1. Are we able to add columns to the excel market basket to include additional information/options? 
   In order to evaluate items equally, no alternative options will be accepted. Additional information will be accepted as long as the information pertains to the specified item.

2. Is the bidder able to do case conversions for the landed cost? 
   Please respond to the bid based on the pack size referenced in the market basket.

3. If a secondary vendor is awarded what would be the dollar value of that contract? 
   Not known.

4. Will the Retail segment at UMASS be transmitting order thru Food Pro or thru the Distributor On Line ordering system? Food Pro will be the primary with the option to use distributor on line as back up.

5. **With regard to the Market Basket.** Will you pre-audit to ensure compliance to specifications and pricing for the time period required? No.

6. **With regard to the Market Basket.** How will the university be able to ensure that the an alternate bid item is of equal or better quality to the current item being used. Alternate bid items will not be evaluated.

7. **With regard to the Market Basket.** The market basket is a small snapshot of the universities needs can you tell us the number of products your current supplier stocks that the universities needs make up 100% of the product movement? The number of products that the universities needs account for less than 100% but greater than 80% of the products purchases? Approximately 55% of our food budget is currently spent with our broadline distributor.

8. **With regard to the Bidders Conference.** Will companies that did not attend the bidders conference still be allowed to submit a bid proposal? Yes, the Pre-Bid Conference was not mandatory.

9. **With regard to Reports, Landed Cost (page 27, #2).** Will you require the distributor to supply invoice cost for the manufacturer to the distribution location giving the university access to actual cost files? Yes, we require landed cost pricing as defined on page 15, item 11.
10. **With regard to Reports, Landed Cost (page 27, #2).** If the answer to the above question is yes, will you be asking for actual costing of our entire product catalogue or only those items that the university currently purchases? *Only the items the university purchases, but we reserve the right to have access to all landed cost information at any time.*

11. Section 14 of the University Purchase Order Terms and Conditions reference FAR clauses that apply to a PO that is placed under a United States Government Contract or Grant. Will any PO arising from this RFB be placed under a US Government Contract of Grant? *No*