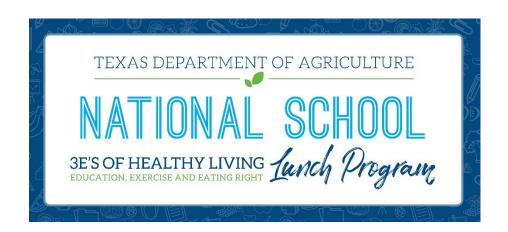
# Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Request for Proposal (RFP) and Contract Evaluation Process Instructions

For SY 2026-2027



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## **RFP and the FSMC Contract Development Process**

#### PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT THOROUGHLY

All Food Service Management Company (FSMC) contracts must be competitively procured. The Request for Proposal (RFP) template and Contract (hereafter, template) will be used by a School Food Authority (SFA) initiating a new contract with an FSMC. The contract will provide meal services for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Special Milk Program (SMP), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), Seamless Summer Option (SSO), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and Child and Adult Care Food At-Risk Supper/Snack Programs. SFAs must use the template without variation, additions, or deletions. Using the template ensures that the requirements of federal and state regulations and statutes are met.

Carefully review the template, including the procedure for submission outlined on the following pages. If you have questions, please contact your assigned ESC representative to assist. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has a mailbox for FSMC questions at FSMC@TexasAgriculture.gov.

## **Competitive Proposal Procedures**

The following procurement procedures must be implemented to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations and statutes. The requirements apply to all new FSMC contracts. A SFA failing to complete the required procurement procedures will be prohibited from utilizing nonprofit food service funds to pay for the FSMC contract.

- TDA will open the FSMC contract process to SFAs in September 2025 for contracts beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> of the following school year. The SFA submits documentation to TDA via a web-based RFP template and the Smartsheet link provided to the SFA by the regional ESC. TDA encourages the SFA to begin the process immediately and not wait until the deadline.
- 2. All staff participating in new contract development must understand the roles and responsibilities of the SFA and the vendor when utilizing an FSMC contract. For further information, please read the USDA FSMC guidance for SFAs–May 2016, Chapter 1, pages 12-21.
- 3. Before contracting with an FSMC, SFA should review its current food service operation, including:
  - a. Financial Analysis profit/loss over the last five years.
  - b. Costs labor, food, and the value of a qualified child nutrition director.
  - c. Operational Considerations facilities, equipment, and food service staff; and
  - d. Other factors, such as the impact on the community and internal/external stakeholders.

The SFA should understand that, even when contracting with an FSMC, there are responsibilities that the SFA may not delegate. The SFA must have a district employee designated as the <u>contract manager</u> responsible for the oversight of the FSMC contract. It is the SFA's responsibility to comply with federal regulations, and they cannot be abdicated to an FSMC. The FSMC contract is another layer of regulations the SFA must follow.

- 4. The SFA must not allow the FSMC or its affiliated companies or contractors to participate in preparing the FSMC RFP. Any FSMC participation would prohibit the FSMC from being selected for award. 2 CFR §200.319(b).
- 5. The SFA must use the RFP and template provided by TDA. Changes in the content of the RFP template **are not** permitted. The SFA must contact TDA if adjustments are necessary.
- 6. The SFA must provide a completed copy of the RFP to TDA for approval **before publication**. The submission period opens in September 2025 and closes on December 5, 2025. Late submissions of RFPs will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## **Tailoring the Template**

The SFA should carefully read the template to ensure all blanks provided have been accurately completed to meet the needs of their School Nutrition Program(s).

The SFA must prepare the 21-day cycle menus using its advisory board. The SFA must include all menus by campus level, meal pattern (Exhibit M) and each program that requires a menu as indicated in scope and purpose. If multiple menus are offered for middle school or high school, the SFA must include the number of menus in Exhibit M of the RFP. The SFA must ensure the 21-day menu cycle follows USDA meal pattern requirements.

