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MS. WHITE: Good afternoon. Thank you so much for your patience. We are ready to begin. Thank you all for joining us today. On behalf of Commissioner Bill Chong, I'd like to welcome you to the Department of Youth and Community Development Pre-bid Conference for the invitation for bid, IFB for 2017-2018 Child and Adult Care Food Program at various communities centers throughout New York City.

My name is Zenaida Marie White. I am the Assistant Deputy Agency Chief Contracting Officer and I have the privilege of moderating for you today. And we have with us, Lisa Gardenhire, who you are going to hear from very soon, but, not just yet. And Lisa is the Director of Cornerstone Food Services.

Before I turn it over to Lisa, I want to let you know that the bid opening date and time, as outlined in the IFB, is May 2nd, 2017 at ten a.m. The location is here at 2 Lafayette Street, 14th floor, Room 1426. Please note sealed bids must be received at this location prior to the bid opening date and time to the attention of Dana Cantelmi, Agency Chief Contracting Officer in the

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Office of Contract Procurement.

Now, we do have the opportunity where you can ask your questions and please note your questions now. And after Lisa's presentation, I'll come back and open it up for questions.

So, now again, let me introduce to you,
Lisa Gardenhire, Director of Cornerstone Food
Services. She's going to go over a brief
presentation with you.

 $\label{eq:MS.GARDENHIRE:} \mbox{ Good afternoon,} \\ \mbox{ everyone.} \\$ 

AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.

MS. GARDENHIRE: So, I'm going to give you some information about what the CACFP is and what we do. So, the Child and Adult -- CACFP stands for the Child and Adult Care Food Program. It's a USDA funded program that plays a vital role in improving the quality of daycare and making it more affordable for low income families to receive meals. It's considered an at risk after school meals component under the CACFP and is offered through federal funding after school programs.

Who administers the program? It starts off on the federal level from the USDA, the United

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States Department of Agriculture. Which then goes to the -- which then goes to the -- I'm sorry, the state level Child and Adult Care Food Program which is through the New York State Department of Health. It then come here to the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development Cornerstone Food Service Program.

Funding is provided for the program by
the United States Department of Agriculture. This
program is funded -- this program is funded by
USDA for all the communities centers that meet the
requirements for the food programs.

The purpose of the program is mandated by the New York State Department of Health that community based after school programs that provide services to the youth between the ages of 6 - 19 years old. Provide meals for those children in those programs. Additionally, the CACFP seeks to improve the nutritional quality of meals served to children within those programs.

About the Cornerstone Food Service

Program. So, our targeted population of children
is, as I said earlier, 6 - 19.

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We have an after school program for the 6 - 12 year olds where we provide a snack. They get a snack every day and they get a meal, a supper, every day. Some of our locations have hot meals. Some of our locations have cold meals. We have a teen program which is also in the September - June. That particular program, they receive just a supper. Some, again, some receive hot meals and some receive cold meals. Then for July and August, only what we consider the summer day camp program. This is for age group 6 - 12. Where we provide breakfast, lunch and a p.m. snack. The teen program does not operate during that time.

The food specification. For the CACFP, at DYCD we require unitized meals. When I say, "unitized meals," it means that all meals must be the same across the board at each location. One borough can't receive this type of meal then the next borough receive a different type of meal. It needs to be unitized across the board. These meals must meet the USDA, NYC and New York State meal requirements. We require from the vendor menus which would need to be reviewed and approved

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by both the vendor and DYCD. All foods that's related to the menu and menu items must have the CN label. We must be able to receive CN labels and food specifications from -- for each menu item.

Special requirements. As far as the menus are concerned, we would like to refrain from having high food allergy items such as peanuts and in some cases, for some children, milk. But, across the board -- fish. Across the board, we try not to add foods to our menus that have nuts and foods to our menus that contains fish.

Because lately there's been such a high, with the children, there's been such a high allergy rate with fish products. Milk is required for each meal. Milk has to be low or no fat. As far as grains and bread -- I'm sorry. As far as bread and pastas have to be whole wheat and whole grain.

Packaging and assembly. Again, unitized meals. And in most cases, they're compartmentalized meals. In a lot of cases, they look more like -- sorry, they look more like T.V. dinner style meals. The meal is usually encased in separate compartments with a lid over it and

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the milk is separate.

