

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

AND

SODEXO AMERICA, LLC

This Amendment No.3 to Contract No. 2023-2024 is entered into and between the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Lincoln County School District and Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Sodexo America, LLC (herein referred to as the "Parties").

This Amendment is effective July 1, 2026 and thereafter, unless otherwise amended. All other terms and conditions contained in the Base Contract shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

In consideration of the promises contained herein and for other goods and valuable consideration, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

The Contract is hereby amended as follows (new language is indicated by underling and deleted language is indicated by **[brackets]**).

A. 1.3 Term of the Agreement. The initial term of this Agreement commences July 1, 2026 and continues until June 30, 2027. This Agreement is subject to a maximum of one (1) additional one (1) year renewals upon the written consent of both parties, unless terminated earlier as provided in the General Terms and Conditions. Extensions or renewals are contingent upon the fulfillment of all Contract provisions related to USDA Foods.

B. 6.1 Billing for Fixed Price Per Meal (**Fill in last year's prices** along with adding new prices.)

SBP

Breakfast **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal (2 breakfasts = 1 meal)
Meal Equivalents **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal based on \$5.16 rate

NSLP

Lunch **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal (1 lunch = 1 meal)
Snack **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal (3 snacks = 1 meal)
Meal Equivalents **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal based on \$5.16 rate

SFSP

Breakfast **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal (2 breakfasts = 1 meal)
Lunch **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal (1 lunch = 1 meal)
Snack **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal (3 snacks = 1 meal)

CACFP

Breakfast **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal (2 breakfasts = 1 meal)
Lunch **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal (1 lunch = 1 meal)
Supper **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal (1 supper = 1 meal)
Snack **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal (3 snacks = 1 meal)

Other Program Meals and Vended Meals

Breakfast **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal (2 breakfasts = 1 meal)
Lunch **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal (1 lunch = 1 meal)
Supper **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal (1 supper = 1 meal)
Snack **[\$4.69]** \$4.85 per meal (3 snacks = 1 meal)

FFVP

Serving [\$4.69] \$4.85 per student

C. 2.2 Responsibilities of FSMC.

L. The FSMC agrees to use all other donated foods, or will use commercially purchased foods of the same generic identity, of U.S. origin, and of equal or better quality than the donated foods as specified in 7 CFR Part 250.53.

N. The FSMC agrees to provide the LEA with food cost data needed to determine its compliance with the revenue from nonprogram foods in accordance with 7 CFR 210.14(f) and USDA Memo SP 20-2016.

D. 7.1. Compliance with Law

A. Assurances. The FSMC 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)

B. Purpose. 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.

- C. Recordkeeping. By accepting this assurance, the FSMC 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 FSMC, 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 FSMC.

Nondiscrimination. 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, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#), (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter 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;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Except as expressly amended above, all other terms and conditions of original Contract are still in full force and effect. FSMC certifies that the representations, warranties, and certification contained in the original Contract are true and correct as of the effective date of this Amendment and with the same effect as though made at the time of this Amendment.

Sodexo America, LLC

Authorized Signature:	Title: Regional Vice President	Date:
Print Signature: David Culberson		

Lincoln County School District:

Authorized Signature:	Title: Business Services Director	Date:
Print Signature: Kim Cusick		

Attachment A: MINIMUM FOOD SPECIFICATIONS

Summer Food Service Program Meal Pattern Requirements [7 CFR 225.16](#)

Table 1 to [7 CFR 225.16\(d\)\(1\)](#)—Breakfast Meal Pattern

Meal components	Minimum amount
VEGETABLES AND FRUITS	
Vegetable(s) and/or fruit(s)	1/2 cup. ¹
Full-strength vegetable or fruit juice or an equivalent quantity of any combination of vegetable(s), fruit(s), and juice	1/2 cup (4 fluid ounces).
BREAD AND BREAD ALTERNATES ²	
Bread or	1 slice.
Cornbread, biscuits, rolls, muffins, etc. or	1 serving. ³
Cold dry cereal or	3/4 cup or 1 ounce. ⁴
Cooked cereal or cereal grains or	1/2 cup.
Cooked pasta or noodle products or an equivalent quantity of any combination of bread/bread alternate	1/2 cup.
MILK ⁵	
Milk, fluid	1 cup (1/2 pint, 8 fluid ounces).

