


# Memorandum



**Date:** December 1, 2021

Agenda Item No. 8(F)(9)

**To:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Recommendation for Approval to Reject All Bids: FB-01708, Frozen Kosher Meals

## Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the rejection of all bids received under *FB-01708, Frozen Kosher Meals*, for the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department.

The contract would allow for the purchase of frozen kosher meals to serve the County's inmate population, to include roast chicken, roast turkey, meat loaf, pot roast, vegetable cutlet, and spaghetti with meatball. In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Florida Model Jail Standards (FMJS) (6.04), inmates shall be given three substantial, wholesome, and nutritious meals daily including one hot meal per day. Religious diets are provided based on an inmate's faith as correctional facilities are required to allow inmates to pursue their faith including, but not limited to, attending worship services, receiving visits from faith leaders, and observance of religious dietary laws.

On April 14, 2021, the County issued a solicitation under full and open competition for the purchase of a variety of frozen kosher meals for inmates in County correctional facilities. The solicitation specified Wilton Foods and Alle Processing as acceptable brands and provided bidders with the option of offering other brands of equal quality and subject to approval by the Department.

Six bids, including one 'No Bid', were received in response to the solicitation. The two lowest priced bids offered Gourmet Kosher brand. Samples from the lowest bidder were requested for evaluation to determine whether Gourmet Kosher was equal to the specified, acceptable brands. An evaluation team consisting of Corrections and Rehabilitation personnel evaluated each meal and concluded that Gourmet Kosher could not be approved as an acceptable brand as the sampled meals were not equal in presentation, texture, taste, and packaging when compared to brands/products established as standards. The pricing from rest of the bidders was deemed higher based on the current pricing that the County is paying.

Hence, it was determined that all bids be rejected and a new solicitation be advertised. Additionally, the Department opted to revisit the estimated quantities in the new solicitation as it is anticipated that the number of inmates requesting kosher meals may increase due to the recent waiver of restrictions on vetting an inmate's religious practices. A companion and subsequent procurement award was protested and will be sent to the Board for approval along with the bid protest officer's findings and recommendation to uphold the recommended award and deny the bid protest at the same time as this recommendation.

Based on the aforementioned, the rejection of all bids received in response to the solicitation is being recommended. The quality of the food provided to inmates is one of the most significant factors in addressing inmate violence, and the department makes a considerable effort to ensure the application of best practices for correctional agencies as well as compliance with those provisions of the Florida Model Jail Standards related to food and nutrition.

## Scope

The scope of this item would have been countywide in nature.

**Delegated Authority**

There is no delegated authority for this rejection.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

There is no fiscal impact to the County with the rejection of all bids.

**Track Record/Monitor**

Sophia Cunningham of the Internal Services Department is the Procurement Contracting Manager.

**Vendor Recommended for Award**

None

**Vendors Not Recommended for Award**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Reason for Not Recommending</b>
AMS Consultant, Inc. dba BP Food Services	Rejection of Bids
Exquisite Catering, Inc.	
JNS Foods, LLC	
National Food Group, Inc.	
Prawn Seafoods, Inc. dba Sunset Foods	No Bid
Out of Shell, LLC. dba Yangs 5 <sup>th</sup> Taste	

\*A "No-Bid" means the vendor responded indicating it will not be providing an offer.

**Applicable Ordinances and Contract Measures**

- The two percent User Access Program provision would have applied on all purchases.
- The Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Bid Preference would have applied.
- The Local Preference would have applied.
- The Living Wage would not have applied.



JD Patterson  
Chief Public Safety Officer



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** December 1, 2021

**FROM:**   
Gen Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 8(F)(9)

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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12-1-21

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING REJECTION OF ALL BIDS  
RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO BID NO. FB-  
01708 FOR THE PURCHASE OF FROZEN KOSHER MEALS  
FOR THE MIAMI-DADE CORRECTIONS AND  
REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board approves rejection of all bids received in response to Invitation to Bid No. FB-01708 for the purchase of frozen kosher meals for the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department. A copy of the solicitation document and the bids received are on file with and available upon request from the Internal Services Department, Strategic Procurement Division.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Eduardo W. Gonzalez

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. W. Gonzalez', written over a horizontal line.