



*Let's go local! Hawai'i's public schools are seeking vendors to supply fresh and local produce.*

## Produce Solicitation Pre-Bid Meetings

Are you interested in selling fresh and local produce to public schools in Hawai'i?

School Food Services Branch (SFSB) of the Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE) is responsible for sourcing food for school meals in Hawai'i. SFSB is seeking local vendors to supply fresh produce to schools in their region, with an emphasis on local fruits and vegetables. Please join one of our upcoming pre-bid meetings to learn more about how to sell to SFSB, including our requirements regarding:



- Food specifications
- Distribution/delivery
- Food safety
- Insurance
- Tax clearance
- Business registration
- Hawaii Compliance Express
- Proposal submission process



Representatives from the Lieutenant Governor's office, SFSB, HIDOE Procurement & Contracts Branch, Hawai'i Department of Taxation, and Hawai'i Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs will be available to answer questions.

### Important Note for Farmers

Due to current administrative limitations, SFSB is seeking vendors who can source and distribute a variety of 25+ fruits and vegetables to schools in their region. For this reason, produce aggregators, distributors, and cooperatives may be better positioned at this time to respond to SFSB's upcoming solicitation. However, we encourage farmers to attend to learn more about DOE's contracting process, network with aggregators, and explore the formation of supply cooperatives. In the future, SFSB will be considering contracts for specific crops for the school lunch program and the Harvest of the Month program.

<p><b>Kaua'i</b>            October 22, 2018            4:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Library            Kauai High School            3577 Lala Road            Lihue</p>	<p><b>Hilo, Hawai'i Island</b>            October 23, 2018            4:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Campus Center 301            University of Hawai'i at Hilo            200 W. Kāwili St.            Hilo</p>	<p><b>Kona, Hawai'i Island</b>            October 24, 2018            4:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Panini 127            Hawai'i Community College - Pālamānuī            73-4225 Ane Keohokalole Hwy            Kailua-Kona</p>
<p><b>Maui</b>            October 25, 2018            4:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Library            Maui High School            660 Lono Avenue            Kahului</p>	<p><b>Honolulu, O'ahu</b>            October 29, 2018            4:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Auditorium            Hawai'i State Capitol            415 South Beretania St.            Honolulu</p>	<p><b>Kailua, O'ahu</b>            October 30, 2018            4:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Library            Kalaheo High School            730 Iliaina St            Kailua</p>

**Please RSVP by October 19, 2018, by visiting**

[www.ainaponohawaii.eventbrite.com](http://www.ainaponohawaii.eventbrite.com)

**For More Information:** <http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ConnectWithUs/Vendors/Selling/Pages/home.aspx>