MEATS/MEAT ALTERNATES (OPTIONAL)

Lean meat or poultry or fish or	1 ounce.
Alternate protein product ⁶ or	1 ounce.
Cheese or	1 ounce.
Egg (large) or	1/2.
Cooked dry beans, peas, or lentils or	1/4 cup.
Peanut butter or	2 tablespoons.
Yogurt, plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened or an equivalent quantity of any combination of meats/meat alternates	4 ounces or 1/2 cup.

¹ For the purposes of the requirement outlined in the table, a cup means the standard measuring cup.

² Bread, pasta or noodle products, and cereal grains (such as rice, bulger, or corn grits) must be whole grain or enriched; cornbread, biscuits, rolls, muffins, etc. must be made with whole grain or enriched meal or flour; cereal must be whole grain, enriched, or fortified.

³ Information on food crediting, including serving sizes and equivalents, may be found in FNS guidance.

⁴ Either volume (cup) or weight (ounces), whichever is less.

⁵ Milk must be served as a beverage or on cereal or used in part for each purpose.

⁶ Must meet the requirements in [appendix A of this part](#).

Table 2 to Paragraph [7 CFR 226.16\(d\)\(2\)](#)—Lunch or Supper Meal Pattern

Meal components	Minimum amount
MEATS/MEAT ALTERNATES	
Lean meat or poultry or fish or	2 ounces.
Alternate protein products ¹ or	2 ounces.
Cheese or	2 ounces.
Egg (large) or	1.
Cooked dry beans, peas, or lentils or	1/2 cup. ²
Peanut butter or soynut butter or other nut or seed butters or	4 tablespoons.
Peanuts or soynuts or tree nuts or seeds ³ or	2 ounces.
Yogurt, plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened or an equivalent quantity of any combination of the above meats/meat alternates	8 ounces or 1 cup.
VEGETABLES AND FRUITS	
Vegetables and/or fruits ⁴	3/4 cup total.
BREAD AND BREAD ALTERNATIVES ⁵	
Bread or	1 slice.
Cornbread, biscuits, rolls, muffins, etc. or	1 serving. ⁶
Cooked pasta or noodle products or	1/2 cup.
Cooked cereal grains or an equivalent quantity of any combination of bread or bread alternate	1/2 cup.

MILK

Milk, fluid, served as a beverage	1 cup (1/2 pint, 8 fluid ounces).
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¹ *Must meet the requirements of [appendix A of this part](#).*

² *For the purposes of the requirement outlined in this table, a cup means a standard measuring cup.*

³ *Information on crediting meats/meat alternates, including nuts and seeds, may be found in FNS guidance.*

⁴ *Serve 2 or more kinds of vegetable(s) and/or fruits or a combination of both. Full-strength vegetable or fruit juice may be offered to meet not more than one-half of this requirement.*

⁵ *Bread, pasta or noodle products, and cereal grains (such as rice, bulgur, or corn grits) must be whole grain or enriched; cornbread, biscuits, rolls, muffins, etc., must be made with whole grain or enriched meal or flour; cereal must be whole grain, enriched or fortified.*

⁶ *Information on food crediting, including serving sizes and equivalents, may be found in FNS guidance.*

Table 3 to Paragraph [7 CFR 225.16\(d\)\(3\)](#)—Snack Meal Pattern

Meal components	Minimum amount
MEATS/MEAT ALTERNATES	
Lean meat or poultry or fish or	1 ounce.
Alternate protein products ¹ or	1 ounce.
Cheese or	1 ounce.
Egg (large) or	1/2.
Cooked dry beans, peas, or lentils or	1/4 cup. ²
Peanut butter or soynut butter or other nut or seed butters or	2 tablespoons.
Peanuts or soynuts or tree nuts or seeds ³ or	1 ounce.
Yogurt, plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened or an equivalent quantity of any combination of the above meats/meat alternates	4 ounces or 1/2 cup.
VEGETABLES AND FRUITS	
Vegetable(s) and/or fruit(s) or	3/4 cup.
Full-strength vegetable or fruit juice or an equivalent quantity or any combination of vegetable(s), fruit(s), and juice	3/4 cup (6 fluid ounces).

BREAD AND BREAD ALTERNATES⁴

Bread or	1 slice.
Cornbread, biscuits, rolls, muffins, etc. or	1 serving. ⁵
Cold dry cereal or	3/4 cup or 1 ounce. ⁶
Cooked cereal or	1/2 cup.
Cooked cereal grains or an equivalent quantity of any combination of bread/bread alternate	1/2 cup.
MILK ⁷	
Milk, fluid	1 cup (1/2 pint, 8 fluid ounces).

¹ Must meet the requirements in [appendix A of this part](#).

