

AMENDMENT #2
Additional Questions & Answers for RFX3160007716
Food Products for Self-Operated Food Services
Issue Date: October 31, 2025

All Prospective Bidders:

The Mississippi Department of Corrections is issuing an amendment to RFX 3160007716, Invitation for Bids for Food Products for Self-Operated Food Services, dated November 19, 2025. Amendment 2 provides responses to questions received after the posting of Amendment 1, but within the question period of this solicitation.

Note: Pursuant to Section 1.32.2, page 4 of this amendment contains a required signature line that acknowledges the amendment and must be submitted with Bidder's response packet.

- 1. Could you please provide the locations and addresses for all locations including the three restitution centers?**

Addresses of locations have been provided in Amendment 1, issued on November 13, 2025.

- 2. Bid requires that we supply food products to cover designated menu for the week +13%. (Had been 10%) Will this increase apply to weekly Head Count billing?**
Yes, the successful bidder will bill the Agency based on the population plus 13%

- 3. Is there an estimated usage either weekly or monthly for diabetic snacks?**
This answer has been provided in Amendment 1, issued on November 13, 2025.

- 4. Would MS Department of Corrections entertain a standard program that is priced per unit (case, pound, each) for each location?**
No.

- 5. Is MS Department of Corrections eligible to utilize the State Contract?**
Yes, MDOC is eligible to utilize vendors on the Preferred Vendor List (PVL)?

- 6. Would you consider providing a 2-week extension?**
Due to the timeframe of when a contract must be approved and in place, we will not provide a two-week extension at this time.

- 7. Will the State consider an Alternate Bid?**
No alternate bids will be considered.

- 8. Will the MDOC adjust the proposal timeline to allow a minimum of seven (7) calendar days between the release of final Q&A responses and the proposal due date to ensure adequate time for Offerors to incorporate clarifications?**

The deadline will not be adjusted. Responses to questions will be posted by the published deadline, November 19, 2025. This response date provides 9 business days (14 calendar days) for offerors to incorporate clarifications.

- 9. Please provide the last 6 months of (food) billing invoices.**

This information is considered proprietary information and will not be shared.

- 10. How much did MDOC *spend* on Food Services in FY24 and FY25?**

Expensed amounts for FY24 totaled \$12,641,676.06 and for FY25 totaled \$13,879,365.80.

- 11. Please provide your *annual* Food Budget for 2024 and year to date 2025.**

Budgets are determined by annual State appropriations. The budgeted amount for 2024 was \$12,641,676.06 and the annual budget for FY2025 was \$13,879,365.80.

- 12. Could you please provide the total *garden credit* for 2024 and the year-to-date total for 2025?**

The Agency chose to use the garden harvest as additional servings instead of credits; therefore, no credits were applied for the requested timeframe.

- 13. Could you please provide the total *commodity credit* for 2024 and the year-to-date total for 2025?**

The Agency did not use any commodities during the requested timeframe.

- 14. Can MDOC clarify how USDA *commodities* and MDOC *farm products* will be credited on invoices (e.g., line-item reduction, lump-sum adjustment, or monthly reconciliation)?**

MDOC uses weekly reconciliation to credit invoices.

- 15. Are two years of financial statements required to be certified by a CPA, or will reviewed statements be acceptable?**

Statements are required to be certified by a CPA.

- 16. Can you confirm whether the \$1,000,000 performance bond must be submitted with the bid or within 30 days of award notification?**

Pursuant to 2.8.5 of the Invitation for Bid, the performance bond must be submitted within 30 days of the published Contract Intent to Award.

Staffing Questions:**17. Could you please confirm whether there is any expectation for the vendor to provide labor or on-site support services under this contract?**

No on-site support or labor is expected from this solicitation.

18. Does the incumbent vendor provide any on-site labor currently?

No on-site labor is currently provided by the incumbent vendor.

19. Does the State require the awarded vendor to provide any on-site labor?

No on-site labor is required by the State for this contract.

Dietary Questions:**20. Please supply all daily average counts at each facility for the last year:**

The daily average counts reflect an additional 10% as noted in the previous IFB and current contract:

Facility	Average Daily Count
Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP)	2,895
Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF)	3,605
Mississippi Correctional Institute for Women (MCIW)	1,064
South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI)	3,076
Marshall County Correctional Facility (MCCF)	912
Walnut Grove Correctional Facility (WGCF)	475
Delta Correctional Facility (DCF)	730
Community Work Centers (CWCs) and Restitution Centers (RCs)	
Transitional Work Center (TWC)	50
Flowood CWC	139
Forrest County CWC	29
Madison County CWC	72
Noxubee County CWC	54
Pascagoula RC	50
Pike County CWC	99
Quitman County CWC	64
Wilkinson County CWC	66

21. What practices are in place to control portions?

Kitchen staff is trained to cook based on the recipe cards and serving staff is trained to use the correct serving utensil (2,3,4 or 8 oz) based on the product. Food prep and serving is overseen by Kitchen Managers and Security Officers.