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The packaging and assembling. During the packaging of unitized meals may not be assembled more than twenty-four hours before the delivery. In accordance with the New York State and New York Health codes, hot foods must be placed in a container and overlay with an airtight closure that is of non-toxic material and capable of withstanding temperatures of 400 degrees or higher. Cold unitized meals must be packaged in containers and overlays that are plastic or paper and non-toxic. The vendor must provide appropriate table set of supplies and condiments for unitized meal delivery including garbage bags, gloves, ice packs and coolers, where necessary. The delivery requirements that all foods delivered will be handled in accordance to state and city health codes and temperature levels. Itemized invoice shall be provided with each meal delivery. Meals delivered are sealed at required temperatures. All meals are received at the center within a timely manner to insure that the meal service times are met.

These are the meal service times. For

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regular schedule from September to June, it is three o'clock to four o'clock for snack. So, the meals would need to arrive before three p.m. For half day schedules, the same. Summer hours, the meals need to arrive before 9:30 a.m. And for the teen program, the meals would arrive with the after school meals.

And I'm done. I'll go to questions.

MS. WHITE: Okay. I'd just like to remind you once again that the bid opening date and time is May 2nd at ten a.m. Here at 2

Lafayette Street, 14th floor, Room 1426. Sealed bids must be received at the location specified prior to the bid opening date and time to the attention of Dana Cantelmi, Agency Chief Contracting Officer, Office of Contract

Procurement. And again, this is dated in the IFB.

Well, the moment you've all been waiting for is to ask any questions that you may have.

And if anyone has questions, what I'm going to ask you to do is come up here, grab this microphone.

Lisa is on hand to answer any questions. And please state your mane and your organization for the purposes of recording.

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So, anyone have any questionings?

MR. MOON: Good afternoon. Tony Moon,
Operating Emma's Kitchen, LLC. Lisa, you made a
comment about the teen program. My first question
would be is, how is it determined what youth sites
are getting hot meals and what sites are getting
cold meals? And my second question is, approval
of the menu. Is it cycles? Will it be approved
weekly? Or will you be approving the menu cycle,
i.e., four week cycle and/or three week menu cycle?
Those are my questions.

MS. GARDENHIRE: So, to answer the first question. The meals are determined of whether it's hot meals or cold meals depending on the location.

MS. WHITE: Please use the microphone.

MS. GARDENHIRE: Everybody can you hear

me?

MS. WHITE: We're recording.

MS. GARDENHIRE: Oh, I'm sorry.

MS. WHITE: It's on the floor.

MS. GARDENHIRE: Can everybody hear me

now?

The meals are determined by locations.

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Some of the locations can meet the requirements to serve hot meals. Some of the locations meet the requirements to serve cold meals.

The second question, meal cycle. As of right now, it's a three week cycle.

MS. WHITE: As I was saying, the presentation was so thorough, no questions.

MR. HANSON: Gary Hanson with

Preferred/Maramount. And I've sort of got a

laundry list of questions. So, we'll just sort of

start, go one by one. If you could address the

delivery times. In the IFB, it talked about

deliveries by two o'clock. Is there an earlier

time? It made sort of a reference between nine

and two. But, what are you looking for as far as

delivery times to the sites?

MS. GARDENHIRE: Each location is open at two o'clock p.m. During the after school meal service time. The meals would need to be delivered prior to that. In the case that we're in now, the vendor that we're working with now, they have worked it out with the locations to find out what time a staff person would be there so they route their route that way. So, in some

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cases, they may be administration there early so that they can go at nine and know that someone will be there to receive the delivery. And in other cases, they know that this site will open particularly around two p.m. So then, they will go on that route and make the delivery closer to that time case so that there is someone there.

MR. HANSON: So, primarily, again, they need to be there by two and if we can deliver early in the morning or whatever we can arrange wit the site.

MS. GARDENHIRE: Yes.

MR. HANSON: Okay, great. There were a couple of instances in the document where it talked about delivering meals in coolers inside the refrigerated vehicle. So, is there any of the sites that you see them, they're going to need like the meals delivered, if they're cold, delivered in Igloo coolers? Or do all the sites have refrigeration?

MS. GARDENHIRE: All the site have refrigeration.

MR. HANSON: Okay. So, ignore that.

Okay, good. And just clarification. The contract

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term is two years plus an option for renewal of three additional one year agreement. So, it's not two plus three. It's two plus one plus one plus one?

MS. GARDENHIRE: Yes.

MR. HANSON: Okay. Now, it says in the renewal that substantive changes but everything would be primarily substantive -- everything would be equal. Does that include price? Is this a price for five years or is there an opportunity for CPI increases? Anything of that nature during the renewal period?

MS. GARDENHIRE: One second. I'm trying to confirm with my department. What we will do, is get back to that question.

MR. HANSON: Get back to that one.

