the valuable service.

Food Service Product Expo

The South Texas Co-op hosts a Food Service Product Expo for participating members. On October 17th, 2007, STC hosted its first Commodity Processing Forum in conjunction with the Expo. This provided USDA commodity processing manufacturers the opportunity to present items available for SY09 to school district CNP personnel. On October 18th, 2007, STC hosted its fourth Food Service Product Expo at the SPI Convention Centre. Approximately 800 students and district staff attended the show to see and savor various products and equipment geared towards Child Nutrition Programs from over 100 different vendors. Please take a moment to visit our photo gallery! Mark your calendars, in 2009 STC will host its fifth Food Service Product Expo on October 14th & 15th!

If your company/organization would like to receive bid/proposal information, please contact the CNP-STC Purchasing Specialist at (956)-984-6123 or laramos@esc1.net.

Thank you,
Lori Atwood Ramos, RD, LD
 CNP-STC Purchasing Specialist