² For the purposes of the requirement outlined in this table, a cup means a standard measuring cup.

³ Information on crediting meats/meat alternates, including nuts and seeds, may be found in FNS guidance.

⁴ Bread, pasta or noodle products, and cereal grains (such as rice, bulgur, or corn grits) must be whole grain or enriched; cornbread, biscuits, rolls, muffins, etc., must be made with whole grain or enriched meal or flour; cereal must be whole grain, enriched, or fortified.

⁵ Information on food crediting, including serving sizes and equivalents, may be found in FNS guidance.

⁶ Either volume (cup) or weight (ounces), whichever is less.

⁷ Milk should be served as a beverage or on cereal, or used in part for each purpose.

*** Exceptions to and variations from the meal pattern for School Food Authorities that participate in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program are identified in [7 CFR 225.16\(f\)](#).**

**Child and Adult Care Food Program Meal Pattern
Requirements [7 CFR 226.20](#)**

Table 1 to Paragraph [7 CFR 226.20\(b\)\(5\)](#)—Infant Meal
Patterns

Infants	Birth through 5 months	6 through 11 months
Breakfast, Lunch, or Supper	4-6 fluid ounces breast milk ¹ or formula ²	6-8 fluid ounces breast milk ¹ or formula; ² and 0-1/2 ounce equivalent infant cereal; ^{2,3} or 0-4 tablespoons meat, fish, poultry, whole egg, cooked dry beans, peas, and lentils; or 0-2 ounces of cheese; or 0-4 ounces (volume) of cottage cheese; or 0-4 ounces or 1/2 cup of yogurt; ⁴ or a combination of the above; ⁵ and 0-2 tablespoons vegetable or fruit, or a combination of both. ^{5,6}
Snack	4-6 fluid ounces breast milk ¹ or formula ²	2-4 fluid ounces breast milk ¹ or formula; ² and 0-1/2 ounce equivalent bread; ^{3,7} or 0-1/4 ounce equivalent crackers; ^{3,7} or 0-1/2 ounce equivalent infant cereal; ^{2,3} or 0-1/4 ounce equivalent ready-to-eat breakfast cereal; ^{3,5,7,8} and 0-2 tablespoons vegetable or fruit, or a combination of both. ^{5,6}

¹ Breast milk or formula, or portions of both, must be served; however, it is recommended that breast milk be served from birth through 11 months. For some breastfed infants who regularly consume less than the minimum amount of breast milk per feeding, a serving of less than the minimum amount of breast milk may be offered, with additional breast milk offered at a later time if the infant will consume more.

² Infant formula and dry infant cereal must be iron-fortified.

³ Information on crediting grain items may be found in FNS guidance.

⁴ Through September 30, 2025, yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces. By October 1, 2025, yogurt must contain no more than 12 grams of added sugars per 6 ounces (2 grams of added sugars per ounce).

⁵ A serving of this component is required when the infant is developmentally ready to accept it.

⁶ Fruit and vegetable juices must not be served.

⁷ A serving of grains must be whole grain-rich, enriched meal, enriched flour, bran, or germ.

⁸ Through September 30, 2025, breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of total sugars per dry ounce. By October 1, 2025, breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of added sugars per dry ounce.

Table 2 to Paragraph [7 CFR 226.20\(c\)\(1\)](#)—Child and Adult Care Food Program Breakfast

Meal components and food items ¹	Minimum quantities				
	Ages 1-2	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-12	Ages 13-18 ²	Adult participants
Fluid Milk	4 fluid ounces ³	6 fluid ounces ⁴	8 fluid ounces ⁵	8 fluid ounces ⁵	8 fluid ounces. ⁶
Vegetables, fruits, or portions of both ⁷	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup.
Grains ⁸	1/2 ounce equivalent	1/2 ounce equivalent	1 ounce equivalent	1 ounce equivalent	2 ounce equivalents.

¹ Must serve all three components for a reimbursable meal. Offer versus serve is an option for at-risk afterschool care and adult day care centers.

² At-risk afterschool programs and emergency shelters may need to serve larger portions to children ages 13 through 18 to meet their nutritional needs.

³ Must serve unflavored whole milk to children age 1.

⁴ Must serve unflavored milk to children 2 through 5 years old. The milk must be fat-free, skim, low-fat, or 1 percent or less.

⁵ May serve unflavored or flavored milk to children ages 6 and older. The milk must be fat-free, skim, low-fat, or 1 percent or less.

