



# STATE OF INDIANA

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## **Preliminary Notice - Award Recommendation**

RFP 26-85265, USDA Foods Warehousing and Distribution Services  
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The Indiana Department of Administration (“IDOA”), on behalf of Indiana Department of Education (“IDOE”) (collectively, the “State”), has identified the following companies as the selected respondents for 26-85265 USDA Foods Warehousing and Distribution Services (the “RFP”).

### Region 1

- Gordon Food Services, Inc. (GFS)

### Region 2

- Gordon Food Services, Inc. (GFS)

### Region 3

- Gordon Food Services, Inc. (GFS)

### Region 4

- Gordon Food Services, Inc. (GFS)

### Region 5

- The Distribution Group, Inc. (Van Eerden Foodservice)

The State will begin contract negotiations with the companies indicated above in the near future. This award recommendation is conditioned upon successful finalization of contracts between the State and the companies indicated above within forty-five (45) calendar days. If the State and any company indicated above fail to reach an agreement on contract terms in a timely manner the State may choose to withdraw this award recommendation and may select an alternative respondent.

Once contracts are finalized the State will issue a final Notice of Award. The protest period will begin the day after the Notice of Final Award is publicly posted. Should the State withdraw this award recommendation, further notice will be given to respondents as to next steps.

I.C. 4-13-1-19 states that “[a] bidder or an offeror does not gain a property interest in the award of a contract by the department unless the bidder or offeror is awarded the contract, and the contract is completely executed.”

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