Exhibit G: Price Proposal Form – The SFA must complete the "SFA's Estimated Annual Meals or Meal Equivalents - All Sites" column only. This is to supply totals for each meal type the SFA is requesting a price.

The FSMC will submit proposals based on the projected revenue and meal participation data provided by the SFA. The FSMC must use the SFA's 21-day cycle menu with <u>no substitutions being permitted</u>. In addition, menus cannot be developed by the FSMC. If this occurs, the FSMC must be precluded from contract award consideration.

## **RFP/Contract Provisions**

#### **Terms of Contract**

Per federal regulations, the contract term between the SFA and the FSMC is for one year. The contract may be renewed for up to four one-year periods (up to a maximum contract term of five years).

## **Material Changes/ Price Adjustments**

Contract amendments that modify the scope or change the value of a contract in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (\$100,000) may result in a material change. Material changes to the RFP, contract, or renewals are not permitted. Examples of material change per the Administrative Reviews may include, but are not limited to:

- adding schools in addition to those specified in the original contract;
- removing schools specified in the original contract without supplementing;
- changing the school schedule from a five-day to a four-day week;
- change in staffing from the base year contract;
- assumption clauses;
- side contracts; and/or
- A change of guarantee from the base year contract.

For further information about material change, read USDA FSMC Guidance for SFAs- May 2016, page 60.

## **Scope and Purpose**

The RFP must identify which federally reimbursable meal program(s) or nonprofit food service activities the FSMC will be involved in, e.g., NSLP, SBP, SMP,SFSP, SSO, CACFP, At-Risk Afterschool Program; non-program foods and meals, such as a la carte sales during and/or between meal service periods; after-school snacks; and other food service operations, as required (i.e., catering services, if applicable). If the RFP does not clearly project the scope and identify the products and services requested, the bid prices and the products and services provided by the FSMC may not be reasonable or responsive to the SFA's needs. SFAs need to plan and project for five years to identify all programs to be operated, and products and services required to avoid unnecessary costs or rebid. Since material changes to the RFP and contract are not permitted, the RFP must encompass all anticipated products and services in the solicitation scope and/or provisions. For example, if an SFA foresees adding additional programs to their operations during the school year, the solicitation must include this information. Likewise, if the SFA anticipates opening a new school, the anticipated date of this operation and projected enrollment must be included. If schools are consolidated and closed due to projected decreases in enrollment, it must be included in the RFP.

## **Publishing the RFP**

When the SFA completes the information in the template specific to its needs, the document becomes an RFP once approved by TDA.

All Texas school districts that wish to contract with an FSMC must publicize their RFP to ensure maximum competition. The advertisement shall be posted for a period of no less than 14 calendar days in a publication of general circulation covering the area served by the school district. This includes electronic media publications or a combination of print and electronic media. With limited circulation, advertisements should also be run in the largest metro area near the districts.

All RFPs must be approved by TDA before advertising to ensure compliance with federal regulations. Postings should be in place for at least 21 calendar days before the pre-bid conference to allow enough time for distribution of the RFP and responses by prospective FSMCs, in accordance with USDA procurement guidance. The SFA must maintain documentation of advertisement and submit to TDA with the evaluation and award documents.

As an additional bidding option, the SFA may provide a uniform and secure electronic interactive system for submitting bids. If desired, this information must be added to the RFP template where indicated.

## **Computation of Time**

In computing the period of days, the first day is excluded, and the last day is included. In addition, if the last day of any period is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the period must be extended to include the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

## **Pre-Proposal Conference Guidance**

A pre-proposal conference is not mandatory. The SFA may be required by local procurement policies or may choose to conduct a pre-proposal conference. If this is the first procurement for meal services by the SFA, conducting a pre-proposal conference may be beneficial to both the SFA and the prospective FSMC. The general guidance below should be considered when planning a pre-proposal conference.

