

To: Potential Food Service Providers  
From: The Sumter County Sheriff's Office  
Subject: RFP Food Service  
Date: March 1, 2021

**Introduction:**

Sumter County Sheriff's Office is soliciting proposals for the provision of food services for offenders incarcerated at the Sumter County Detention Center. The requested services include providing all meals to offenders incarcerated at the Sumter County Detention Center. The Sumter County Detention Center houses 525 inmates. A kitchen and equipment will be provided by the Sheriff of Sumter County with the burden of maintaining equipment's upkeep and replacement on the newly awarded food service contractor. The agreement term should be October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023. Inmate labor is available if the potential food service provider chooses to use inmates to offset cost.

**Proposals at minimum should demonstrate the following abilities:**

The ability to deliver and maintain quality food services that conform with all applicable standards including established the American Correction Association (ACA), Florida Model Jails (FMJ), and Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC).

The ability to comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

The ability to provide an adequate Food Service staffing plan who are certified, or certifiable as Safe Servers.

Offering of staff dining to the Sumter County Sheriff's employees at the employees' expense.

Initial and continued employment of staff shall be subject to approval of the Office of the Sheriff. This applies to compliance with Sumter County Detention Center security regulations. All personnel shall be required to pass a background investigation conducted by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office as a requisite for initial and/or continued employment.

A minimum of \$1,000,000 of professional liability insurance and worker's compensation insurance as the Sumter Sheriff's Office and the Board of County Commissioners list as certificate holders

**Bid submittal**

All bids should be submitted to [ctuten@sumtercountysheriff.org](mailto:ctuten@sumtercountysheriff.org) no later than March 26<sup>th</sup> 2021. The ability to award this contract is at the sole discretion of the Sumter County Sheriff.