



COLLIN COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
4300 Community Avenue
McKinney, TX 75071

Terry G. Box, Sheriff

DATE : April 25, 2011
TO: Commissioners Court
FROM: Terry G. Box, Sheriff 
RE: Discretionary Exemptions for Inmate Food Purchases

The Sheriff's Office is requesting a Discretionary Exemption from competitive bidding requirements for all food purchases made for the detention facilities. If approved, Purchasing shall solicit at least three bids for purchases of food items by telephone or written quotation at intervals specified by Commissioners Court. It is our belief by ordering food products in this manner we can reduce overall food cost by shopping for the best and lowest prices through multiple vendors as opposed to one vendor who set price specific bids. The exemption with Commissioners' Court approval is allowable under Section 262.024 of the Local Government Code (see attachment).

TGB/sa