



**COMMENT AND REVIEW
to the
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) #040726
Entitled**

Commercial Kitchen Equipment with Related Supplies and Services

The following advertisement was placed February 17, 2026, in and on the Sourcewell website www.sourcewell-mn.gov, Sourcewell Procurement Portal <https://proportal.sourcewell-mn.gov>, Biddingo, Merx, PublicPurchase.com, and The New York State Contract Reporter www.nyscr.ny.gov, February 18, 2026, in South Carolina's *The State*, February 20, 2026 in *Deseret News*, February 18, 2026, in *The Salt Lake Tribune*, and Oregon's *Daily Journal of Commerce*, February 19, 2026 and February 26, 2026 in *The Oklahoman* and *Indianapolis Star*, February 20, 2026 and February 27, 2026 in the *Indianapolis Business Journal* and February 17, 2026 and February 24, 2026 in the *USA Today*:

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Commercial Kitchen Equipment with Related Supplies and Services to result in a procurement solution for use by its Participating Entities. Sourcewell Participating Entities include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. A full copy of the Request for Proposals can be found on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal [<https://proportal.sourcewell-mn.gov>]. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than April 7, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

The solicitation process was conducted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The following parties expressed interest in the solicitation by registering for this opportunity within the portal:

1108733 ONT INC	DSL Ltd
11400 Inc	Edward Don & Company Holdings, LLC
Accumovers LLC	Elizarov Consulting Group
affinity distributions	Finesse Fair Inc
AMB Tools Inc	Focus Business Inc.
Apex Site Services Corporation	Food service equipment
Ascent Inc.	Gator Chef
Atlantic Restaurant Supplies	Hooten Equipment Company
Avanti Restaurant Solutions	Institutions Services
B&L Distributors, Inc.	Kijero LLC
Bar Boy Products, Inc.	Koch Filter Corporation

Bargreen Ellingson Canada	LONG Building Technologies
Barrie Equipment Sales Inc.	Maglin Corporation
Bear & Co Investments	Metal Tech Industries
Bidr Technologies Inc.	Parts Town, LLC
Big Bend Restaurant Supply Inc	Pasco Brokerage Inc
Birmingham Restaurant Supply, Inc.	Penner Trailer Sales LLC
Blue Sigma Logistics, LLC	PML LLC
Boelter, LLC	Prime Vendor Inc.
Canadian Restaurant Supply Ltd	Public Security agency
Category Development	Pueblo Hotel Supply
Chefs Depot Inc	PWXPress
CODY CONSULTING	RRT Inc
Cook's Direct Inc.	Sam Tell and Son Inc
Cres Cor	Seattle Lighthouse for The Blind
Cuna Supply LLC	SINGER EQUIPMENT CO INC
Curtis Restaurant Equipment	Singer MS, LLC.
Custer Flats Enterprise, LLC	South Eastsern General Contractors INC.
CVK Enterprises	Stafford-Smith, Inc.
Deltek	TriMark USA, LLC
Design Specialties, Inc	The PlanIT Room
Dodge Data & Analytics	ThriveMed, LLC.
Douglas Food Stores Inc	Tyler Cacchione
Dream Ranch LLC	USA GENERAL TRADING LLC

All Proposals remained sealed within the Sourcewell Procurement Portal until the scheduled due date and time. Proposals were electronically opened, and the list of all Proposers was made publicly available on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, on April 07, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time. Proposals were received from the following:

11400 Inc
 Avanti Restaurant Solutions
 Bargreen Ellingson Canada
 Big Bend Restaurant Supply Inc
 Blue Sigma Logistics, LLC
 Chefs Depot Inc
 Cook's Direct Inc.
 Curtis Restaurant Equipment
 Custer Flats Enterprise, LLC
 Douglas Food Stores Inc
 Dream Ranch LLC
 Edward Don & Company Holdings, LLC
 Gator Chef
 Pasco Brokerage Inc
 Sam Tell and Son Inc
 SINGER EQUIPMENT CO INC

South Eastsern General Contractors INC.
Stafford-Smith, Inc.
TriMark USA, LLC
Tyler Cacchione

Proposals were reviewed by the Proposal Evaluation Committee:

Lisa Truax, NIGP-CPP, Senior Procurement Analyst
Paul Dotson, MA, Procurement Analyst II
Jonathan Love, MA, Procurement Analyst II
Brittney Cotner, MBA, Procurement Analyst

The findings of the Proposal Evaluation Committee are summarized as follows:

Chefs Depot Inc. has specialized in the design, supply, and installation of commercial kitchen equipment since 2004. They are offering a full range of commercial grade equipment and appliances from over 1,000 manufacturers including but not limited to cooking, refrigeration, food preparation, dishwashing, and beverage equipment across the United States and Canada. Chefs Depot offers Sourcewell entities competitive discounts.

Cook's Direct Inc. has been in business for 30 years with expertise in serving institutional foodservice operations, with a strong emphasis on correctional and education markets. Cook's Direct has nationwide coverage and service capability to serve all Sourcewell's entities coast to coast, offering commercial kitchen equipment from more than five hundred manufacturers as an authorized dealer. Pricing and discounts are an advantage for Sourcewell entities.

Gator Chef has been in operation since 2008, with roots in the foodservice industry dating back to 1982. With its sales and service staff, they bring nationwide reach with a localized relationship. Their solutions are based more on technical expertise with service and operational excellence at the forefront instead of focusing solely on just commercial kitchen sales. Gator Chef is offering competitive pricing to Sourcewell entities through its claimed Diamond and Platinum status with its manufacturers.

TriMark USA, LLC has a 128-yr history claimed through its organizations and affiliates. They have solutions that virtually cover all segments of the food service industry and commercial kitchen equipment along with strong design and project management capabilities. They have a robust nationwide reach and network of warehousing operations accompanied by more than 2800 employees with six hundred related to sales. Aggressive pricing model with opportunities for additional negotiated savings based on project size.

Stafford-Smith, Inc., established in 1940, is a family-owned commercial foodservice equipment distributor headquartered in Kalamazoo, Michigan, with operations across numerous U.S. states and limited international activity. The company provides a broad selection of end-to-end commercial food service solutions including equipment, design, fabrication, delivery, and installation, supported by a large national sales force and vendor network. Stafford-Smith, Inc., differentiates itself through scale, long-standing industry presence, and flexible project capabilities. The proposal offers competitive pricing structured around manufacturer and volume-based discounts.

For these reasons, the following awards of Sourcewell **Master Agreement #040726** are recommended:

Chefs Depot Inc.

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Cook's Direct Inc.	#040726-COK
Gator Chef	#040726-GATR
Stafford-Smith Inc.	#040726-STF
TriMark USA, LLC	#040726-SES

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STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

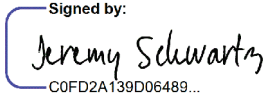
As Chief Procurement Officer for Sourcewell, I have reviewed the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee and the accompanying support materials documenting the process followed for RFP #040726 Commercial Kitchen Equipment with Related Supplies and Services.

The committee accepted, deemed responsive, evaluated, and recommended proposals for award. Under authority granted to the Chief Procurement Officer in Sourcewell's bylaws, the recommendations set forth above are approved.

I hereby certify:

1. Sourcewell is a government agency, created and authorized by Minnesota law to provide cooperative procurement master agreements.
2. The procurement process and resulting master agreements have been awarded in compliance with the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 471 and Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21), and in conformity to Sourcewell's Procurement Policy.
3. The awards listed were made based on the results of the competitive solicitation process.
4. The awards listed were ratified by the Sourcewell Board of Directors on July 21, 2026.

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