



School Nutrition Programs Renewal of Food Service Management Contract School Year 2025–26

Food service management contracts that started in 2021–2022 or later may be renewed for the 2025–26 contract year if both parties have mutually agreed to renew.

Federal regulations for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), at 7 Code of Federal Regulations section 210.16 and Minnesota Statutes 2023, section 123B.52, allow a food service management contract to be renewed for a term not to exceed one year for up to four renewals (a total of five years including the original contract).

This renewal document must be used to meet NSLP requirements and for contract payments to be allowable costs to the nonprofit school food service. No changes may be made to this renewal document without preapproval by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), except for the information required to be inserted by the school food authority.

1. Definitions

“SFA” is the school food authority (school district, nonpublic school or residential childcare organization) contracting for food service management.

SFA: Pipestone Area Schools

Cyber-Linked Interactive Child Nutrition Systems (CLiCS) Identification Number: 1000004109

“Vendor” is the Vendor providing food service management to School.

Vendor: Taher, Inc.

“Original contract” is the first year of the food service management contract, which was competitively procured and specified the terms for contract renewals.

The original contract was for school year 2024-2025.

2. Renewal of Contract

SFA and Vendor mutually agree to renew the original contract for the term indicated below, not to exceed one year. **(Use 2, 3, 4, or 5 to specify year of contract).**

This is the 2 year of the contract, counting the original year of the contract and renewals.

Start Date for Renewed Contract: 7/1/25 End Date for Renewed Contract: 6/30/26

3. Adjusted Meal Prices

SFA and Vendor have mutually agreed to 2025–26 prices or fees as shown below. The maximum amount 2025–26 prices or fees may be increased is **3.1** percent (Consumer Price Index (CPI-U), Food Away from Home, Midwest Region, for the twelve months ending December 2024).

Check one:

- ☐ Fixed Meal Price Contract – Prices are adjusted as shown below.
- ☒ Cost-Reimbursable Contract – Fees are adjusted as shown below.

The meal price is for one full reimbursable meal and cannot separate out any one component of the reimbursable meal (i.e., price of milk *must* be included in total fixed meal price). The fixed price(s), or fixed administrative fee(s), and the calculation of the revised price(s) or fee(s) are shown below:

Meal Service	2024–25 Price or Fee	Percent Increase (Maximum 3.1%)	2025–26 Price or Fee
Management Fee	\$0.195	3.1 %	\$0.2010
	\$	%	\$
	\$	%	\$
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Charges outside the scope of this contract must be procured and invoiced separately.

4. Chargeback

SFA has chargeback rights as described here. If a charge is an unallowable charge not listed in the agreed upon terms and conditions in the contract, SFA may deny the charge. SFA may chargeback by withholding the unallowable amount from payment of the invoice with unallowable charges, recouping from, or offsetting against payments to the Vendor’s account. SFA will notify Vendor of the short payment to the invoice with unallowable charges or obligation to pay which Vendor must do promptly and fully; or reverse the charge(s). Failure to demand payment does not waive SFA’s chargeback rights.

5. Meal Equivalency Factor

The meal equivalency factor for school year 2025–2026, used to determine the number of lunches that the a la carte food service revenue is equivalent to for billing purposes, is \$5.00.

6. Value of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Foods

Contract prices do not consider the value of USDA Foods that Vendor will receive during the contract year. The Vendor will continue to credit SFA for USDA Foods received for the renewed contract year.

At the time that this contract renewal is sent to MDE, the SFA must include a completed Reconciliation of Credits for USDA Foods form to show the USDA Foods have been fully credited during the 2023–24 contract year. Contract may not be approved without evidence of proper crediting.

7. Non-Financial Adjustments

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No material changes have been made since the original contract.

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Minor non-financial adjustments for renewal, if any, are described here:

8. Revised Program Requirements

Vendor agrees to meet all SNP requirements including requirements that become effective during the renewed contract year.

9. Termination

Either party may terminate the contract for cause as allowed in the original contract. The contract may be terminated for (no cause) if the partners mutually agree to terminate for convenience.

Signatures

School Food Authority: Pipestone Area School

Address: 1401 7th Street Southwest

Authorized Representative: Dr. Klint Willert

Title: Superintendent

Signature: _____

Date: _____

School Food Authority Contact: Jacque Kennedy

Title: Business Manager

Phone: (507) 562-6072

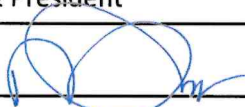
Email: jacque.kennedy@pas.k12.mn.us

Vendor: Taher, Inc.

Address: 5570 Smetana Drive, Minnetonka MN 55343

Authorized Representative: Bruce Taher

Title: CEO & President

Signature:  _____

Date: 3/6/2025

Vendor Contact: Jeri Crater

Title: Vice President of Operations

Phone: (952) 945-0505

Email: j.crater@taher.com

Independent Price Determination Certificate

Both the SFA and the Food Service Management Company (FSMC) shall execute this Independent Price Determination Certificate.

