

Fresh Produce - CSP 150709

July 28, 2015

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of CSP 150709 for Fresh Produce for the 2015-16 school year with an option to extend, upon governing body approval, for one additional year ending August 31, 2017.

BOARD GOAL:

VI. Growth, Change and Fiscal Responsibility...demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Currently purchasing through the Prospering Pals Cooperative Purchasing Program.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

Proposals were submitted by four companies, Brothers Produce, Castle Produce, Hardies Fresh Foods and Walnut Creek Farm Texas. Services and references were evaluated by the committee consisting of Robin Wantland and Cheryl Farmer. The tabulation includes the 12 most often purchased products. Pricing was requested for both conventionally and organically grown produce. Purchases will be made on a weekly basis. Produce orders will vary; however, prices are to remain firm for the 2015-16 school year. Brothers Produce was given the highest overall ranking.

<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Conventionally Grown</u>	<u>Organically Grown</u>	<u>Ranking</u>
Brothers Produce	\$162.02	\$261.98	1
Castle Produce	\$217.50	\$435.00	4
Hardies Produce	\$202.36	\$347.18	3
Walnut Creek Farm TX	\$214.00	\$304.95	2

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost will be borne by the Child Nutrition budget.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Passage will allow for purchase of local conventionally and organically grown produce.

ALTERNATIVES:

To continue to purchase through Prospering Pals Cooperative Purchasing Program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the highest ranked proposer, Brothers Produce, be accepted for a period of one year ending August 12, 2016 with the option to extend for one additional year ending August 12, 2017, upon governing body approval.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Debbie Monschke, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services
Robin Wantland, Director of Child Nutrition Services
Kathy Arrington, Purchasing Agent
Cheryl Farmer, Assistant Purchasing Agent

ATTACHMENT:

Proposal Tabulation and Ranking

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____