22. If MDOC staff are responsible for portioning food, what controls are in place to ensure consistency with the approved menu?

Please see answer for Question #15.

23. Are there any free flow items available during any meal period, such as cold cereal, tossed salad, and/or beverages?

There are no free-flowing items available during meals. All trays are portioned by serving staff.

a. If so, please detail at which facilities

N/A

24. Section 2.9.10 on page 11 of the IFB mentions an acceptable nutrition program with recipe capabilities. Could you please confirm whether this program is required to be implemented at each of the 15 locations listed in the IFB? Please provide a list of which locations.

This program is required to be implemented at each of the fifteen (15) locations listed within the IFB.

25. The menu's provided in the IFB starting on page 38 (including Holiday Menu's) do not include portion sizes. Could you please provide a version of the menu's that includes portion sizes?

Please review the information below to review portion sizes for items referenced on the menus within the IFB.

Menu Category or Item	Portion Size
Vegetables	Two 3oz portions for Lunch and Dinner
Entrees	One 8oz serving for Lunch and Dinner
Protein	3oz finished serving size for Lunch and Dinner
Pasta, Rice, and Potatoes	One 8oz serving for Lunch and Dinner
Breakfast Eggs	Two (2) eggs
Oatmeal and Grits	One 8oz serving for Breakfast
Pancakes	Four (4) for Breakfast
Breakfast Casserole	One 8oz serving for Breakfast
Sausage Patties	Two 1oz servings for Breakfast
Gravy	One 2oz serving
Condiments	One Tbl serving
Chicken Leg Quarter	One 60-70ct leg quarter per week
Cake, Cornbread, Dinner Roll, Cinnamon Roll, or Biscuit	One Large serving per meal
Milk	Three 8oz servings per week at Breakfast
Coffee, Tea, Fruit Punch or Orange Drink	10oz serving per meal

26. Can the state provide the addresses for all the locations?

Addresses of locations have been provided in Amendment 1, issued on November 13, 2025.

27. Do all these locations receive orders and have kitchens? If no, can the state please clarify which locations will be receiving and cooking food?

All of the locations listed within the IFB have kitchens and receive orders.

28. Can every facility receive a 53” semi-truck and trailer?

All facilities listed can receive a 53” semi-truck and trailer.

a. If no, please provide which locations cannot.

N/A

29. Does every facility have a loading dock? If no, please provide which location does not.

CMCF, MSP, SMCI Units 1 & 2 have loading docks. The following facilities do not have a loading dock:

- MCIW
- SMCI Unit 3
- Forrest CWC
- Pascagoula RC
- Flowood CWC
- Madison CWC
- Pike CWC
- Wilkinson CWC
- Quitman CWC
- Noxubee CWC
- DCF
- MCCF
- TWC

30. Are pancakes a frozen premade product or made from mix?

Pancakes are made from mix.

31. Are cinnamon rolls a frozen premade product or made from scratch?

Cinnamon rolls are made from scratch.

32. Are dinner rolls a frozen premade product or made from mix?

Dinner rolls are made from a mix.

33. Are cookies a premade product or made from mix?

Cookies are made from a mix, but premade cookies are acceptable.

34. Are condiments meant to be bulk or an individual package?

Condiments are meant to be in bulk.

35. Will the state please define what would make the menu “Heart Healthy”, since there is no definitive medical definition for this term? (i.e. amount of sodium, amount of fat, etc.)

Heart Healthy is defined as Limited sodium, trans and saturated fats, and added sugars following the recommendations of a Registered Dietician.

36. Is there a separate menu for the youth offender unit?

This answer was previously provided in Amendment 1, issued on November 13, 2025. A copy can be found at <https://www.mdoc.ms.gov/general-public/procurement> under “IFB RFx 3160007716, Questions and Answers posted”.

37. Is the charbroiled patty a premade product or a scratch item?

The charbroiled patty is premade.

38. Will the state please define what makes the menu consistent carbohydrate compliant?

This is defined as a menu that follows the recommendations of a Registered Dietician and provides the proper portions of proteins, non-starchy vegetables and carbohydrates.

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Signature and Submission of Amendment #1 are required with your IFB.

Receipt for Amendment #2: _____
Signature

Printed Name

Date

Company Name

Title