



# Blount County Purchasing

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## Memorandum

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**TO:** Blount County Board of Education

**FROM:** Mallory Pack, Buyer

**DATE:** January 21, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Bid No. 2026-0053 BCS Nutrition Equipment (HHS, WBHS 9th, Montvale, Walland)

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A competitive bid was conducted to secure a vendor who would be able to provide and install Kitchen Equipment at HHS, WBHS 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy, Montvale, and Walland. Thirteen (13) vendors were viewed the bid. Due to the nature of the product needed, Vendors were allowed an opportunity to visit the schools on December 8<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> with no response. This is not uncommon for products of this nature.

Four (4) vendors responded with bids for the equipment and installation services Culinary Depot, Douglas Equipment, Sam Tell & Son Inc., and Singer H&R. Please see chart at the end.

Culinary Depot and Sam Tell & Son Inc. were eliminated for award due to not having a TN Business License as required for our bids. Douglas Equipment was also eliminated due to being unresponsive during the evaluation part of the bid review. Upon review of the vendor's bids and confirmation of required documentation, it is the recommendation of the Blount County Purchasing Department to award to Singer H&R.

Upon receipt of your agreement of our department's recommendation, an Award Letter will be issued.

cc: Bid File  
Brittany Spence, BCS Chief Financial Officer  
Karen Helton, BCS Nutrition Coordinator  
Kari Barrett, BC Purchasing Agent  
Jackie Cooper, BC Asst. Purchasing Agent

<b>Event Number</b>	2026-0053 Addendum 1		<b>Organization</b>	Blount County, TN	
<b>Event Title</b>	BCS Nutrition Equipment (HHS, WBHS 9th,		<b>Workgroup</b>	Purchasing	
<b>Event Description</b>	This bid is being issued to secure a "Contract		<b>Event Owner</b>	Mallory Pack	
<b>Event Type</b>	ITB		<b>Email</b>	mpack@blounttn.org	
<b>Issue Date</b>	11/20/2025 01:30:00 PM (ET)		<b>Phone</b>	865 (273) 5743	
<b>Close Date</b>	1/6/2026 01:30:00 PM (ET)		<b>Fax</b>	865 (273) 5746	
<b>Responding Supplier</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Response Submitted</b>	<b>Lines Responded</b>	<b>Response Total</b>
Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot)	Spring Valley	NY	1/2/2026 12:06:49 PM (ET)	13	\$236,264.99
Sam Tell & Son Inc	Farmingdale	NY	1/6/2026 11:59:36 AM (ET)	13	\$254,126.20
Douglas Equipment (Douglas Fo	Bluefield	WV	1/6/2026 10:57:57 AM (ET)	13	\$254,914.00
Singer H&R	Nashville	TN	1/5/2026 09:55:00 AM (ET)	13	\$261,456.96
<b>Please note: Lines Responded and Response Total only includes responses to specification. No alternate response data is included.</b>					

1 HOT FOOD SERVING COUNTER / TABLE								
Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	
Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot)	1	EA	\$34,879.67	\$34,879.67		DUKE OR EQUAL	TWHF-74PG	
Singer H&R	1	EA	\$41,617.80	\$41,617.80		DUKE OR EQUAL	TWHF-74PG	
Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc)	1	EA	\$43,203.26	\$43,203.26		DUKE OR EQUAL	TWHF-74PG	
Sam Tell & Son Inc	1	EA	\$43,785.72	\$43,785.72	STANDARD MANUFACTURING WARRANTY	DUKE OR EQUAL	TWHF-74PG	
2 HEATED SHELF FOOD WARMER								
Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	
Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot)	1	EA	\$3,777.05	\$3,777.05		DUKE OR EQUAL	HTO2-SL	
Singer H&R	1	EA	\$4,506.71	\$4,506.71		DUKE OR EQUAL	HTO2-SL	
Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc)	1	EA	\$4,678.39	\$4,678.39		DUKE OR EQUAL	HTO2-SL	
Sam Tell & Son Inc	1	EA	\$4,721.31	\$4,721.31	STANDARD MANUFACTURING WARRANTY	DUKE OR EQUAL	HTO2-SL	
3 SERVING COUNTER, UTILITY								
Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	
Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot)	1	EA	\$28,426.46	\$28,426.46		DUKE OR EQUAL	TST-60SS	
Sam Tell & Son Inc	1	EA	\$32,143.32	\$32,143.32	STANDARD MANUFACTURING WARRANTY	DUKE OR EQUAL	TST-60SS	
Singer H&R	1	EA	\$33,207.30	\$33,207.30		DUKE OR EQUAL	TST-60SS	
Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc)	1	EA	\$34,472.36	\$34,472.36		DUKE OR EQUAL	TST-60SS	
4 COLD SHELF								
Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	
Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot)	1	EA	\$10,408.46	\$10,408.46		DUKE OR EQUAL	DE-RFT2-SB-FTO1-S	
Singer H&R	1	EA	\$12,420.00	\$12,420.00		DUKE OR EQUAL	DE-RFT2-SB-FTO1-S	
Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc)	1	EA	\$12,892.30	\$12,892.30		DUKE OR EQUAL	DE-RFT2-SB-FTO1-S	
Sam Tell & Son Inc	1	EA	\$13,010.58	\$13,010.58	STANDARD MANUFACTURING WARRANTY	DUKE OR EQUAL	DE-RFT2-SB-FTO1-S	
5 HOT WATER DISPENSER								
Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	
Singer H&R	1	EA	\$3,920.00	\$3,920.00		HATCO OR EQUAL	MODEL No. AWD-12	
Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc)	1	EA	\$4,106.30	\$4,106.30		HATCO OR EQUAL	MODEL No. AWD-12	

