## **MEPNN Supplier Scouting Opportunity Synopsis**

Section 1: General Information		
Scouting Number	2024-300	
Item to be Scouted	Food Co-packer/Contract Manufacturer	
Days to be scouted	30	
Response Due By	10/25/2024	
Description	Baked Pita Chips are the product.  2 options - sheeted dough (if thin enough) or baked pita bread that is cut, seasoned & 2nd baked into chips.  The product contains sesame seeds.	
Notify Requester Immediately	Yes	
State item to be used in	Michigan	

Section 2: Technical Inform	Manufacturer
Type of supplier being sought  Reason	
	Past supplier no longer available
Describe the manufacturing processes (elaborate to provide as much detail as possible)	The company - Freekeh Harvest - lost its primary supplier. They can provide the freekeh flour, the Everything seasoning and the packaging. The packaging would require a heat sealer.  They would need someone willing to work with sesame seeds (an allergen), and be able to bake the bread, either with sheeted dough (if thin enough) or baked pita bread that is cut, seasoned, and then baked into chips.
Provide dimensions / size / tolerances / performance specifications for the item	more information can be found on their website including a map of retail locations where they currently have products on the shelf. https://freekehharvest.com/
List required materials needed to make the product, including materials of product components	Freekeh Harvest provides freekeh flour, Everything Seasoning & product packaging. Co-packer would provide additional ingredients to make/bake into pita chips.  More information can be found on their website including a map of retail locations where they currently have products on the shelf. https://freekehharvest.com/
Are there applicable certification requirements?	No
Certification(s) required	cGMP ,SQF/BRC
Are there applicable regulations?	No
Are there any other stndards, requirements, etc.?	No
NAICS 1	311812 Commercial bakeries
NAICS 2	
Additional Technical Comments	The products are non-GMO certified. cGMP and SQF are preferred but not required.

Section 4: Business Information		
Estimated potential business volume	12,000 packages initially.	
Estimated target price / unit cost information (if unavailable explain)	open to negotiation.	
When is it needed by?	ASAP	
Describe packaging requirements	Packaging will be provided and will need a heat sealer	
Where will this item be shipped?	If within 2 hours of Detroit, it would be picked up by a distributor. Otherwise, they would like the product shipped via TQL or another carrier.	

Additional Comments	
Is there other information you would like to include?	We've identified several local co-packers who could do the work once they've scaled up to 10,000 cases per SKU (12 packages per case). They are not there yet. They hope to identify bakery or pita bread producers that would consider small volumes and build with them as product demand grows.  Please forward interested companies in real-time.