

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Food Service Vendor

School Food Authority:

Lincoln International High School

2520 Minnehaha Ave Minneapolis MN 55404

1. Introduction

Lincoln International High School (LIHS) is seeking proposals from qualified food service vendors to provide nutritious and culturally responsive meals for our students. As a full-service community school, LIHS prioritizes student wellness, equity, and access to high-quality meals that support academic development. Qualified Vendors will provide daily breakfast, lunch and afterschool meals to students in accordance with USDA requirements, National School Lunch Program and School breakfast programs.

The contract resulting from this solicitation will be for a period beginning on, 09/01/2026 and ending June 30, 2027. The resulting contract from this solicitation will be for Fixed Price Meals over the duration of the contract. The vendor will comply with Buy America Regulations.

2. Scope of Services: Meal Service Requirements & Service Model

The qualified will Provide 70-100 breakfast meals and 100-150 Lunches daily and offer varied, student-friendly menus with fresh ingredients, including culturally relevant and allergy sensitive meal options. The service model will be the delivered-meal model with on-time delivery at safe temperatures.

3. Vendor Qualifications

Qualified Vendors must demonstrate: Minimum 3–5 years experience serving K–12 schools, proven success with urban/diverse school populations, strong knowledge of USDA and NSLP compliance, proper licensing, insurance, and experience with high free/reduced meal populations.

4. Proposals will be submitted in a sealed envelope or email marked “Food Service Management” by 4pm of 5/30/2026. Proposals must include: Company Profile, Sample

Menus and nutritional analysis Cost per meal and Any additional fees, compliance plan, and at least 3 school client references

Each Vendor will be evaluated based on the criteria below

Criteria	Maximum Points
Licensing and Compliance	/10
Food tasting	/10
Pricing	/20
Meal patterns	/10
Record of other schools served	/10
Safety Plan	/10
Food service equipment	/5
Trainings offered	/10
Food substitution	/5
Total points	/100

Send all Proposals to:
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