⁶ May serve unflavored or flavored milk to adults. The milk must be fat-free, skim, low-fat, or 1 percent or less. Yogurt may be offered in the place of milk once per day for adults. Yogurt may count as either a fluid milk substitute or as a meat alternate, but not both, in the same meal. Six ounces (by weight) or 3/4 cup (by volume) of yogurt is the equivalent of 8 ounces of fluid milk. Through September 30, 2025, yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces. By October 1, 2025, yogurt must contain no more than 12 grams of added sugars per 6 ounces (2 grams of added sugars per ounce).

⁷ Juice must be pasteurized. Full-strength juice may only be offered to meet the vegetable or fruit requirement at one meal or snack, per day.

⁸ Must serve at least one whole grain-rich serving, across all eating occasions, per day. Grain-based desserts may not be used to meet the grains requirement. Meats/meat alternates may be offered in place of the entire grains requirement, up to 3 times per week at breakfast. One ounce equivalent of meats/meat alternates credits equal to one ounce equivalent of grains. Through September 30, 2025, breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of total sugars per dry ounce. By October 1, 2025, breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of added sugars per dry ounce. Information on crediting grain items and meats/meat alternates may be found in FNS guidance.

Table 3 to Paragraph [7 CFR 226.20\(c\)\(2\)](#)—Child and Adult Care Food Program Lunch and Supper

Meal components and food items ¹	Minimum quantities				
	Ages 1-2	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-12	Ages 13-18 ²	Adult participants
Fluid milk	4 fluid ounces ³	6 fluid ounces ⁴	8 fluid ounces ⁵	8 fluid ounces ⁵	8 fluid ounces. ⁶
Meats/meat alternates ⁷	1 ounce equivalent	1 1/2 ounce equivalents	2 ounce equivalents	2 ounce equivalents	2 ounce equivalents.
Vegetables ⁸	1/8 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup.
Fruits ⁸	1/8 cup	1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup.
Grains ⁹	1/2 ounce equivalent	1/2 ounce equivalent	1 ounce equivalent	1 ounce equivalent	2 ounce equivalents.

¹ Must serve all five components for a reimbursable meal. Offer versus serve is an option for at-risk afterschool care and adult day care centers.

² At-risk afterschool programs and emergency shelters may need to serve larger portions to children ages 13 through 18 to meet their nutritional needs.

³ Must serve unflavored whole milk to children age 1.

⁴ Must serve unflavored milk to children 2 through 5 years old. The milk must be fat-free, skim, low-fat, or 1 percent or less.

⁵ May serve unflavored or flavored milk to children ages 6 and older. The milk must be fat-free, skim, low-fat, or 1 percent or less.

⁶ May serve unflavored or flavored milk to adults. The milk must be fat-free, skim, low-fat, or 1 percent or less. Yogurt may be offered in place of milk once per day for adults. Yogurt may count as either a fluid milk substitute or as a meat alternate, but not both, in the same meal. Six ounces (by weight) or 3/4 cup (by volume) of yogurt is the equivalent of 8 ounces of fluid milk. A serving of fluid milk is optional for suppers served to adult participants.

⁷ Alternate protein products must meet the requirements in appendix A to this part. Through September 30, 2025, yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces. By October 1, 2025, yogurt must contain no more than 12 grams of added sugars per 6 ounces (2 grams of added sugars per ounce). Information on crediting meats/meat alternates may be found in FNS guidance.

⁸ Juice must be pasteurized. Full-strength juice may only be offered to meet the vegetable or fruit requirement at one meal or snack, per day. A vegetable may be offered to meet the entire fruit requirement. When two vegetables are served at lunch or supper, two different kinds of vegetables must be served.

⁹ Must serve at least one whole grain-rich serving, across all eating occasions, per day. Grain-based desserts may not be used to meet the grains requirement. Through September 30, 2025, breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of total sugars per dry ounce. By October 1, 2025, breakfast cereal must contain no more than 6 grams of added sugars per dry ounce. Information on crediting grain items may be found in FNS guidance.

Table 4 to Paragraph [7 CFR 226.20\(c\)\(3\)](#)—Child and Adult Care Food Program Snack

Meal components and food items ¹	Minimum quantities				
	Ages 1-2	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-12	Ages 13-18 ²	Adult participants
Fluid milk	4 fluid ounces ³	4 fluid ounces ⁴	8 fluid ounces ⁵	8 fluid ounces ⁵	8 fluid ounces. ⁶
Meats/meat alternates ⁷	1/2 ounce equivalent	1/2 ounce equivalent	1 ounce equivalent	1 ounce equivalent	1 ounce equivalent.
Vegetables ⁸	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	3/4 cup	1/2 cup.
Fruits ⁸	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	3/4 cup	1/2 cup.
Grains ⁹	1/2 ounce equivalent	1/2 ounce equivalent	1 ounce equivalent	1 ounce equivalent	1 ounce equivalent.

