**Business Enterprise Program Notice**

**Date: August 16, 2023**

**Location: Stand #154**

**Service Point: Fort Jackson Military Dining Operations
2400 Jackson Blvd
Fort Jackson, SC 29207**

## Background:

1. The service encompasses Dining Facility Management functions, food preparations, facility sanitation, and janitorial duties. This stand location serves (10) dining facilities located on the Fort Jackson Military base. The hours of operation vary per facility but start around 0500 hours and end for the day around 1900 hours.
2. Total anticipated annual sales are approximately $45 million Gross Sales for the contract and $5.8 million Net Earnings for the blind licensed vendors (BLV).This sales information is based on the best estimates available, and SC Commission for the Blind (SCCB) makes no warranty, express or implied, of the sales to be realized from this Contract.

## Contract Period:

The remaining contract period ends in March 2024.

## Customer Base:

Customers served averages approximately 15,000 trainees per day.

## Items Served:

Complete Menu Items: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner. Other specialty items, such as menus to support holidays and special events, shall be prepared in support of Army Feeding Policy.

## BLVs required for this facility:

Ten (10) blind licensed vendors will be selected to operate (in conjunction with the current teaming partner) the ten (10) dining facilities located on the Fort Jackson military base. All blind licensed vendor net earnings will be split equally between the ten (10) blind licensed vendors.

Once the ten (10) BLVs have been selected, SCCB will proctor a vote for those 10 BLVs to select a primary and secondary liaison. The primary liaison will be the point of contact to the teaming partner, attend the weekly Logistics Readiness Center (LRC) meetings at Fort Jackson and other required meetings, and will communicate with the other BLVs. In the absence of the primary liaison, the secondary liaison will perform the duties of the primary liaison.

Due to limited office space, only the primary and/or secondary liaison are encouraged to be on site regularly in the office.

## Teaming Partner:

The ten (10) BLVs and the current teaming partner will enter into a contract to establish a limited liability company to fulfill the provision of full food service dining operations at Fort Jackson and to provide financial and consultative management services to ensure compliance with all aspects of the contract.

## Requirements:

* By applying for this stand, applicants agree to be considered for primary and secondary liaison roles.
* The BLVs will agree to abide by all federal and state laws and regulations and/or policies and procedures pertaining to the Business Enterprise Program.
* The BLVs selected will be committed to all terms of the food service contract for the length of that contract.
* Due to federal/military requirements the BLVs selected may have to submit to a background check and may be subjected to drug screenings.
* The BLVs must currently have or obtain within 30 days of selection a ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification**.** At least one staff member in each dining facility must also be ServSafe Food Protection Manager certified.
* The BLVs selected will be required to obtain and retain all applicable insurance necessary for this type of business. (This can also be accomplished through the teaming partner.)

## Comments:

SCCB reserves the right to cancel this bid or make adjustments as necessary in the best interests of the Agency and the BLVs.

Please understand estimated contract values above are not guaranteed. The net earnings to the vendor will depend on final negotiations.

The selected BLVs will be required to work in cooperation with SCCB, the current teaming partner and Fort Jackson, as well as other entities as necessary, to fulfill contract requirements.

Please call Brian Green at 803-898-2566 for additional information or reasonable accommodations about this announcement.

## Bid Closing Date: September 1, 2023

Bid Applications must be sent by email to bep@sccb.sc.gov or by certified mail to:

South Carolina Commission for the Blind

Attn. Business Enterprise Program

1430 Confederate Avenue

Columbia, SC 29201

**All bids must be received by email OR certified mail postmarked on or before the bid closing date to be accepted. Failure to follow the application instructions will disqualify an application.**