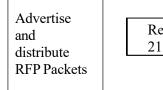
#### Attendance

SFA should determine whether attendance at its pre-proposal conference is mandatory or optional. If mandatory, the SFA may utilize electronic or remote meeting methods to conduct the meeting to encourage participation. If the SFA indicates attendance is mandatory, this cannot change once the RFP is posted.

## **Scheduling**

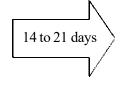
It is recommended that the pre-proposal conference be scheduled at least 21 calendar days after the start of public advertising and distribution of the proposal packets. This allows 7 full days after the advertisement stops for the FSMC to prepare for the pre-proposal conference. The announcement of the pre-proposal conference should be included in both the proposal packet and the public advertisement.

In addition, the posting close date should be scheduled at least 14 to 21 days after the pre-proposal conference to allow the SFA sufficient time to reply to questions that may result from the conference and for bidders to subsequently prepare their proposal. A minimum 35 calendar day solicitation period is required.





Pre-Proposal
Conference Occurs,
Notification of date,
place, and time of
conference must be
included in the RFP.



Posting Close Date. Deadline to submit proposal.

## **Purpose of Pre-Proposal Meeting:**

- Provide information and clarification regarding contract specifications that will assist in preparing proposals;
- Answer questions;
- Conduct a facility tour; and
- Discover ambiguities, errors, or omissions in the RFP that may later be clarified.

If the SFA elects to not host a pre-proposal conference, the SFA should ensure there are other means in the RFP for a potential FSMC to see the campus kitchens and ask questions so all potential vendors will have the same understanding and access as the incumbent vendor. Without a means to ensure all potential vendors have the same information, it may result in an unfair advantage and the incumbent vendor could be prohibited from being awarded the contract. Alternatives to a pre-proposal conference could be virtual meetings, Q&As, and pictures with descriptions. During the final review, the SFA should be able to present the information provided to all vendors to

ensure full and open competition.

#### Addenda

It should be stated at the opening of the conference that information shared should not be considered official until provided in writing to all prospective vendors that have received the RFP. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract shall not be binding. The SFA must supply all potential bidders who received the original solicitation with any addenda issued to a prospective bidder, and these addenda must be included in the final contract documentation sent to TDA for approval.

A pre-proposal meeting may reveal ambiguities, errors, or omissions in the RFP, which may later be corrected by issuing a written addendum to the RFP. However, the meeting should not be held as a substitute for formally addressing a deficient or ambiguous specification or disseminating performance requirements in addition to those contained in the solicitation.

The SFA must document the meeting, provide a sign-in sheet for all in attendance, and include a summary of all information shared, questions asked, and SFA-provided answers. The information should be sent as a written addendum to the original solicitation. If more than one addendum is required, each addendum should be numbered, and a copy of each addendum should be signed and returned with the bid/proposal as additional supporting documentation of receipt of all requirements for consideration as a responsible and responsive bidder.

## **Receiving and Evaluating Proposals**

All questions and answers submitted in response to the RFP must be maintained on file by the SFA and provided to TDA for review as part of the evaluation process of a final award. If the SFA considers disqualifying a vendor, the documentation must be submitted to TDA for review.

The terms of the RFP must not be altered by the bidder. Proposal documents and graphic presentation documents provided by an bidder cannot be considered by the SFA when evaluating and shall not be included in the final contract. The subsequent contract will comprise only the forms, certifications, and documents requested in the RFP. If any portion of the FSMC proposal is overly responsive, that FSMC proposal must be disqualified.

After evaluating the proposals using the criteria established in the RFP, the SFA will score each proposal to determine which is the most advantageous to the SFA's school nutrition program, price and other factors considered, with price as the primary factor.

Once the SFA has scored the proposals, it must submit all proposals, evaluations, scoring sheets, and the advertisement to TDA for review and approval. TDA will not approve an award without having a copy of each proposal submitted in response to the solicitation. The SFA may not convey notice of an award to the selected FSMC prior to receiving written approval by TDA. Any contracts awarded without TDA's prior written approval are considered null and void. SFAs will receive approval of the FSMC contract by May 15, 2026.