¹ Must serve two of the five components for a reimbursable snack. Milk and juice may not be served as the only two items in a reimbursable snack.

² At-risk afterschool programs and emergency shelters may need to serve larger portions to children ages 13 through 18 to meet their nutritional needs.

³ Must serve unflavored whole milk to children age 1.

⁴ Must serve unflavored milk to children 2 through 5 years old. The milk must be fat-free, skim, low-fat, or 1 percent or less.

⁵ May serve unflavored or flavored milk to children ages 6 and older. The milk must be fat-free, skim, low-fat, or 1 percent or less.

⁶ May serve unflavored or flavored milk to adults. The milk must be fat-free, skim, low-fat, or 1 percent or less. Yogurt may be offered in place of milk, once per day for adults. Yogurt may count as either a fluid milk substitute or as a meat alternate, but not both, in the same meal. Six ounces (by weight) or 3/4 cup (by volume) of yogurt is the equivalent of 8 ounces of fluid milk.

⁷ Alternate protein products must meet the requirements in appendix A to this part. Through September 30, 2025, yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces. By October 1, 2025, yogurt must contain no more than 12 grams of added sugars per 6 ounces (2 grams of added sugars per ounce). Information on crediting meats/meat alternates may be found in FNS guidance.

⁸ Juice must be pasteurized. Full-strength juice may only be offered to meet the vegetable or fruit requirement at one meal or snack, per day.

⁹ Must serve at least one whole grain-rich serving, across all eating occasions, per day. Grain-based desserts may not be used to meet the grains requirement. Through September 30, 2025, breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of total sugars per dry ounce. By October 1, 2025, breakfast cereal must contain no more than 6 grams of added sugar per dry ounce. Information on crediting grain items may be found in FNS guidance.

Table 5 to Paragraph [7 CFR 226.20\(q\)\(3\)\(ii\)](#)—Nutrient Requirements for Fluid Milk Substitutes

Nutrient	Per cup (8 fl. oz.)
Calcium	276 mg.
Protein	8 g.
Vitamin A	150 mcg. retinol activity equivalents (RAE).
Vitamin D	2.5 mcg.
Magnesium	24 mg.
Phosphorus	222 mg.
Potassium	349 mg.
Riboflavin	0.44 mg.
Vitamin B-12	1.1 mcg.

[7 CFR 226.20\(i\)](#): *Meals prepared in schools. The State agency must allow institutions and facilities which serve meals to children 5 years old and older and are prepared in schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs to substitute the meal pattern requirements of the regulations governing those Programs ([parts 210](#) and [220 of this chapter](#), respectively) for the meal pattern requirements contained in [7 CFR 226.20](#).

National School Lunch Program Meal Pattern Requirements [7 CFR 210.10](#)

Table 1 to Paragraph [7 CFR 210.10\(c\)](#) —National School Lunch Program Meal Pattern

Meal components	Amount of food ¹ per week (minimum per day)		
	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Fruits (cups) ²	2 1/2 (1/2)	2 1/2 (1/2)	5 (1)
Vegetables (cups) ²	3 3/4 (3/4)	3 3/4 (3/4)	5 (1)
Dark Green Subgroup ³	1/2	1/2	1/2
Red/Orange Subgroup ³	3/4	3/4	1 1/4
Beans, Peas, and Lentils Subgroup ³	1/2	1/2	1/2
Starchy Subgroup ³	1/2	1/2	1/2
Other Vegetables Subgroup ³⁴	1/2	1/2	3/4
Additional Vegetables from Any Subgroup to Reach Total	1	1	1 1/2
Grains (oz. eq.) ⁵	8-9 (1)	8-10 (1)	10-12 (2)
Meats/Meat Alternates (oz. eq.) ⁶	8-10 (1)	9-10 (1)	10-12 (2)
Fluid Milk (cups) ⁷	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)

DIETARY SPECIFICATIONS: DAILY AMOUNT BASED ON THE AVERAGE FOR A 5-DAY WEEK⁸

Minimum-Maximum Calories (kcal)	550-650	600-700	750-850
Saturated Fat (% of total calories)	<10	<10	<10
Added Sugars (% of total calories)	<10	<10	<10
Sodium Limit: In place through June 30, 2027	≤1,110 mg	≤1,225 mg	≤1,280 mg
Sodium Limit: Must be implemented by July 1, 2027	≤935 mg	≤1,035 mg	≤1,080 mg

¹ Food items included in each group and subgroup and amount equivalents.

