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This award provides all labor, supervision, materials, freight and equipment necessary to provide Food and Food Related Items for MSEC. This is a fixed-price, indefinite quantity contract. The estimated cost for CCPS for fiscal year 2023 is $1,100,000. The funds associated with this project are provided for in the Food Services Operating Budget.

The bid process and procedures complied with Board policy and applicable state laws and regulations. Notice of the opportunity was posted on eMarylandMarketplace Advantage and CCPS’ Purchasing website, and sent directly to four known food distributors. One company declined to bid stating “we are not interested in bidding at this time”. Other companies contacted to provide a reason for not bidding stated, “we do not bid directly” and “unable due to location and frequency of deliveries to the various schools”.

Sysco Eastern Maryland, LLC, is the incumbent vendor and has been an excellent partner for CCPS through the initial five-year contract and the one-year emergency extension due to the pandemic.

Motion & Voting
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Motion by Mark Jones, second by Richard Barton.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: James Newcomb Jr, Donna DiGiacomo, Richard Barton, Mark Jones
Not Present at Vote: A Michele Wayman