## **FSMC Score Card**

#### Each Evaluation Committee member MUST read these instructions in full.

The SFA must select 3, but no more than 5, people to evaluate proposals received. A Committee Member Head must work with each member to provide information and due dates. The Committee Head may also be part of the evaluation committee and submit an evaluation. Each evaluation committee member will review the FSMC Proposals independently and complete a scorecard (Form A) for each vendor considered. A proposal may not be compared to or scored against another proposal, except to determine pricing competitiveness. Each proposal shall be scored exclusively based on the criteria outlined in the RFP. Each committee evaluator must document the justification (specific reason) when the scoring is less than the maximum points. The justification must be objective and provide detailed descriptions of why the vendor did not receive maximum points based on the vendor's proposal. Examples of unacceptable justifications are subjective preferences, consideration of vendor services not

requested in the RFP, and geographic preference for the vendor selected. TDA will review the score cards to ensure compliance.

### **Scoring Criteria**

Scoring for price/cost, years of experience, and guarantee must be scored uniformly by evaluators. A minimum of five criteria must be selected for evaluation.

**Price/cost** must be based on the formula provided. **This score must be the same for each committee member.** = The lowest FSMC proposed total cost / the Vendor's total proposed cost \* maximum points available for pricing (must be 25 pts. or greater). Reference bid response Exhibit G for calculation.

**Guarantee**—If included in the RFP, the maximum score for the guarantee is 5 points. No points may be granted for proposals offering a guarantee less than the amount requested in the RFP. A proposal offering a guarantee more than the amount requested in the RFP, or if a guarantee is not requested but is offered, is considered overly responsive and must be disqualified from the bid. **This score should be the same for all committee members.** 

**Experience** – Based on years of experience working with school nutrition programs. The SFA should verify the number of years of experience the FSMC reports in the proposal. The scoring criteria are outlined in the RFP documents. **The score should be the same for all committee members**.

**Service Capability Plan** – This criterion is based on the scope and purpose, staffing, meal participation, student enrollment, or any area of the approved RFP for publishing that the SFA is requesting services. If each FSMC offers the same level of service that is requested, they must receive the same score.

**Financial Conditions/Stability, Business Plan** – Review each FSMC's most recent independent financial or single audit to determine the score for Financial Conditions/Stability. Documentation must be provided as to the scoring of each FSMC.

**Accounting and Reporting Systems**—Review each FSMC's accounting and reporting systems in their proposal. If they meet the needs requested in the approved RFP for publishing, they should receive the maximum points. However, if the SFA has a record of their current vendor having errors in invoicing, billing, or credit discrepancies, they may not receive the maximum points.

**Promotion of the CNP/Student Engagement** – Rate the FSMC based on the specific plan proposed to include a variety of factors such as student engagement, nutrition education signage in the cafeteria, nutrition education activities, promotions of the month, culinary exhibitions, the planned level of participation in wellness activities, participation and responsiveness to the advisory committee, and student feedback.

**Personnel Management/Staffing Considerations** – Rate how well the vendor responded to the requirements in the job descriptions provided. If there were requirements for additional education, bilingual skills, or certifications (e.g., R.D. and SNS), outlined in the RFP, they must be considered in the evaluation scores. A vendor cannot receive the maximum points if they do not meet ALL the conditions outlined. If all vendors met the standards requested, all may receive the maximum points.

Other criteria may be assessed if outlined in the RFP, such as a taste testing presentation, utilization of USDA Foods entitlement, vendor presentations, references, and vendor performance history with similar school systems. If used, please designate in the "other" section and identify how the committee will evaluate these areas.

Each committee member is to complete the FSMC Proposal Score Card (Form A). The Committee Head is to complete the FSMC Scoring Summary (Form B), securing an affirmation signature from the committee, and submit the forms to TDA. The SFA retains all documents related to the bid award and must maintain them for the entire contract period.

