

Available Request for Proposal for Food Service Management Company Contracts in Child Nutrition Programs

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The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 2024-2025 school year is available to Arkansas School Districts that are interested in procuring the services of a Food Service Management Company (FSMC) to operate the Child Nutrition Programs. All FSMC contracts must be procured using the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Child Nutrition Unit (CNU) prototype RFPs. No other documents are allowed for this procurement. Only FSMCs that are registered with state agency may submit RFPs to Arkansas districts. There are no consultant groups or partnerships operating Arkansas programs.

The RFP process is time sensitive and adequate time must be allowed for districts and the FSMCs to complete this process. Refer to this [timeline](#) for districts to follow. Please note the deadlines for the process. There are no exceptions as it disrupts the proposal/bidding process.

If you would like to request an RFP for you district, send an email request to nancy.dill@ade.arkansas.gov Indicate the type of contract you are seeking and the RFP with instructions for completion, a check list, and a timeline will be sent to you.

If you have questions concerning the process please contact me or Lauren Allbritton at the information provided above.