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Food Service or Café Opportunity – Starlight Bowl Upper Concourse Venue in Balboa Park

City of San Diego Economic Development Department - Real Estate Division

Solicitation RFP 2026-0929A

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47

RFP DETECTOR SCORE

Low data confidence

Limited · 47 / 100

Limited (D, 47/100): 17 days to respond; but new issuer on RFP Detector.

+7.9 Time & stage | −7.6 Issuer & market | −2.2 Clarity & completeness

Informational, not advice. How the score works: rfpdetector.com/methodology/score

At a glance

VALUE	SET-ASIDE	NAICS	PSC
Not stated No value published	Not stated Check the official solicitation	Not stated	Not stated
PLACE OF PERFORMANCE	**POSTED**	**RESPONSE DUE**	**LISTING**
San Diego, California	Oct 30, 2026 Updated Nov 13, 2026	Dec 11, 2026, 4:00 PM PST 16 days left	Public notice First seen Nov 13, 2026; confirm on the official solicitation

Our summary

The City of San Diego is seeking an operator to lease and run a food service or café venue on the upper concourse of the Starlight Bowl in Balboa Park. The leased space excludes the amphitheater bowl and seating, which the Parks and Recreation Department will keep secured. Proposers must offer food and beverage service with dining space and must operate and maintain the premises, with optional small events on the adjacent breezeway subject to approval. The City welcomes creative concepts and tenant improvements that suit the park's historic character, and values living-wage jobs and professional upkeep. Responses should include a cover letter, signed signature page, operator experience and references, a five-year compliance disclosure, a three-year financial summary, a concept and operating plan with a three-year projection, and the required City exhibits such as the workforce report, lessee questionnaire, and standards pledge. Proposals are due by email or USB delivery,...

Summary by RFP Detector.

Timeline

Blue line: today (Nov 25)



02 Score breakdown

Every RFP starts at 50. Each factor adds or subtracts points depending on how this RFP compares with a typical one, scaled by its weight and by how sure we are of the data. Unknown data has no effect.

Factor		◀ lowers the score · raises the score ▶	Points	Range
Value	UNKNOWN		0.0	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 0%
No value published, and there isn't enough award history to estimate one. Scored as neutral.				
Competition & access	UNKNOWN		0.0	−18.0 / +18.0 w 20 · conf 0%
The notice doesn't state eligibility restrictions. Scored as neutral.				
Issuer & market	ESTIMATED		−7.6	−23.4 / +12.6 w 20 · conf 50%
0 other RFPs from City of San Diego Economic Development Department - Real Estate Division and 10 Food & Catering Services RFPs in California on RFP Detector in the past 12 months.				
Time & stage	MEASURED		+7.9	−14.9 / +12.2 w 15 · conf 90%
Solicitation, bids due: 17 days to respond (due Dec 11, 2026, 4:00 PM PST).				
Clarity & completeness	MEASURED		−2.2	−18.9 / +8.1 w 15 · conf 90%
0 documents, contact with email, 2,799-word description.				
Freshness	MEASURED		−0.6	−9.0 / +9.0 w 10 · conf 100%
Updated 11 days ago.				

Starts at 50 · contributions sum to **47.5**

Score **47** **(D)**

Score trend

Recorded whenever the score changes, last 30 days



Nov 13: 56 Nov 25: 47

Evaluated Nov 25, 2026, 3:19 AM EST · version 1.0.0

How the score works

Value	weight 20 · −18.0 to +18.0
Competition & access	weight 20 · −18.0 to +18.0
Issuer & market	weight 20 · −23.4 to +12.6
Time & stage	weight 15 · −14.9 to +12.2
Clarity & completeness	weight 15 · −18.9 to +8.1
Freshness	weight 10 · −9.0 to +9.0

Measured data counts fully, estimated data counts less, unknown data counts zero. Grades: A 80–100 · B 65–79 · C 50–64 · D 35–49 · F 0–34. Data confidence (47/100) is how much of the score rests on measured data.

