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INVITATION FOR BID

PSS IFB 22-051

PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL BLENDERS FOR PSS CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

The CNMI Public School System and State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the Purchase of Commercial Blenders for PSS Child Nutrition Program.

Specifications are available beginning June 15, 2022, at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located at the PSS Central Office, Capitol Hill, Building 1206. Requests may be sent via email to Vilma M. Castro at vilma.castro@cnmipss.org or Magiline Rena at magiline.rena@cnmipss.org.

Questions must be in writing and addressed to Mrs. Lillian T. Gumba, Interim Procurement & Supply Office, and may be sent via email to lillian.gumba@cnmipss.org no later than July 07, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Response to questions will be no later than July 12, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked **IFB 22-051** containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office in Capitol Hill, Bldg.1206, no later than **July 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.**, at which time, bids will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

The Public School System reserves the right to reject or cancel any and all bids when such action is determined to be in the best interest of the Public School System.

/s/ Alfred B. Ada, Ed, D
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Lillian T. Gumba
Interim Procurement & Supply Officer

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Scope of Work and Product Specs for Smoothie Blender purchase

The Public School System Child Nutrition Program seeks to purchase of high capacity, high speed commercial countertop blenders for use in the school breakfast program. The blenders identified as most suitable for the Child Nutrition Program's needs are listed below. This invitation For Bid is for blenders only to be delivered to the PSS procurement and supply receiving warehouse at Lower Base, Saipan.

A total of 36 blenders will be purchased according to the following quantities and specifications. Note there is no "or equivalent" designation for the blenders requested. The models and specs listed are the only models that will be considered as part of responsive bids.

36 each:

Model: Vitamix 5201 XL **Variable** Speed Countertop Blender
4.2 HP motor, variable speed controls, and pulse feature
1.5 gallon and 64-ounce containers with 2-piece lids and removable lid plugs
120v power, 15 amps
Overall dimensions W= 8 ½ inches, D=19 inches, H=18 1/8 inches
NSF listed, CE Listed
BPA free
Made in USA
MFR # 005202-1191

Warranties

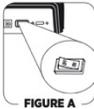
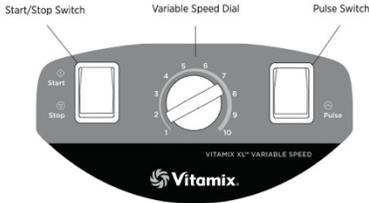
All units shall be covered by manufacturer's warranties of not less than one year from the delivery date to PSS Procurement. Local re-seller must honor manufacturer's warranties and be the liaison between PSS and the manufacturer and distributor to ensure warranty services, if needed, take place in an efficient manner

Sample photos of the requested blenders are attached.



CONTROL PANEL

Vitamix XL[®] Variable Speed



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On/Off Power Switch: Located on the side of the machine (Figure A), the On/Off switch controls the power to the machine. While plugged in, switch to on to ready the machine for blending. Shut off the power switch at night or whenever the machine will be left unattended.

Start/Stop Switch: The Start/Stop switch is located on the left side of the control panel when facing the machine. Activate the machine by depressing the top of the switch to Start (⊕), and stop the machine by depressing the bottom of the switch to Stop (⊖). The Start/Stop switch will activate the machine at the selected Variable Speed Dial setting.

Variable Speed Dial: Allows the user to select continuously variable motor speeds.

Pulse Switch: The pulse (⏏) switch can only be used when the Start/Stop switch is in the stopped (⊖) position. The pulse switch can be used to quickly refresh product in the container by depressing the switch and holding down as long as needed. When activated, the pulse switch operates the machine at the selected Variable Speed Dial setting.

IMPORTANT NOTES!

Vitamix machines come with several different control options. Please be sure you are following the instructions for your model.

1. Total bid price must be inclusive of all applicable shipping charges, taxes, and deliveries.
2. There will be no partial bidding and all bids must be itemized by blender type and price.
3. All items must be new (no refurbished items will be acceptable)
4. **Items must be delivered within 45 to 60 CNMI PSS business days starting from the first CNMI PSS business day after the Certification of Contract completion date.**
5. Items must be delivered directly to PSS Procurement & Supply Receiving Warehouse in Lower Base.
6. Funding source: Federal
7. Full payment will be made upon complete delivery and acceptance of equipment.