

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY, AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION – LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 7 CRF Part 3017, Section 3017.510, participant's responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part IV of the January 30, 1989, Federal Register (Pages 4722-4733). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency with which this transaction originated.

1. The Contractor certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

ORGANIZATION NAME

NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

SIGNATURE

DATE

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

Both the school food authority and the Vendor (offeror) shall execute this Certificate of Independent Price Determination.

Name of Vendor

Central Community School System – Child Nutrition Program
Name of School Food Authority

A. By submission of this offer, the offeror certifies and in the case of a joint offer, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement:

1. The 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 with any competitor.

2. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this offer have not been knowingly disclosed by the offeror and will not knowingly be disclosed by the offeror prior to opening in the case of an advertised procurement, or prior to award in the case of a negotiated procurement, directly or indirectly to any other offeror or to any competitor; and

3. No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any person or firm to submit, an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

B. Each person signing this offer on behalf of the Vendor certifies that:

1. He or she is the person in the offeror's organization responsible within the organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein and has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to (A) (1) through (A) (3) above; or

2. He or she is not the person in the offeror's organization responsible within the organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein, but that he or she has been authorized in writing to act as agent for the persons responsible for such a decision in certifying that such persons have not participated and will not participate, in any action contrary to (A) (1) through (A) (3) above, and as their agent does hereby so certify; and he or she has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to (A) (1) through (A) (3) above.

To the best of my knowledge, this Vendor, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not in the last three years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by State or Federal law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract, except as follows:

Signature of Vendor's Authorized Representative

Title

Date

In accepting this offer, the SFA certifies that no representative of the SFA has taken any action which may have jeopardized the independence of the offer referred to above.

NOTE: Accepting a bidder's offer does not constitute award of the contract.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

**CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS
EXCEEDING \$100,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS**

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 Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into 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 – LLC, “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities,” 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 (exceeding \$100,000. in Federal funds) at all tiers (including subcontracts, 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.

NAME / ADDRESS OF VENDOR

TITLE / TITLES OF SUBMITTING OFFICIAL

SIGNATURE / DATE