



Request for Locally Sourced Apples

The Good Food Collective (GFC) in Durango, Colorado, is seeking proposals for the supply of 1,000- 4,500 lbs of apples sourced within a 250-mile radius of Durango. The apples are to be delivered in mid to late November 2024. Apples will be processed into our Fruit for Good Apple Chips, which will be distributed to regional food assistance providers, as well as, local retail outlets in early 2025.

Scope of Work:

- Product: Apples, preferably a mix of varieties suitable for dehydration. Our preferred varieties to date include Rome, Jonathan, Gala, and Heritage Red Delicious, but we will try most things (excepting Golden Delicious - they smooch too easily in our slicing equipment).
- Quantity: 1,000- 4,500 lbs
- Sourcing Radius: Within 250 miles of Durango, Colorado
- Delivery Date: Mid November 2024

Requirements:

- 1. Quality:** Apples align with the equivalent of U.S. No. 1 or U.S. Utility Grade standards - mature but not overripe, not seriously deformed and free from decay, internal browning, internal breakdown, soft scald, and freezing injury. The apples are also free from serious damage caused by dirt or other foreign matter, broken skins, bruises, brown surface discoloration, russeting, sunburn or sprayburn, limb rubs, hail, drought spots, scars, stem or calyx cracks, visible water core, bitter pit or Jonathan spot, disease, insects, or other means
- 2. Sourcing:** Provide details on the farm(s) or orchard(s) from which the apples will be sourced, including location and sustainable farming practices, as well as, food safety practices in

handling and storage. Apples sourced from within the GFC's service territory will receive priority consideration (Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan Counties, Colorado)

3. Transportation: Proposals that include transportation arrangements which ensure the apples remain fresh during delivery to the Good Food Collective in Durango, Colorado will receive priority consideration. If you are unable to provide transportation, contact the GFC as we know of several 3rd party distribution companies operating within and beyond our service territory.

4. Pricing: Include a detailed cost breakdown for the apples and delivery.

Proposal Submission:

Interested suppliers are invited to submit their proposals by November 1st. Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Proposals should include:

1. Supplier Information: Name, contact information, and relevant experience.
2. Product Details: Description of apple varieties, quality assurances, and sourcing information.
3. Pricing: Detailed cost breakdown.
4. Delivery Plan: Transportation and delivery details to ensure freshness upon arrival. If you are not aware of transportation options, please note this in your proposal. The GFC staff works with a number of regional distributors and may be able to help with transportation logistics.

Submit proposals to:

Good Food Collective
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970-403-5020

Evaluation Criteria:

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Quality and Freshness of Apples
 - Sourcing Proximity and Sustainability Practices
 - Cost Effectiveness
 - Feasibility of Delivery Plan
- *Priority will be given to producers within a 100 mile radius and to young, beginning, women-led, LGBTQ+, economically challenged producers, and/or producers of color.

The Good Food Collective reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous.

We look forward to your submissions.

For any questions or further information, please contact Rachel Landis at rachel@goodfoodcollective.org or 970-403-5020