

MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
***HOUSE OF CORRECTION***

DATE: April 12, 2021

TO: Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chantell Jewell, Superintendent, Milwaukee County House of Correction

SUBJECT: From the Superintendent, House of Correction, requesting authorization to execute a one-year Purchase of Service Contract extension with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC in the approximate amount of \$2,700,000 for the provision of food services at the House of Correction and Criminal Justice Facility for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 to ensure continuity in food services while the County's new kitchen master plan is being developed and implemented

**Background**

The current contract with the Aramark Correctional Services LLC (Aramark) expires on December 31, 2021. The kitchen facilities and equipment at both the House of Correction (HOC) and County Jail are in urgent need of upgrades, repairs, and in some cases replacement. A capital project, led by the Milwaukee County Department of Administrative Services (DAS), is underway to develop a food service master plan primarily dealing with the House of Correction, Criminal Justice Facility, and Vel Philips Juvenile Justice Center. DAS indicates that the food service master planning project will extend into the month of June at a minimum and notes that any future Request for Proposal (RFP) **should incorporate recommendations from the master plan project.**

**Discussion**

Generally, the RFP process requires 6-8 months or longer to award, so HOC staff is looking for a one-year extension that will maintain the current 30-day termination clause to exit the contract based on the results of a new RFP and contract award. Aramark is amenable to such extension using existing contract language, including the 30-day termination. The Department of Administrative Services agrees this extension will aid the County while DAS completes the master plan for all the County's kitchens.

**Fiscal Effect**

If a contract extension is approved, the County will also know the price per meal to budget for the next year since that aspect of the contract is not changing with this proposal. The HOC plans to budget a sufficient amount for this contract in the 2022 budget based on the current contract language including the existing 2% rate cap. A fiscal note form is attached.

**Recommendation**

I, as Superintendent of the House of Correction, respectfully submit this action item to request the authority to enter a one-year contract period at a cost of approximately \$2,700,000, with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC. Should this item be referred to committee, presenters from the House of Correction in addition to myself, will be Assistant Superintendent Anthony Dodd. Representatives from Aramark will be present as well: Namely, Jake Sweeney – District Manager, Charles Schuster – General Manager, Brad Meyer – General Manager, and Ryan Dolan – Food Service Director.

Respectfully submitted,



Chantell Jewell, Superintendent  
Milwaukee County House of Correction