



2024 Produce RFP – Response Form

Please complete each section of this form and return with the other required documents.

1. What zone(s) are you submitting a response for?

Northern

Western

Central

Seacoast

Eastern

Nashua

2. Please enter your fixed fee for delivery for each full case. The winning vendor will add this fee to the midpoint of the Mostly High / Low price from the previous Thursday's Market Report from the Boston Terminal Market to calculate the final delivered case cost.

Fixed fee per case: \$4.75

3. Please describe your delivery schedule (order and delivery days and times) for the schools in the region(s) you are bidding:

Deliveries are available for all schools Monday through Friday.

Deliveries will be made between 7:00am - 2:30pm. The majority of deliveries are expected to arrive before 1:00pm.

4. Describe the lead time on bid and non-bid pre-cut items.

Holden Produce is a full-scale pre-cut processor, we operate a separate processing facility that is SQF Certified, our label is Juniors Pre-cut.

We have two cutoff times for next day delivery for both bid AND non-bid pre-cut:

- All cut fruit, cut-off 9:00am

- All cut vegetables, cut-off 9:00pm

5. What is the availability of non-bid pre-cut items and how is the pricing determined?

Non-bid pre-cut items are readily available to a school as long as it follows the cut-off times.

Pricing is determined on a per product basis, factoring in raw goods costs, labor costs, packaging costs, delivery costs, profit

6. What is the availability of broken cases and how is the pricing determined?
Broken cases are readily available for the schools to order as needed.
Broken cases are available by either the each or pound depending on the case pack of the product. Prices are also determined based on the case pack of eaches or pounds, either priced by the each or by the pound.
7. What is you minimum delivery size in dollars?
\$125
8. Please describe your pickup and credit policy.
Credit will be issued on the original invoice of the issue. For credit we need a photo of the issue, a brief explanation and the invoice number or order date to be emailed to orders@holdenproduce.com within 48 hours of original delivery.
For any issues we offer a swap, pickup or replacement the following day with no minimum delivery required.

William Holden

Printed Name: _____

Authorized Signature:  _____

Holden Fruit & Produce Co Inc.

Company: _____

5/14/24

Date: _____

Appendix A – Required Forms

The following forms on the pages below are required for submitting an RFP.

General RFP Form

The accompanying Forms & Documentation are hereby submitted as an RFP in response to the subject IFB. All information, statements and prices are true, accurate, and binding representations of the bidder's intentions and commitments in responding to this IFB.

Holden fruit and produce
Company Name CO. INC.

Sean Holden
Contact Person

1 Griffin way
Street

(617) 889-8804
Phone

Chelsea, ma, 02150
City, State, Zip

Fax

Sean @ Holden Produce.com
Email

Bidder acknowledges receipt of the Invitation for RFPs (IFB) and Addendum No(s) _____, dated _____, and submits the attached RFP for this Invitation for RFPs to the New Hampshire Buying Group (NHBG), on the authority of the undersigned and as dated below who by signing confirms and pledges to abide by and be held to the requirements of this IFB and its resulting award.

Authorized Agent of the Bidder:

William J Holden Jr
Signature

William J Holden JR.
Name (as used for tax filing)

William Holden
Printed Name

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Statement of Competency

I hereby certify that the bidder meets or exceeds the competency criteria set out in this IFB.

I further attest to the following assertions:

- The bidder has been in business for a minimum of 1 year.
- Provision of the items specified in this IFB is consistent with the bidder's normal lines of business.
- The bidder is incorporated, and if required licensed, to do business in New Hampshire.

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Certificate of Non-Collusion

"The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this RFP has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word person shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group or individuals."

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Certificate of Tax Compliance

"I certify under the penalties of perjury that to my best knowledge and belief the undersigned has complied with all laws of the State relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support."

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Mr William Holden
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Certification of Compliance for Federally Funded Procurement

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The Contractor, if paid from federal funding sources, certifies that it complies with: E.O. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by E.O. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and as supplemented by regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor;" 18 U.S.C. 874 and 40 U.S.C. 276c (Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act); 40 U.S.C. 276a to a-7 (Davis-Bacon Act, as Amended); 40 U.S.C. 327-333 (Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act); 37 CFR part 401 (Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement); 42 U.S.C. 6201 (Energy Policy and Conservation Act); 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., as amended (Clean Air Act); 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., as amended (Federal Water Pollution Control Act); 31 U.S.C. 1352, as implemented 34 CFR Part 82 (Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment); E.O.s 12549 and 12689 (Debarment and Suspension); Section 106 of "TVPA" (Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000); American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; Pub. L. 111-5 ("ARRA"), Section 1605 of ARRA; and 2 CFR part 176.140 (Buy American.)

