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For many South Carolina School Food and Nutrition Directors and Supervisors it is necessary to wear many hats in their districts/schools including Procurement Officer. The South Carolina School Food Services Purchasing Alliance, Inc. is an invaluable resource when procurement issues arise.

**South Carolina School Food Services
Purchasing Alliance Inc.
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Our vision

To be the nation's preeminent procurement entity for child nutrition programs

Our mission

The Alliance procures the highest quality products at the lowest prices through a unique partnership that mutually benefits members and vendors while enhancing the health and academic performance of South Carolina's children.



State-wide Equipment Contract

SCSFPA, Inc. has coordinated with SC State Procurement office with a specialized team with experience in electrical engineering, food service design, state procurement, and including SFA Directors to test restaurant equipment. This team has developed quality controlled testing procedures to test equipment. Once the equipment has completed extensive standardized performance testing, results are analyzed, the SC Procurement Office will then solicit bids for all South Carolina agencies to purchase approved equipment.



What We Do

Group buying allows school food service programs to increase purchasing power while decrease our food and supply costs to benefit the children of South Carolina.

Offers group price leveraging for food, supplies, and produce.

Manage competitive bid process for members

To encourage and promote collaborative efforts between members and food distributors, brokers, manufacturers, and related vendors

Coordinates up-front and annual price audits

Our services

Distributor and produce contracts up to 5 years

Bids for commodity processing

Direct Manufacturer Pricing and Net Off Invoice pricing for selected products

Training and support for membership

Coordinates pre and post award audits

Encourage and promote collaborative efforts between members and food distributors, brokers, manufacturers, and related vendors .

About Us

In 2015, the Alliance incorporated to a 501(c)3 non-profit corporate status to protect the membership, as well as allow the organization to apply and receive funding from non-traditional sources.

The Alliance is unique in its structure. Members submit their own bids. However, each bid is submitted at the same time with bid terms & conditions being identical except for conditions which are included in the bid document that may be required by a local procurement code. SCDE attorneys, Alliance member attorneys and state procurement officials have reviewed the document.

Membership in the corporation is open to those school food authorities and/or local educational agencies participate in the National School Lunch Program or other child nutrition program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, have been in existence for at least one operating school year, and have a student enrollment of at least 250 at the time of application.

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