Okay, understand. Okay. In the Article 3

Administrative Requirements, it talked about

liquidated damages for late delivery. So, I'm

assuming that's after two o'clock. And it defines

it as the meal or -- the meal price times the

number of meals. But then it said, up to ten

times. So, sort of wanted to clarify the extent

of the liquidated damages on deliveries.

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Do you want to get back to me on that one?

MS. GARDENHIRE: I'll get back to you.

MR. HANSON: Okay. Is there any -- in the future, do you know, is there any planned additional sites or opportunity for growth in the program?

MS. GARDENHIRE: Yes.

MR. HANSON: I understand that too.

Okay. Yes, good. In the IFB, again, being somewhat familiar with the program, I know there's about 98 sites now. In the IFB, it only shows 52 sites. Which is sort of a question going back to the IFB. There's a number of places in there where the pages skip. It goes like from page 42 to 44 to 46. So, I'm wondering if they -- when it got scanned or something if they were two-sided pages. Because there seems to be some things missing.

MS. GARDENHIRE: We'll check the site list and issue you a new one.

MR. HANSON: Okay. Yeah because I went back and double checked even the electronic version I had and it only showed the 52 sites.

### Proceedings 1 2 MS. GARDENHIRE: Okay. So, on that 3 particular comment, there's 97 active after school locations and 83 active teen programs. 4 5 MR. HANSON: Okay, okay. 6 MALE SPEAKER: Can you repeat that, 7 please. MS. GARDENHIRE: 97 active after school 8 9 and 83 active teen. The teen programs are located within the 97. 10 11 MR. HANSON: Okay. It mentions the 12 summer program and I think it's in there as forty 13 days. What is anticipated to be, do you know, a beginning date is? Does that happen in June or is 14 15 it the first of July? MS. GARDENHIRE: It's usually the first 16 17 week in July. MR. HANSON: 18 Okay. 19 MS. GARDENHIRE: Following July 4th. 20 MR. HANSON: Okay, okay. So, it meets the terms of the renewal dates here for the 21 contract or the award of the contract? 22 23 MS. GARDENHIRE: Yes. MR. HANSON: So, okay. That answers 24 25 that then, okay. In the USDA requirements that

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were in the bid, it shows the CACFP requirements. There are new requirements coming out effective October. Do you want us to use the new ones or the ones that are in the bid document? The bid document, the portions are a little bit larger regarding fruits and vegetables.

MS. GARDENHIRE: We'll use the one that's active now until the new ones come out. And then you would have to go by the new guidelines.

MR. HANSON: Go by the new, okay. Because that actually reduces fruits and vegetables by about a quarter cup each.

As far as the requirements for the menus because they're broken up in ages one two, six twelve, nine eighteen. Is there a particular one you want -- are we setting the menus based on like one, the larger to meet all requirements?

MS. GARDENHIRE: Yes.

MR. HANSON: Okay. So, use the twelve through eighteen or whatever --

MS. GARDENHIRE: Yes.

MR. HANSON: Okay, good. And then as far as menus. Is there a sample -- again, one of

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the things I did not see and maybe I missed it in the document was a sample menu. Is there a sample menu that you can provide just sort of use for a guide so everybody is sort of working off the same thing.

Bless you.

MS. GARDENHIRE: Thank you. It should have been included.

MR. HANSON: Okay.

MS. GARDENHIRE: But if not, I'll make sure that it goes through the department.

MR. HANSON: Yeah, I think that would be helpful so everybody is sort of looking at the same thing.

MS. GARDENHIRE: Okay.

MR. HANSON: So. Okay. I think we've got them all. Oh, one other one, sorry. In the previous bids back there, there were payment terms listed. I didn't see any payment terms listed in this document. Now, it might have been one of those pages. Previously, it was thirty days. But, I didn't see anything in here on this one. So, just wanted to address that.

MS. GARDENHIRE: Yeah, I think it might

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2	be on the missing pages.
3	MR. HANSON: Okay.
4	MS. GARDENHIRE: You may have an
5	incomplete one. If you just wait back. I'm
6	looking at my document that's posted on our
7	website.
8	MR. HANSON: Okay.
9	MS. GARDENHIRE: We'll make sure you
10	have a complete one before you leave today.
11	MR. HANSON: Okay.
12	MS. GARDENHIRE: It looks like all the
13	sites are listed there too.
14	MR. HANSON: Okay. Super. I figured it
15	was something like that. So, okay. Okay.
16	MS. WHITE: Thank you.
17	Are there any more questions. Please,
18	step up if you have any questions.
19	Okay. If there are no more questions,
20	this concludes the pre-bid conference.
21	Thank you so much. We'll see you on May
22	2nd by ten a.m.
23	Whereupon, the proceedings were
24	concluded.)
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