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Conflict of Interest Certification

The bidder hereby certifies that:

1. The bidder has not given, offered, or agreed to give any gift, contribution, or offer of employment as an inducement for, or in connection with, the award of a Contract pursuant to this IFB.
2. No consultant to, or subcontractor for, the bidder has given, offered, or agreed to give any gift, contribution, or offer of employment to the bidder, or to any other person, corporation, or entity as an inducement for, or in connection with, the award to the consultant or subcontractor of a Contract by the bidder.
3. No person, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide full-time employee of the bidder has been retained or hired to solicit for or in any way assist the bidder in obtaining a Contract pursuant to this IFB upon an agreement or understanding that such person, corporation or entity be paid a fee or other compensation contingent upon the award of a contract to the bidder.

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Certificate of Non-Debarment

The bidder hereby certifies that it is presently not debarred, suspended, or otherwise prohibited from practice by any federal, state, or local agency, and that, should any proceeding arise in which it is debarred, suspended, or otherwise prohibited from practice by any federal, state, or local agency, the bidder shall inform the NHBG and involved municipalities within one (1) business day of such debarment, suspension, or prohibition from practice.

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Lobbying Activities

Lobbying

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

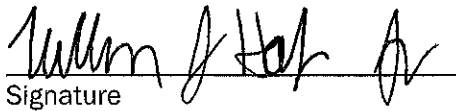
(1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to 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 this Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-contracts, sub-grants and contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31 U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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Equal Opportunity Requirements

I certify that all information, statements, and pricing made in my RFP are true, accurate, and binding representations of the bidder's intentions and commitment in responding to this IFB. Any such representations that exceed the minimum requirements of the IFB constitute legal obligations on the part of the bidder to perform as stated and that failure to so perform may be used by NHBG as grounds to terminate the award.

I certify that pursuant to 28 CFR Part 42.204 (d) my employment practices comply with Equal Opportunity Requirements and comply with 28 CFR Part 42.202.; that my organization complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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HUB Certification

Vendors submitting RFPs that have been certified as Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) entities (Minority, Small Business, Woman Owned), are asked to indicate their HUB status when responding to this Invitation for RFP. I certify that my company has been certified as a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB). (Attach a copy of the HUB Certification to this form.)

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Acknowledgement of Specifications

The undersigned certifies that they have read the RFP Specifications and agree to abide by these specifications should they be the successful vendor.

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Buy American Attestation

Section 104(d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-336) added a provision, Section 12(n) to the NSLA (42 USC 1760(n)), requiring school food authorities (SFAs) to purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodity or product. Section 12(n) of the NSLA defines "domestic commodity or product" as an agricultural commodity that is produced in the United States and a food product that is processed in the United States using substantial agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States. "Substantial" means that over 51 percent of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically. Products from Guam, American Samoa, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Mariana Islands are allowed under this provision as territories of the United States. The Buy American provision (7 CFR Part 210.21(d)) is one of the procurement standards SFAs must comply with when purchasing commercial food products served in the school meals programs.

I hereby certify that each item included in this submission meets the criteria for a domestic commodity or product as defined above, or an exception letter will be provided.

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Holden Fruit and Produce appreciates the opportunity to be working so closely with the New Hampshire school districts.

My Family and I have lived in New Hampshire for over 20 years, all in Salem. Both my kids were raised there, played sports for the town and now work at the family business. Working with the New Hampshire schools is something we would take extreme care of.

Our intentions would be to service the 2 regions with our fleet of nearly 20 vehicles, dedicating 8 trucks to just the schools to ensure prompt delivery.

We operate our own line of pre-cut produce, Juniors Pre-cut, which is how we would service the schools' pre-cut needs. All pre-cut items are cut to order, chemical free and produced in our State-of-The-Art SQF Level 2 Certified facilities.

This past school year we have worked with the Salem, Portsmouth and Exeter districts. As well as the Philips Exeter Academy and many other Massachusetts districts.

Best,

William Holden