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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department for Aging (DFA) requests legislative approval to enter into a contract with Senior Projects of Ravena, to provide Congregate Meal Services to seniors who reside within Albany County and meet specific criteria as required by Albany County and NYSOFA. Senior Projects of Ravena will provide Congregate Meal Services to seniors at the following five (5) locations, Senior Projects of Ravena, Civill Apartments, Van Allen Apartments, Townsend Park, and Parkview Apartments. The Contractor shall serve 31,500 meals at their five (5) congregate locations.

A Request for Proposal No. 2024-089 issued on July 11, 2024 requesting providers submit a proposal regarding Congregate Meals. There was seven (7) proposals evaluated and rated by the department scoring committee using the following criteria:

- Full demonstrated comprehension of the Scope of Services; including but not limited to; Knowledge of food safety/sanitation regulations and nutrition standards; Current Dietary Guidelines including knowledge and compliance with USDA nutrition standards.
- Prior experience and/or equivalent training with quantity food production and service projects
- Professional qualifications, staffing, equipment, and demonstrated capabilities.
- Total proposed price.

After reviewing the proposals and rating scores the Congregate Meal proposals were awarded as follows;

1. Albany Jewish Community Center; Awarded - \$36,140.00
2. Colonie Senior Service Centers; Awarded - \$385,000.00
3. Green Island Senior Citizens; Awarded - \$59,850.00
4. Life Path Awarded - \$395,625.00
5. Senior Projects of Ravena; Awarded - \$456,750.00
6. Allie B's Cozy Kitchen Awarded - \$21,600.00
7. Falafel Express - \$19,500.00

Total Awarded to Providers - \$1,374,465.00

Senior Projects of Ravena shall provide nutrition education presentations to program participants at the congregate meal site not less than six (6) times during the contract year Senior Projects of Ravena shall be responsible for ensuring meals meet nutritional requirements established by the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Academy of Sciences National Research Council.

Contract Award Amount – \$456,750.00

Contract Term – 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025

Funding Source – 91% - Federal, 9% - County

Budget Amendment – No

Revenue Account – Aging -AA6772, 04774, 04778

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
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