The SFA must provide detailed, legible justifications for scores that do not receive the maximum points. Inadequate justification, as determined by TDA, will result in the documents being returned to the SFA.

## OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Statutes, rules, and policies require a fair and equitable evaluation process for all proposals. The following outlines the process to ensure the integrity of the evaluation process:

- 1. Evaluation committee members must be district employees selected based on their ability to provide an objective, impartial evaluation of the proposals.
- 2. Members of the evaluation committee with actual or potential conflicts of interest are required to declare and describe the situation in writing. If a conflict of interest occurs, the evaluation committee member's participation will be excluded.
- 3. Each committee member is to complete the FSMC Proposal Score Card (Form A). The Committee Head is to complete the FSMC Scoring Summary (Form B), securing an affirmation signature from the committee, and submit the forms to TDA
- 4. The Committee Head gathers the documents and completes and signs the Standards of Conduct and Certification for Procurement and the Procurement Standards of Conduct Certification Statement documents and submits them to TDA.

## **Accountability and Public Record**

Evaluation committee members are accountable for everything said and written regarding the RFP, each proposal, and the evaluation process. Proposal evaluations are part of the RFP and contract files and are subject to public records.

To preserve the integrity of the public contracting process, evaluation committee members are responsible for following these instructions to avoid consequences ranging from excluding an evaluation committee member's score from the selection process to canceling the RFP and resoliciting.

Vendors may request to review RFP evaluations according to the SFA's public information request procedure or protest procedures.

#### **Conflict of Interest**

Each evaluation committee member must sign the attestation at the bottom of the scoring sheets (Form A and Form B), which declares any "actual" and "potential" conflict.

After reviewing the list of vendors, if there exists or may exist a conflict of interest, including any circumstances that could be perceived by others as a conflict of interest, contact the SFA's Committee Member Head and legal counsel immediately in writing to discuss the actual or potential conflict to determine next steps. A substitute evaluator may need to be utilized.

## Contact with Others / Nondisclosure

Evaluation committee members should not have any contact with potential vendors during any part of the evaluation process. If a proposer contacts you about the RFP, contact TDA immediately at FSMC@texasagriculture.gov.

Evaluation committee members SHALL NOT:

- Discuss any aspect or opinion of vendors, proposals, or proposal ranking, or share information from proposals outside any evaluation committee meeting.
- Discuss the scores in any way with vendors or accept anything from vendors. This includes gifts and meals. These actions may constitute grounds for rejection of the respective proposal and disqualification of the vendor.
- Evaluate proposals based on criteria other than those contained in the RFP or based on information not included in the proposals.

•	Evaluate proposals as a group.
•	Use personal knowledge about a vendor that was not included in the vendor's proposal.

## FSMC Proposal Score Card Form A

(One form required per vendor and per committee member)

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## FSMC Vendor Committee Scoring Summary Form B

Committees should comprise a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 evaluators.

Committee Member	Name of Vendor 1	Name of Vendor 2	Name of Vendor 3	Name of Vendor 4	Name of Vendor 5
Totals					

Record each committee member's name in the first column. Record each member's total score for each vendor. Total all responses. The vendor with the highest score is the most responsive and responsible bidder.

Signatures – A signature below affirms the scores provided were independently derived, without influence, bias, or edited, for the purpose of evaluating the proposals submitted for FSMC vendors. Further, by signing below, each evaluation committee member affirms that a conflict of interest does not exist regarding the responsive vendors for this FSMC RFP and contract.

Signea:	
	Committee Member 1
Signed:	
	Committee Member 2
Signed:	
	Committee Member 3
Signed:	
	Committee Member 4
Signed:	
	Committee Member 5
Signed:	
-	Committee Member Head

## Standards of Conduct and Certification for Procurement

In accordance with 2 CFR Part §200.318, the following standards of conduct must be followed by all officers, employees, or agents of the non-Federal entity herein named (SFA) that are engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts:

No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract.

