

Hidalgo County Head Start Program Policy Council Agenda Request

DATE: August 17, 2011

SUBJECT: Discussion/Approval to Extend Interlocal Agreement with the 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.

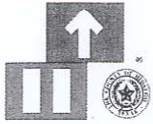
COST: \$1,400,000 Year

RELATED INFORMATION INCLUDED: Memo/Participant Info

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Gilbert Siva, Interim Child Nutrition Director

DATE: August 5, 2011

SUBJ: Region 1 ESC -South Texas Cooperative Contract Extension

We would like to continue the use of the South Texas Cooperative Inter-local agreement with Region One Education Service Center for another year. This inter-local agreement was originally signed and approved on October 4, 2005. This program has helped Head Start Child Nutrition Program save time and money.

This cooperative program performs the bidding process on the food, kitchen/janitorial supplies, and services used by the Head Start Child Nutrition Program.

The inter-local agreement 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 extend this inter-local agreement.

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 Cooperative was established on September 8, 1999, and continues to play an integral part in achieving healthy school meals and efficient business practices by ensuring high quality, customer satisfying, cost effective food and supplies for its members. The primary focus of the CNP-STC is to assist participating members in the administration of a fiscally sound Child Nutrition Program, and compliance with bid law requirements. The CNP-STC acts as a coordinating center for all bids/proposals; authority for such services is granted by section 8.053 of the Texas Education Code.

The South Texas Cooperative administers approximately fifteen (15) food service related bids and proposals, to meet the needs of school district Child Nutrition Programs. These proposals are advertised in local newspapers and posted on our Web site. Click here to view current [bid opportunities!](#)

• Competitive Procurement

o Bids & Proposals

- Bread & Tortilla Products
- Cafeteria Dining Decor
- Dairy & Juice Products
- Dispensed Products
- Discounted Warehouse Proposal
- Equipment & Small Kitchen Wares
- Facility, Linen & Uniform Services
- Food Service Full Line Items
- Frozen Dessert Products
- Janitorial Supplies & Paper/Plastic Products
- Processing of USDA Foods
- Removal of Grease from Traps & Barrels
- Special & Opportunity Buys
- Uniforms & Marketing Items
- Wireless Temperature Monitoring Systems

Processing of USDA Foods

CNP-STC consolidates further processing requests of USDA Food allocations for its members. Small or medium sized schools could not do this on their own because further processing requests must be done in truckload quantities. By aggregating the members further processing requests through the CNP-STC, all schools, regardless of size, are provided the opportunity to take advantage of this valuable service.

CNP-STC Food Service Product Expo 2011

The South Texas Cooperative will host its upcoming Processing Forum and Food Service Product Expo on October 19-20, 2011 at the South Padre Island Convention Centre. The Processing Forum provides manufacturers the opportunity to present further processed USDA food items available for SY13 to school district CNP personnel. The Food Service Product Expo anticipates approximately 400 students and district staff in attendance 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. Click here for [Vendor Registration Packet!](#)

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

Thank you,
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