	Sam Tell & Son Inc	1	EA	\$4,106.30	\$4,106.30	STANDARD MANUFACTURING WARRANTY	HATCO OR EQUAL	MODEL No. AWD- 12	
	Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot)	1	EA	\$4,106.30	\$4,106.30		HATCO OR EQUAL	MODEL No. AWD- 12	
<b>6</b>	<b>TILTING SKILLET BRAISING PAN, ELECTRIC</b>								
	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Extended</b>	<b>Supplier Notes</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Manufacturer #</b>	
	Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc)	1	EA	\$24,351.19	\$24,351.19		VULCAN OR EQUAL	MODEL No. VE40	
	Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot)	1	EA	\$24,642.66	\$24,642.66		VULCAN OR EQUAL	MODEL No. VE40	
	Sam Tell & Son Inc	1	EA	\$26,232.52	\$26,232.52	STANDARD MANUFACTURING WARRANTY	VULCAN OR EQUAL	MODEL No. VE40	
	Singer H&R	1	EA	\$27,825.00	\$27,825.00		VULCAN OR EQUAL	MODEL No. VE40	
<b>7</b>	<b>REACH-IN REFRIGERATOR</b>								
	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Extended</b>	<b>Supplier Notes</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Manufacturer #</b>	
	Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot)	1	EA	\$7,004.05	\$7,004.05		TRAULSEN OR EQUAL	MODEL No. G20010	
	Singer H&R	1	EA	\$7,096.00	\$7,096.00		TRAULSEN OR EQUAL	MODEL No. G20010	
	Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc)	1	EA	\$7,884.65	\$7,884.65		TRAULSEN OR EQUAL	MODEL No. G20010	
	Sam Tell & Son Inc	1	EA	\$8,363.36	\$8,363.36	STANDARD MANUFACTURING WARRANTY	TRAULSEN OR EQUAL	MODEL No. G20010	
<b>8</b>	<b>HOT FOOD SERVING COUNTER / TABLE</b>								
	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Extended</b>	<b>Supplier Notes</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Manufacturer #</b>	
	Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot)	1	EA	\$17,975.62	\$17,975.62		DUKE OR EQUAL	TWHF-74SS	
	Sam Tell & Son Inc	1	EA	\$20,823.66	\$20,823.66	STANDARD MANUFACTURING WARRANTY	DUKE OR EQUAL	TWHF-74SS	
	Singer H&R	1	EA	\$22,005.00	\$22,005.00		DUKE OR EQUAL	TWHF-74SS	
	Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc)	1	EA	\$22,842.60	\$22,842.60		DUKE OR EQUAL	TWHF-74SS	
<b>9</b>	<b>DISHTABLE, SOILED "L" SHAPED</b>								
	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Extended</b>	<b>Supplier Notes</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Manufacturer #</b>	
	Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot)	1	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00	Pricing included in installation by Hobart	HOBART OR EQUAL		
	Sam Tell & Son Inc	1	EA	\$7,911.09	\$7,911.09	STANDARD MANUFACTURING WARRANTY	HOBART OR EQUAL		
	Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc)	1	EA	\$7,991.00	\$7,991.00		HOBART OR EQUAL		
	Singer H&R	1	EA	\$8,390.55	\$8,390.55		HOBART OR EQUAL		
<b>10</b>	<b>HOSE REEL</b>								
	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Extended</b>	<b>Supplier Notes</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Manufacturer #</b>	
	Sam Tell & Son Inc	1	EA	\$1,678.94	\$1,678.94	STANDARD MANUFACTURING WARRANTY	FISHER OR EQUAL	75221	
	Singer H&R	1	EA	\$4,155.60	\$4,155.60		FISHER OR EQUAL	75221	

	Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot)	1	EA	\$4,374.28	\$4,374.28		FISHER OR EQUAL	75221	
	Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc)	1	EA	\$4,823.79	\$4,823.79		FISHER OR EQUAL	75221	
<b>11</b>	<b>DISHWASHER, CONVEYOR TYPE</b>								
	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Extended</b>	<b>Supplier Notes</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Manufacturer #</b>	
	Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc)	1	EA	\$63,210.06	\$63,210.06		HOBART OR EQUAL	CL66-BAS+BUILDUP	
	Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot)	1	EA	\$64,670.44	\$64,670.44		HOBART OR EQUAL	CL66-BAS+BUILDUP	
	Sam Tell & Son Inc	1	EA	\$68,842.74	\$68,842.74	STANDARD MANUFACTURING WARRANTY	HOBART OR EQUAL	CL66-BAS+BUILDUP	
	Singer H&R	1	EA	\$73,015.00	\$73,015.00		HOBART OR EQUAL	CL66-BAS+BUILDUP	
<b>12</b>	<b>CLEAN DISHTABLE</b>								
	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Extended</b>	<b>Supplier Notes</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Manufacturer #</b>	
	Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot)	1	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00	Pricing included in installation by Hobart	HOBART OR EQUAL		
	Sam Tell & Son Inc	1	EA	\$3,605.58	\$3,605.58	STANDARD MANUFACTURING WARRANTY	HOBART OR EQUAL		
	Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc)	1	EA	\$3,642.00	\$3,642.00		HOBART OR EQUAL		
	Singer H&R	1	EA	\$3,825.00	\$3,825.00		HOBART OR EQUAL		
<b>13</b>	<b>REMOVAL AND INSTALL</b>								
	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>UOM</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Extended</b>	<b>Supplier Notes</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Manufacturer #</b>	
	Sam Tell & Son Inc	1	EA	\$18,901.08	\$18,901.08	STANDARD MANUFACTURING WARRANTY	HOBART OR EQUAL		
	Singer H&R	1	EA	\$19,473.00	\$19,473.00		HOBART OR EQUAL		
	Douglas Equipment (Douglas Food Stores Inc)	1	EA	\$20,816.10	\$20,816.10		HOBART OR EQUAL		
	Culinary Depot (Chef's Depot)	1	EA	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	Install line includes installation for all lines.	HOBART OR EQUAL		

**Bid No. 2026-0053 BCS Nutrition Equipment**

Description	Location	Unit Price	Model	Reason for Replacement
SERVING LINE	Heritage High School	\$91,751.81	1997	Serving line no longer regulates temperature. The service technician advised that the equipment has major issues and recommended a full replacement due to age. The refrigeration has dropped from the surface and any repairs would be temporary. Service calls are frequent due to ongoing issues.
TILT BRAISING PAN	Walland Elementary	\$31,745.00	1977	Completely inoperable and it cannot be repaired because parts are no longer available.
REACH-IN REFRIGERATOR	Walland Elementary	\$7,096.00	1989	This machine has required multiple service calls in recent years resulting in several high dollar repair bills and long periods of time when the machine is inoperable. The service technician advised that due to the age and operating condition of the equipment expensive repairs will be a continuous issue.
HOT FOOD SERVING COUNTER / TABLE	Montvale Elementary	\$22,005.00	1983	Has required multiple service calls in recent years resulting in several high dollar repair bills and long periods of time when the machine is inoperable. Parts are becoming increasingly difficult to find and are expected to be nonexistent in the near future.
DISHMACHINE	WBHS 9th Grade Academy	\$89,386.15	1989	In October 2024 the conveyor assembly completely disintegrated. Due to the age of the machine and the scarcity of replacement parts it was determined that a full replacement would be the best long term solution.
REMOVAL AND INSTALL	All Locations	\$19,473.00		

**TOTAL BID \$261,456.96**