² Minimum creditable serving is 1/8 cup. One quarter-cup of dried fruit counts as 1/2 cup of fruit; 1 cup of leafy greens counts as 1/2 cup of vegetables. No more than half of the fruit or vegetable offerings may be in the form of juice. All juice must be 100 percent full-strength.

³ Larger amounts of these vegetables may be served.

⁴ This subgroup consists of "Other vegetables" as defined in [paragraph \(c\)\(2\)\(ii\)\(E\)](#) of this section. For the purposes of the NSLP, the "Other vegetables" requirement may be met with any additional amounts from the dark green, red/orange, and bean, peas, and lentils vegetable subgroups as defined in [paragraph \(c\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#) of this section.

⁵ Minimum creditable serving is 0.25 oz. eq. At least 80 percent of grains offered weekly (by ounce equivalents) must be whole grain-rich as defined in [§ 210.2](#) and the remaining grains items offered must be enriched.

⁶ Minimum creditable serving is 0.25 oz. eq.

⁷ Minimum creditable serving is 8 fluid ounces. All fluid milk must be fat-free (skim) or low-fat (1 percent fat or less) and must meet the requirements in [paragraph \(d\)](#) of this section.

⁸ By July 1, 2027, schools must meet the dietary specification for added sugars. Schools must meet the sodium limits by the dates specified in this chart. Discretionary sources of calories may be added to the meal pattern if within the dietary specifications.

[*7 CFR 210.10\(c\)\(1\)](#) - Age/grade groups. Schools must plan menus for students using the following age/grade groups: Grades K-5 (ages 5-10), grades 6-8 (ages 11-13), and grades 9-12 (ages 14-18). If an unusual grade configuration in a school prevents the use of these established age/grade groups, students in grades K-5 and grades 6-8 may be offered the same food quantities at lunch provided that the calorie and sodium standards for each age/grade group are met. No customization of the established age/grade groups is allowed.

School Breakfast Program Meal Pattern Requirements [7 CFR 220.8](#)

Table 1 to Paragraph [7 CFR 220.8\(c\)](#) —School Breakfast Program Meal Pattern

Meal components	Amount of food ¹ per week (minimum per day)		
	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Fruits (cups) ²	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)
Vegetables (cups) ²	0	0	0
Dark Green Subgroup	0	0	0
Red/Orange Subgroup	0	0	0
Beans, Peas, and Lentils Subgroup	0	0	0
Starchy Subgroup	0	0	0
Other Vegetables Subgroup	0	0	0
Grains or Meats/Meat Alternates (oz. eq) ³	7-10 (1)	8-10 (1)	9-10 (1)
Fluid Milk (cups) ⁴	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)
DIETARY SPECIFICATIONS: DAILY AMOUNT BASED ON THE AVERAGE FOR A 5-DAY WEEK⁵			
Minimum-Maximum Calories (kcal)	350-500	400-550	450-600
Saturated Fat (% of total calories)	<10	<10	<10
Added Sugars (% of total calories)	<10	<10	<10
Sodium Limit: In place through June 30, 2027	≤540 mg	≤600 mg	≤640 mg
Sodium Limit: Must be implemented by July 1, 2027	≤485 mg	≤535 mg	≤570 mg

¹ Food items included in each group and subgroup and amount equivalents.

² Minimum creditable serving is 1/8 cup. Schools must offer 1 cup of fruit daily and 5 cups of fruit weekly. Schools may substitute vegetables for fruit at breakfast as described in [paragraphs \(c\)\(2\)\(i\) and \(ii\)](#) of this section.

³ Minimum creditable serving is 0.25 oz. eq. School may offer grains, meats/meat alternates, or a combination of both to meet the daily and weekly ounce equivalents for this combined component. At least 80 percent of grains offered weekly at breakfast must be whole grain-rich as defined in [§ 210.2 of this chapter](#), and the remaining grain items offered must be enriched.

⁴ Minimum creditable serving is 8 fluid ounces. All fluid milk must be fat-free (skim) or low-fat (1 percent fat or less) and must meet the requirements in [paragraph \(d\)](#) of this section.

