

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT PURCHASING SECTION

Determination of Awardee: Category II – IFB # 18-50-18, Produce

1. Stern Produce Inc.
Thirty – one (31) guaranteed farmers available
10 % Delivery Fee
2. Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona:
Twenty – three (23) guaranteed farmers available
20 % Delivery Fee
3. Shamrock Foods
No Bid

DETERMINATION:

In order to provide year – around availability and the greater variety of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, the determination is to award to two vendors who have met the specifications of the bid. Although, the delivery fee for Community Food Bank of Arizona is higher, the vendor offers a greater potential for nutritional education and specialty food programs. The smaller amount of product anticipated to be purchased would not impact the budget and cash flow by selecting this vendor and the benefits of meeting Food Service programs would be met. The use of Stern Produce would enable a larger variety of product, such as tree fruit that comes from areas of harvest outside the infrastructure of the first provider. It is advantageous to the District to award Category II to Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona and Stern Produce.

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