

CONSENT AGENDA

BA-23- Tabulation - Award of Eastern Iowa Purchasing Group (EIPG) Primary Vendor (Jennifer Hook/Carissa Jenkins)

Exhibit: BA-23-

Information Item

Pertinent Fact(s):

1. The Cedar Rapids Community School District was a leader in forming the buying group/cooperative (EIPG-Eastern Iowa Purchasing Group) in 2011 with 25 school districts. Currently the group consists of 30 member districts, including districts from the metro and surrounding area along with Dubuque schools. The Cedar Rapids Community School District serves as administrator for the contract that purchases food, supplies and distribution services for use in their Child Nutrition Programs. The estimated value of combined buying power is 11.5 million dollars; the Cedar Rapids Community School District's portion is valued at approximately 4 million dollars.
2. Procurement conducted jointly by School Food Authorities offers the following benefits:
 - Reduces costs through volume buying
 - Pools knowledge & skills of member districts
 - Eliminates duplication of efforts
 - Access to higher level products and services
 - May influence the market place
3. In 2011, the Cedar Rapids Community School District Board of Education approved the Cedar Rapids School Food and Nutrition Department's participation in the EIPG.
4. Representatives from member districts serve on the EIPG Board. The Board, which includes three (3) representatives from the Cedar Rapids Community School District's Food and Nutrition Department, completed steps in RFP process and evaluated responses.
5. The agreement will be a one-year term beginning July 1, 2023 with provisions to renew for five (5) successive years based on satisfactory performance and bid compliance.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Tabulation for Award of EIPG Primary Vendor to Performance Foodservice.