⁵ By July 1, 2027, schools must meet the dietary specification for added sugars. Schools must meet the sodium limits by the dates specified in this chart. Discretionary sources of calories may be added to the meal pattern if within the dietary specifications.

[*7 CFR 220.8\(c\)\(1\)](#) - Age/grade groups. Schools must plan menus for students using the following age/grade groups: Grades K-5 (ages 5-10), grades 6-8 (ages 11-13), and grades 9-12 (ages 14-18). If an unusual grade configuration in a school prevents the use of the established age/grade groups, students in grades K-5 and grades 6-8 may be offered the same food quantities at breakfast provided that the calorie and sodium standards for each age/grade group are met. No customization of the established age/grade groups is allowed.

ATTACHMENT B
Certificate of Independent Price Determination

Both the Local Educational Agency (LEA) and Food Service Management Company (offeror) shall execute this Certificate of Independent Price Determination.

NAME OF FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY NAME OF LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY

- (A) By submission of this offer, the offeror 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 offeror or with any competitor;
 - (2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this offer have not been knowingly disclosed by the offeror and will not knowingly be disclosed by the offeror 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 offeror or to any competitor; and
 - (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any person or firm to submit or not to submit, an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.
- (B) Each person signing this offer on behalf of the Food Service Management Company certifies that:
- (1) He or she is the person in the offeror'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 (A)(1) through (A)(3) above; or
 - (2) He or she is not the person in other offeror'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 (A)(1) through (A)(3) above, and as their agent does hereby so certify; and he or she has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to (A)(1) through (A)(3) above.

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

SIGNATURE OF FSMC AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TITLE DATE

In accepting this offer, the LEA certifies that no representative of the LEA has taken any action that may have jeopardized the independence of the offer referred to above.

SIGNATURE OF LEA AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TITLE DATE

ATTACHMENT C

Clean Air and Water Certificate

NOTE: This certificate must be completed for all new and renewal contract years when the contract exceeds \$100,000.

Applicable if the contract exceeds \$100,000 or the Contracting Officer has determined that the orders under an indefinite quantity contract in any one year will exceed \$100,000 or a facility to be used has been the subject of a conviction under the Clean Air Act (41 U.S.C. 1857c-8(c)(1) or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act 33 1319(d) and is listed by EPA or the contract is not otherwise exempt. Both the Local Educational Agency (LEA) and Food Service Management Company (offeror) shall execute this Certificate.

NAME OF FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY NAME OF LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY

THE FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

- A. To comply with all the requirements of Section 114 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (41 U.S.C. 1857, et seq., as amended by Public Law 91-604) and Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq., as amended by Public Law 92-500), respectively, relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports and information as well as other requirements specified in Section 114 and Section 308 of the Air Act and the Water Act, respectively, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder before the award of this contract.
- B. That no portion of the work required by this prime contract will be performed in a facility listed on the Environmental Protection Agency List of Violating Facilities on the date when this contract was awarded unless and until the EPA eliminates the name of such facility or facilities from such listing.
- C. To use his/her best efforts to comply with clean air standards and clean water standards at the facilities in which the contract is being performed.
- D. To insert the substance of the provisions of this clause in any nonexempt subcontract, including this paragraph.

THE TERMS IN THIS CLAUSE HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

- A. The term "Air Act" means the Clean Air Act, as amended (41 U.S.C. 1957 et seq., as amended by Public Law 91-604).
- B. The term "Water Act" means Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., as amended by Public Law 92-500).
- C. The term "Clean Air Standards" means any enforceable rules, regulations, guidelines, standards, limitations, orders, controls, prohibitions, or other requirements which are contained in, issued under, or otherwise adopted pursuant to the Air Act or Executive Order 11738, an applicable implementation plan as described in section 110(d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1957c-5(d)), an approved implementation procedure or plan under Section 111(c) or Section 111(d), respectively, of the Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857c-6(c) or (d)), or approved implementation procedure under Section 112(d) of the Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857c-7(d)).

- D. The term "Clean Air Standards" means any enforceable limitation, control, condition, prohibition, standard, or other requirement which is promulgated pursuant to the Water Act or contained in a permit issued to a discharger by the Environmental Protection Agency or by a State under an approved program, as authorized by Section 402 of the Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) or by local government to ensure compliance with pretreatment regulations as required by Section 307 of the Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1317).
- E. The term "Compliance" means compliance with clean air or water standards. Compliance shall also mean compliance with a schedule or plan ordered or approved by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Environmental Protection Agency or an Air or Water Pollution Control Agency in accordance with the requirements of the Air Act or Water Act and regulations issued pursuant thereto.
- F. The term "facility" means any building, plant, installation, structure, mine, vessel, or other floating craft, location or sites of operations, owned, leased or supervised by the Food Service Management Company.

