INFORMAL PROCUREMENT CHECKLIST

(Purchases of Non-Food Items costing less than \$20,000 and Food Items costing less than \$250,000)

	If Yes check	If No check
Planning Process		
• Documented justification for purchase (replenish inventory, replacement item, etc.)	0	0
• Documented the period of time the bid price must be honored (days, weeks, or months)?	0	0
• Documented general purchasing conditions, product specifications, quality and other non-brand descriptions?	0	0
Documented quantities to be ordered or purchased?	0	0
Documented any other information needed for the bidder to properly respond?	0	0
Solicitation Process		
• Documented companies contacted for quotes, or bids (name of company, address, and phone number/fax/email)?	0	0
• Documented who provided the quote or bid; (name of person)?	0	0
• Documented method of how companies were contacted (in person, telephone, fax, email or mail)?	0	0
• Were the companies provided an anticipated date that the product or service is to be purchased and delivered?	0	0
Documented dates the quotes or bids were provided?	0	0
Was SFA able to obtain quotes or bids from at least two bidders?	0	0
Were all quotes or bids from responsive and responsible bidders?	0	0
Evaluation and Award Process		
• Was an evaluation (Score Sheet) used to evaluate bids?	0	0
Was the bidder with the lowest bid awarded the contract (purchase)?	0	0
If the lowest bidder was not selected; did the Sponsor document reasons for selecting a higher bid?	0	0
Awarding Contract/Purchase and Contract Management Process		
• Was the winning bidder notified?	0	0
Was an order placed with the winning bidder within the time frame outlined in the procurement?	0	0
Was product or service delivered on time?	0	0
Did product or service meet procurement specifications for quality and quantity?	0	0
Was a record of this procurement including invoices and payment filed for future audits and record reviews?	0	0

Additional Informal Procurement Requirements

- Sponsors should obtain a minimum of two bids. REMEMBER: A non-responsive bid can count.
- It is recommended to get as many bids as possible.
- Once the SFA obtains, at least, the minimum number of bids, the next step is evaluating the bids.
- Only bidders who are responsive and responsible are eligible for evaluation
 - o Responsive bidder is a vendor with a product/service matching specifications outlined in procurement event
 - o Responsible bidder is a vendor who is able and willing to provide product or service matching those specifications
- Usually, the bidder with the **lowest bid** is selected for the purchase