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Media Release – IFB Bid #002 Contract Awards

School Year 2026–2027

Utopian Academy for the Arts is proud to announce the official contract awards for **Invitation for Bid (IFB) #002** for the 2026–2027 school year. These contracts were awarded in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local procurement requirements.

The procurement process was conducted in full compliance with the regulations set forth by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE), and the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Utopian Academy for the Arts serves as a School Food Authority (SFA) operating under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and adheres strictly to all CEP program requirements.

All bids received were publicly opened and evaluated using established, written criteria outlined in the solicitation. Awards were made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders meeting specifications, including compliance with USDA meal pattern requirements, Buy American provisions, product quality standards, delivery capability, and overall cost effectiveness.

Contract Awardees – IFB #002 (SY 2026–2027)

- **Produce:** Royal Food Service
- **Milk:** ITI Milk Distributor LLC
- **Meat:** Sysco Atlanta
- **Grain:** Sysco Atlanta
- **Chemical:** Sysco Atlanta
- **Paper Products:** Sysco Atlanta
- **Miscellaneous (Spices, Condiments, etc.):** Sysco Atlanta

These awarded vendors demonstrated the ability to meet all specifications necessary to support Utopian Academy for the Art's National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) operations in accordance with USDA nutrition standards and Georgia state guidelines.

Utopian Academy for the Arts remains committed to maintaining an open and competitive procurement process that ensures fiscal responsibility, transparency, and the highest quality products for our students. Through these partnerships, we will continue to provide nutritious, compliant, and high-quality meals that support student health and academic success.

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