SIGNATURE/TITLE OF FSMC AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE DATE

SIGNATURE/TITLE OF LEA AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE DATE

ATTACHMENT D
Certification Regarding Lobbying Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
(Complete the form that is applicable.)

NOTE: This certificate must be completed for all new and renewal contract years when the contract exceeds \$100,000.

Applicable to Grants, Subgrants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts Exceeding \$100,000 in Federal Funds.

Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction and is imposed by section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. 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.

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

- (1) No Federal 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 a 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 grant 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 covered subawards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Name/Address of Organization

Name/Title of Submitting Official

Signature

Date

ATTACHMENT D (Continued)
DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

<p>1. Type of Federal Action: _____</p> <p>a. contract b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance</p>	<p>2. Status of Federal Action: _____</p> <p>a. bid/offer/application b. initial award c. post-award</p>	<p>3. Report Type: _____</p> <p>a. initial filing b. material change</p> <p>For Material Change Only: Year _____ Quarter _____ Date of Last Report _____</p>
<p>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: _____ Prime _____ Subawardee Tier _____, if known:</p> <p>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</p>		
<p>6. Federal Department/Agency:</p>		<p>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</p>
<p>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</p>		<p>9. Award Amount, if known: \$ _____</p>
<p>10a. Name and Address of Lobbying Entity: (if individual, last name, first name, middle)</p>		<p>10b. Individuals Performing Services (include address if different from 10a.) (last name, first name, middle)</p>
<p>11. Amount of Payment (check all that apply): \$ _____ _____ Actual _____ Planned</p>		<p>12. Type of payment (check all that apply): _____ a. retainer _____ b. one-time fee _____ c. commission _____ d. contingent fee _____ e. deferred _____ f. other; specify: _____</p>
<p>13. Form of Payment (check all that apply): _____ a. cash _____ b. in-kind; specify: Nature _____ Actual _____</p>		<p>14. Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A Attached: Yes _____ (Number _____) No _____</p>
<p>15. Brief Description of Services Performed or to be Performed and Date(s) of Service, including officer(s), employee(s), or member(s) contracted for Payment indicated in Item 11:</p>		
<p>Attach Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A (if necessary)</p>		
<p>16. Information requested through this form is authorized by Title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.</p>		
		<p>Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone: _____ Date: _____</p>
<p>Federal Use Only:</p>		<p>Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form -- LLL</p>

ATTCHMENT D (Continued)
DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Reporting Entity: _____ **Page** _____ **of** _____

ATTACHMENT D (Continued)

CONTINUATION SHEET SF-LLL-A

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity 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 a covered Federal action. If the space on the form is inadequate, use of SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet for additional information. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee", then enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) Number, Invitation for Bid (IFB) Number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
- 10(a) Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the lobbying entity engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
- 10(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. Enter the amount of compensation paid or reasonably expected to be paid by the reporting entity (item 4) to the lobbying entity (item 10). Indicate whether the payment has been made (actual) or will be made (planned). Check all that apply. If this is a material change report, enter the cumulative amount of payment made or planned to be made.
12. Check type of payment. Check all that apply.
13. If payment is made through an in-kind contribution, specify the nature and value of the in-kind payment. Check all that apply. If other, specify nature.
14. Check whether or not a SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet(s) is attached. If yes, list number of sheets attached.
15. Provide a specific and detailed description of the services that the lobbyist has performed, or will be expected to perform, and the date(s) of any services rendered. Include all preparatory and related activity, not just time spent in actual contact with Federal officials. Identify the Federal official(s) or employee(s) contacted or the officer(s), employee(s), or Member(s) of Congress that were contacted.

The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget. Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-00046), Washington, DC 20503.

ATTACHMENT E

Debarment and Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters Primary Covered Transactions

2 CFR 200.213- Non-federal entities are subject to the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, 2 CFR part 180. These regulations restrict awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs or activities.

(Before completing certification, read instructions on next page.)

(1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for disbarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective primary participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Business Name: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

ATTACHMENT E (Continued)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUSPENSION DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

1. By signing and submitting this form, the prospective lower-tier participant is providing the certification set out on the previous page 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 “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 for assistance in obtaining 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 he or she 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 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, check the Non-procurement List.
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 are 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 5 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, including suspension and/or debarment.