Full methodology: rfpdetector.com/methodology/score

03 Issuer & category on RFP Detector

Activity on RFP Detector for this issuer and for similar RFPs. Federal award history doesn't apply to this issuer.

RFPS FROM THIS ISSUER

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Other RFPs, past 12 months

FOOD & CATERING SERVICES RFPS IN CALIFORNIA

10

Other RFPs, past 12 months

MEDIAN PUBLISHED VALUE

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Shown once 10+ similar RFPs publish a value

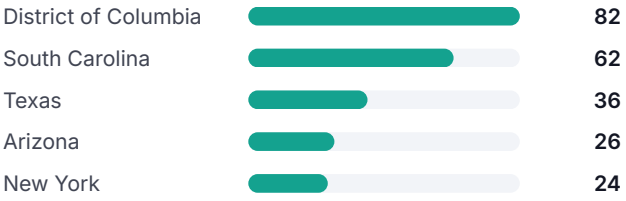
Food & Catering Services RFPs by sector

First seen on RFP Detector, past 12 months · 168 open now



Where they are posted

Top states by place of performance or issuer, past 12 months



Federal award history doesn't apply to this issuer

Federal award history covers federal contracts only. For state, local, education, private and non-profit RFPs, market context comes from the RFPs RFP Detector has seen: how active this issuer is, how many similar RFPs appear in the same state, and the typical published value once enough of them state one.

How this market feeds the score

Value		Competition & access		Issuer & market	
Value not published	0.0	Eligibility not stated	0.0	New issuer on RFP Detector	−7.6

Based on RFP Detector records: public RFPs first seen in the past 12 months, as of Nov 25, 2026.

04 Requirements & logistics

Facts from the notice. Confirm every requirement and date on the official notice before responding.

Eligibility

SET-ASIDE

The notice doesn't state eligibility restrictions. Check t he official solicitation before responding.

NAICS

Not stated

Place & submission

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

San Diego, California

HOW TO SUBMIT

Several methods

OFFICIAL SOLICITATION

Open the official solicitation at rfpdetector.com (free account)

Contacts

Contact · primary
starlightbowlrfp@sandiego.gov

Documents

RFP Detector doesn't re-host documents from other websites. Every d ocument is on the official solicitation.

Open the official solicitation at rfpdetector.com (free account)

Before you respond

Confirm on the official notice

- [ ] Read every attachment and amendment on the official solicitation
  Documents are on the official solicitation
- [ ] Confirm the response deadline and time zone
  Dec 11, 2026, 4:00 PM PST
- [ ] Check you meet the set-aside / eligibility requirement
  Not stated on the notice
- [ ] Confirm how to submit
  Several methods

Bid / no-bid questions

For your own decision

- [ ] Do you have relevant past performance for this scope and customer?
- [ ] Can you staff and deliver on time with a compliant response?
- [ ] Can you perform in San Diego, California?
- [ ] Does the likely contract size fit your capacity?
- [ ] Do you need a teaming partner or subcontractors to cover the full scope?

A generic checklist, not advice to bid or not bid.

05 Related RFPs

Open RFPs with the same NAICS industry group or category (same state first, then by score), and more from this issuer. Each title links to its page on RFP Detector.

Similar open RFPs

- D | 45 **FY27 2ND Quarter Subsistence Bid**
  Federal Prison System / Bureau of Prisons · Due Nov 27
- F | 28 **1st QTR FY27 Food Subsistence for MDC LOS ANGELES**
  Federal Prison System / Bureau of Prisons · Due Nov 30
- A | 84 **Bowling Alley Concessionaire (NAF)**
  Department of the Air Force · Due Dec 17
- B | 79 **RFI Market Research for FF&V In Costa Rica**
  Defense Logistics Agency · Due Dec 24
- B | 76 **NDDTC Dog Food and Treats**
  Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service · Due Dec 11

More from City of San Diego Economic Development Department - Real Estate Division

No other RFPs from this issuer yet.

Data and as-of times

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