

2024 WTFSC-REGION 17 ESC NUTRITION EXPO

Region 17 ESC

1111 W. Loop 289, Lubbock, TX 79416

September 26, 2024

10:00AM - 1:00PM

Date: March 5, 2024

To: Vendors Addressed

From: Dorothy Glenn, Lead Purchasing Specialist, West Texas Food Service Cooperative

The Region 17 Education Service Center/West Texas Food Service Cooperative is pleased to host the 2024 Nutrition Expo on September 26, 2024.

This year, our theme is **"Tastes of Texas "**.

The venue includes exhibits for school food service in the areas of commercial, commodity processing and equipment items.

The attached flyer (page 2) provides detailed information regarding the 2024 Nutrition Expo. Please review this information carefully and make plans to join us for this special event.

The 2024 Nutrition Expo booths will be limited and allocated based on confirmation from the WTFSC. In order for WTFSC to confirm these booth allocations, vendors must submit the completed Expo Agreement (Attachment 2a-b) and Booth Reservation Request (page 5) by May 30, 2024. WTFSC will review all returned documents and send out booth confirmations along with payment request by June 14, 2024.

No payments will be accepted prior to WTFSC sending out booth confirmation. Payment will then be due by July 31, 2024. If not received by then booth space will be given to vendor(s) on waiting list.

Thank you for your support of West Texas area schools. Region 17 ESC recognizes the time, effort, and resources vendors put into exhibiting for the Nutrition Expo. Your participation enables rural school district personnel to observe and test items that may otherwise be seen only through catalogs, point of sale literature, and/or word of mouth.

If you have any questions regarding the 2024 Nutrition Expo, please contact us at wtfsc@esc17.net. We look forward to seeing you in September.

EXPO AGREEMENT

REGION 17 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

Attachment 2a

Terminology: Undersigned vendor (“Vendor”) refers to the business entity reserving exhibition space and entering into this agreement (“Agreement”). Region 17 Education Service Center (Region 17 ESC) refers to the entity bearing the name.

Statement of Agreement: The Vendor of school food service commercial, commodity processed, & equipment items, and services hereby enters into this Agreement with Region 17 ESC for the purpose of guaranteeing an exhibition booth space at the 2024 Nutrition Expo. The 2024 Nutrition Expo is scheduled for September 26, 2024, from **10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**. (Please see enclosed information for site details.) The Vendor agrees to pay the exhibitor fee in the amount of **\$400.00** per booth space (approximately 8’ x 8’). Fees must be received by WTFSC /Region 17 ESC by July 31, 2024.

Statement of Liability: By signing this Agreement, the Vendor assumes full responsibility of all items brought to the Nutrition Expo for exhibition. Region 17 ESC assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged merchandise or equipment available for exhibition as a result of this Agreement, or for the operation of such equipment. Vendor agrees that it will not incorporate flammable, dangerous, or reckless items within their exhibitions. Vendor assumes full liability for any and all damage, both for property and bodily injury, resulting from any negligence relating to their exhibit, and Vendor agrees to hold ESC harmless for any claims made against Region 17 ESC attributable to Vendor’s negligence.

Statement of Neutrality: The Vendor further understands that the Nutrition Expo is an effort to provide a forum through which needed merchandise is presented to school districts interested in purchasing the same. Region 17 ESC shall not endorse any vendor or product. Region 17 ESC is in no way responsible for the purchasing decisions of school districts attending the Nutrition Expo, nor is Region 17 ESC in a position to discriminate against any vendor merchandising wares marketable to clientele targeted at the Nutrition Expo. Vendors agree to exhibit such marketable merchandise via invitation. **SALE OF PRODUCTS DURING THE NUTRITION EXPO IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED** due to procurement regulations.

Exhibit Specifications: The Vendor is responsible for all items necessary to prepare the Vendor’s exhibit, including, but not limited to, equipment, backdrops, and exhibit supports. Table skirt and topping for one display table and one worktable and electrical will be provided by the Region 17 ESC. Vendors must request the number of exhibition spaces to be reserved and make reservations by May 30, 2024,, on the Booth Reservation Request “Attachment 3.” Vendors may assemble their exhibits on **Tuesday, September 24, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 25, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00pm. Thursday, September 26, 2024 from 7:00am-9:45am.**

Cancellation/Termination of Agreement: Vendors who reserve an exhibition booth(s), but become unable to participate must contact Dorothy Glenn, Lead Purchasing Specialist, in writing by **September 5, 2024**. Upon timely receipt of written intent to cancel/terminate this Agreement, a refund of exhibit fees will be given to Vendor. Exhibit fees will be nonrefundable after **September 5, 2024**.

Region 17 ESC reserves the right to cancel this Agreement for any reason. If Region 17 ESC cancels the Nutrition Expo, all payments previously made by Vendor shall be refunded.

Offer Acceptance: I have read this Agreement and agree to assume all responsibility for complying with its term and conditions.

Offered to:

Printed Name of Exhibiting Vendor

Region 17 Education Service Center
1111 W. Loop 289
Lubbock, TX 79416

Mailing Address - Street

City, State, Zip

Dr. Kyle Wargo
Executive Director

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

Email Address of Authorized Representative

Telephone



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Booth Set-up:

Tuesday, September 24

1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

Wednesday, September 25

10:00AM - 4:00PM

Thursday, September 26

7:00AM - 9 :45 AM

Viewing Times:

Thursday, September 26,

10:00AM - 1:00PM

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The fee for each booth is \$400.00. Vendor booths confirmations will be sent to vendors by June 14, 2024.