Taher, Inc.

Pipestone Area School

Name of FSMC

Name of SFA

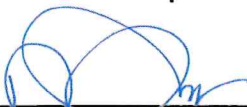
By submission of this offer, the FSMC certifies, and—in the case of a joint offer—each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement:

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 FSMC or with any competitor.
2. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this offer have not been knowingly disclosed to the FSMC and will not knowingly be disclosed by the FSMC 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 FSMC for the purpose of restricting competition.
3. No attempt has been made or will be made by the FSMC to induce any person or firm to submit or not submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

Each person signing this offer on behalf of the FSMC certifies that:

1. He or she is the person in FSMC'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 one through three above; or
2. He or she is not the person in FSMC'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 decision in certifying that such persons have not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to one through three above, and as their agent does hereby certify; and he or she has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to one through three above.

To the best of my knowledge, this FSMC, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors and employees are not currently under investigation by any government agency and have not in the last three years been convicted of 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:

	Bruce Taher	CEO & President	3/6/2025
Signature of FSMC's Authorized Representative		Title	Date

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

	Superintendent	
Signature of SFA Authorized Representative	Title	Date

Instructions for Debarment Certification Form

1. By signing and submitting this form, the prospective lower-tier participant is providing the certification set out on the reverse side in accordance with these instructions.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower-tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower-tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower-tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower-tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal" and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted to obtain a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower-tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower-tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower-tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion — Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower-tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower-tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower-tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, search the records on the System for Award Management (SAM). [View the SAM website.](#)
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph five of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower-tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction—in addition to other remedies available to the federal government—the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies as appropriate, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion

Lower-Tier Covered Transactions

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Executive Order 12689, and 31 U.S.C. 6101; Debarment and Suspension, 2 CFR Part 417, Subpart C, Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business with Other Persons.

(Please read instructions on next page before completing Certification).

1. The prospective lower-tier participant 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 prospective lower-tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Vendor Name: Taher, Inc.

Project Name: National School Lunch Program

Name/Title of Authorized Representative: Bruce Taher, CEO & President

Signature:  _____

Date: 3/6/2025

Certification Regarding Lobbying

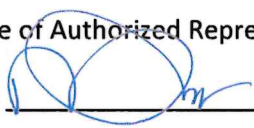
The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No federally 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 a federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of a federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of a 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-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants and contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.
4. 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.

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Assurance of Civil Rights Compliance Certification

The vendor hereby agrees that it will comply with:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794);
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.);
- Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 as amended by the ADA Amendment Act of 2008 (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189);
- Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency." (August 11, 2000);
- All provisions required by the implementing regulations of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) (7 CFR Part 15 et seq.);
- Department of Justice Enforcement Guidelines (28 CFR Parts 35, 42 and 50.3);
- Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) directives and guidelines to the effect that, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), age or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Program applicant receives Federal financial assistance from USDA; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take measures necessary to effectuate this Agreement.
- The USDA non-discrimination statement that in accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices and employees, and Institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs).

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal financial assistance, grants and loans of Federal funds, reimbursable expenditures, grant or donation of Federal property and interest in property, the detail of Federal personnel, the sale and lease of, and the permission to use Federal property or interest in such property or the furnishing of services without consideration or at a nominal consideration, or at a consideration that is reduced for the purpose of assisting the recipient, or in recognition of the public interest to be served by such sale, lease, or furnishing of services to the recipient, or any improvements made with Federal financial assistance extended to the Program applicant by USDA. This includes any Federal agreement, arrangement or other contract that has as one of its purposes the provision of cash assistance for the purchase of food and cash assistance for purchase or rental of food service equipment or any other financial assistance extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance.

By accepting this assurance, the vendor agrees to compile data, maintain records and submit records and reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of nondiscrimination laws and permit authorized USDA personnel during hours of program operation to review and copy such records, books and accounts, access such facilities and interview such personnel as needed to ascertain compliance with the nondiscrimination laws. If there are any violations of this assurance, the Department of Agriculture, FNS, shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the vendor, its successors, transferees and assignees as long as it receives assistance or retains possession of any assistance from USDA. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the vendor.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and teletypewriter (TTY)) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

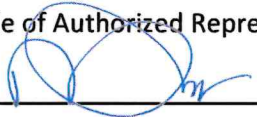
1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
Program.Intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Vendor Name: Taher, Inc.

Award Number or Project Name: School Nutrition Program (NSLP, SBP)

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Bruce Taher, CEO & President

Signature: 

Date: 3/6/2025