The officers, employees and agents may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts.

Disciplinary actions shall be applied for violations of the above standards by officers, employees, or agents, up to and including termination from the program.

Officers, employees, and agents shall avoid the acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Consideration shall be given to consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more economical purchase. Where appropriate, an analysis will be made of lease versus purchase alternatives, and any other appropriate analysis to determine the most economical approach.

To foster greater economy and efficiency, and in accordance with efforts to promote cost-effective use of shared services across the Federal Government, officers, employees, and agents shall make every effort to enter into state and local intergovernmental agreements or inter-entity agreements where appropriate for procurement or use of common or shared goods and services.

Officers, employees, and agents shall make every effort to use Federal excess and surplus property in lieu of purchasing new equipment and property whenever such use is feasible and reduces project costs.

Officers, employees, and agents shall make every effort to use value engineering clauses in contracts for construction projects of sufficient size to offer reasonable opportunities for cost reductions. Value engineering is a systematic and creative analysis of each contract item or task to ensure that its essential function is provided at an overall lower cost.

Officers, employees, and agents shall award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, a record of past performance, and financial and technical resources. (See also 2 CFR §200.214 Suspension and Debarment)

Officers, employees, and agents shall maintain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement. These records will include but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price.

Officers, employees, and agents shall use a time and materials type contract only after a determination that no other contract is suitable and if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk.

All standards to award contracts ou	flined in 2 CFR §200.318(h) and 2 CFR §200.214 must be followed.
Officers, employees, and agents of	(SFA) shall do the following

Accept full responsibility, in accordance with good administrative practices and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurements. These issues include, but are not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, and claims.

Make available, upon request of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, technical specifications on proposed procurements where the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity believes such review is needed to ensure that the item or service specified is the one being proposed for acquisition, including procurement documents, such as requests for proposals or invitations for bids, or independent cost estimates, in accordance with 2 CFR §200.325.

These standards do not relieve the non-Federal entity of any contractual responsibilities under its contracts. The Federal awarding agency will not substitute its judgment for that of the non-Federal entity unless the matter is primarily a Federal concern. Violations of law will be referred to the local, state, or Federal authority having proper jurisdiction.

Attestation:	
I understand and will follow the standards of conduct outline	d for this procurement.
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## **Procurement Standards of Conduct Certification Statement**

(Authorized Representative) for(SFA) hereby certifies the following:
Officers, employees, and agents shall conduct all procurement transactions in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with the standards of 2 CFR §200.319, inclusive of written procedures for procurement transactions that:
Ensure clear and accurate description of technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Identify all requirements which must be fulfilled by bidders and all factors to be used in the evaluation of bids and proposals.
Ensure that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products which are used in acquiring goods and services are current and include enough qualified sources to ensure maximum open and free competition. Ensure that potential bidders are not precluded from qualifying during the solicitation period.
Officers, employees, and agents shall conduct all procurement transactions using the sealed bid or request for proposal as one of the methods of procurement noted in 2 CFR §200.320.
Officers, employees, and agents shall take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible, in accordance with 2 CFR §200.321.
Officers, employees, and agents shall comply with the procurement of recovered materials, as specified in 2 CFR §200.323.
Officers, employees, and agents shall perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, including contract modifications, in accordance with 2 CFR §200.324.
Officers, employees, and agents shall ensure that the bonding requirements are followed in accordance with 2 CFR §200.326.
Officers, employees, and agents shall ensure that all contracts contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200, in accordance with 2 CFR §200.327.
Officers, employees, and agents shall comply with the retention requirements for records, in accordance with 2 CFR §200.334.
Officers, employees, and agents shall provide access to records in accordance with 2 CFR §200.337.
Officers, employees, and agents shall adhere to the Cost Principles in accordance with 2 CFR Subpart E §200.400 - §200.470
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