Each booth is approximately 8' x 8' and includes one topped & skirted front table and one worktable , two chairs plus all electrical needs (electrical needs must be indicated on the Booth Registration Request).

All displays are for product sampling/information only. **No product sales allowed. Vendors may only display 5 items per booth.** Giveaway items are allowed at booths.

The South Conference catering kitchen will be unavailable. Vendors will be allowed a “make-shift” kitchen in the North Conference Main Hall. Please make sure your electrical needs are noted in Attachment 3.

Please complete and return electronically or mail the following by May 30, 2024.

Expo Agreement (Attachment 2a-b)

Booth Reservation Request



Return completed forms by May 30, 2024 to:

wtfsc@esc17.net or

Region 17 ESC, WTFSC EXPO

1111 W. Loop 289 Lubbock, TX 79416

Phone: (806) 281-5710 | Fax: (806) 780-6694



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BOOTH RESERVATION REQUEST

- Return signed Expo Agreement (Attachment 2a-b)
- Complete and return Booth Reservation Request
- Submit all information & documents by May 30, 2024

Exhibitor/Manufacturer Name:

Telephone #:

Booths will be confirmed by June 14, 2024

Brokers with multiple vendors, must fill out Attachment 3 for each vendor.

Vendor/Broker Name (if applicable):

Telephone #:

Estimated booth fees:

\$400.00 x _____ (# of booths) = \$ _____)



Note: Exhibitors may show more than one manufacturer per booth space; however, total space per booth will not exceed approximately 8ft. x 8 ft. Booth includes one skirted 8 ft. front display table and one work table at the rear of booth, plus two chairs.

If splitting booth between multiple manufacturers, enter both on same line

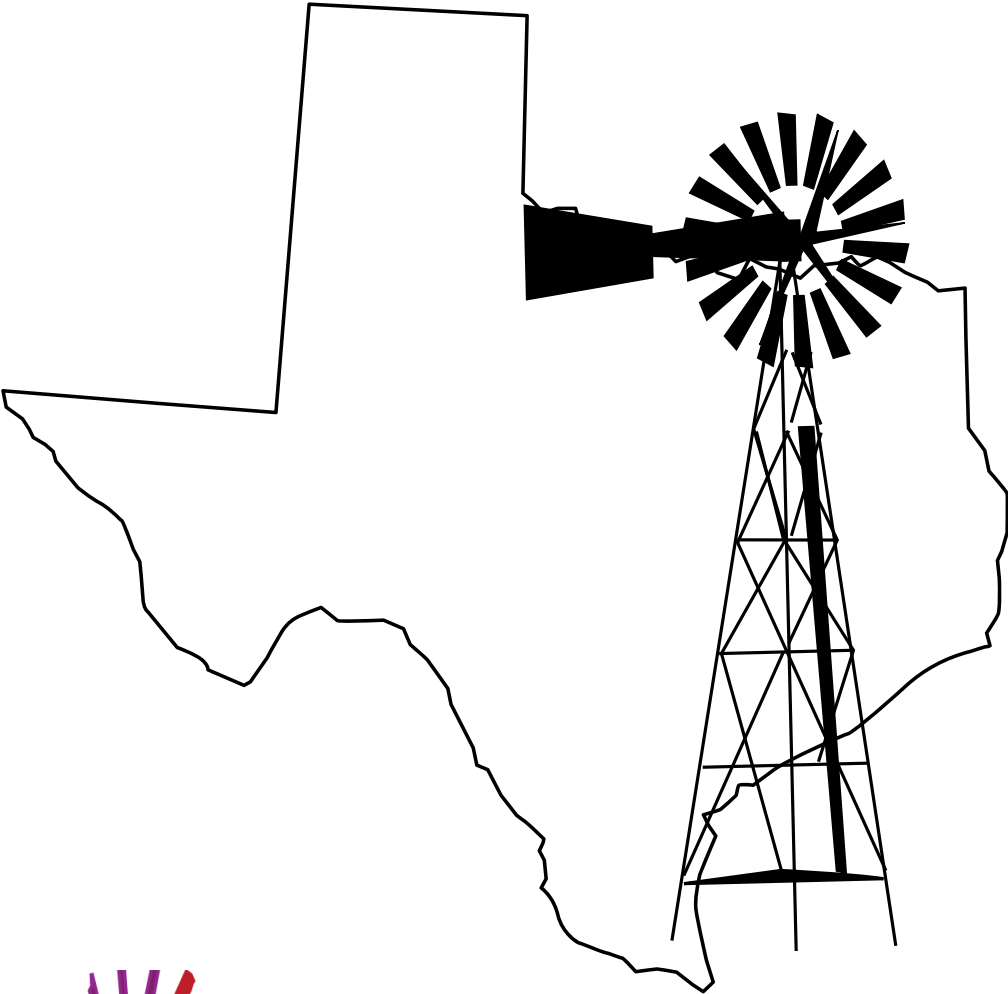
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