Region 10 Education Service Center  
Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative  
**Bid Language Template – inTEAM’s GDSN Requirement to Bidders (menu system software)**

The following language is a sample/template that can be used in a formal procurement method (RFP or IFB) or Small Purchase Acquisition for your back-of-the-house software for menu systems. This bid language allows you to clearly define the requirement to bidders to partner/work with inTEAM for cross-platform transfer of data between their software and inTEAM’s GDSN Connect software.

The below list of acronyms, language and links can be used in your bids to provide bidders the clarity around this requirement and access to the details and references that will help them understand new requirements from USDA and your district.

**Draft Language, Acronyms and Links:**

Acronyms: GDSN – Global Data Synchronization Network  
 GTIN – Global Trade Identification Number  
 N2F – Nourish to Flourish  
 USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

R10MRPC – Region 10 ESC Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative, Richardson, TX

[District name] follows USDA guidance that *“Your procurement program should request GTIN technology during the solicitation process. Regardless of whether you have an electronic inventory system, include GTIN numbers in your inventory management.”* ([USDA Menu Planner for School Meals](https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/13788/download?attachment) Chapter 5 Procurement and Inventory Management page 191).

As a member of R10MRPC, [district name] utilizes inTEAM’s [GDSN Connect](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fe-inteam.com%2Fgdsnconnect%2F&data=05%7C01%7Ckeri.warnick%40region10.org%7Cac4a813f1d7448414a0d08db0316e7be%7C31049577a6864b2d9222b60ccb42a5fc%7C0%7C0%7C638107170014819651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FmTapZjPz5D7o3Q91C0kPREItMofRkjuXLH1P4Di3l8%3D&reserved=0) software to access the [Nourish to Flourish Database](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fe-inteam.com%2Fn2f-standards%2F&data=05%7C01%7Ckeri.warnick%40region10.org%7Cac4a813f1d7448414a0d08db0316e7be%7C31049577a6864b2d9222b60ccb42a5fc%7C0%7C0%7C638107170014819651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Z1EHPQco2nfl5dyjL9TGaJ54Y9%2FIk4omqJFy85eKwa8%3D&reserved=0) containing [GTINs](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gs1.org%2Fstandards%2Fid-keys%2Fgtin&data=05%7C01%7Ckeri.warnick%40region10.org%7Cac4a813f1d7448414a0d08db0316e7be%7C31049577a6864b2d9222b60ccb42a5fc%7C0%7C0%7C638107170014819651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=N59yizAlwmSPdOeeEm2b24WOZ6E4K8N7ranh9ln%2BdS4%3D&reserved=0) to electronically download product information for use in streamlining day-to-day operations and administrative reviews. This product information includes, but is not limited to, meal pattern credits, servings per pack, nutrients, allergens, and ingredients. To allow district to keep its vital electronic data up to date, the awarded software application must support the import of GDSN Connect data files as described within the [GDSN Connect Data Export Specifications](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fe-inteam.com%2Fgdsn-connect-data-export%2F&data=05%7C01%7Ckeri.warnick%40region10.org%7Cac4a813f1d7448414a0d08db0316e7be%7C31049577a6864b2d9222b60ccb42a5fc%7C0%7C0%7C638107170014975873%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JterGm6WAkOKbF5DMIfKP2fXkYjRRhzNqSwKn6KrFK4%3D&reserved=0).

**URLs used in language:**

USDA Menu Planner for School Meals: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/13788/download?attachment>

GDSN Connect: [https://e-inteam.com/gdsnconnect/](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fe-inteam.com%2Fgdsnconnect%2F&data=05%7C01%7Ckeri.warnick%40region10.org%7Cac4a813f1d7448414a0d08db0316e7be%7C31049577a6864b2d9222b60ccb42a5fc%7C0%7C0%7C638107170014819651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FmTapZjPz5D7o3Q91C0kPREItMofRkjuXLH1P4Di3l8%3D&reserved=0)

N2F Database: [https://e-inteam.com/n2f-standards/](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fe-inteam.com%2Fn2f-standards%2F&data=05%7C01%7Ckeri.warnick%40region10.org%7Cac4a813f1d7448414a0d08db0316e7be%7C31049577a6864b2d9222b60ccb42a5fc%7C0%7C0%7C638107170014819651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Z1EHPQco2nfl5dyjL9TGaJ54Y9%2FIk4omqJFy85eKwa8%3D&reserved=0)

GTINs: [https://www.gs1.org/standards/id-keys/gtin](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gs1.org%2Fstandards%2Fid-keys%2Fgtin&data=05%7C01%7Ckeri.warnick%40region10.org%7Cac4a813f1d7448414a0d08db0316e7be%7C31049577a6864b2d9222b60ccb42a5fc%7C0%7C0%7C638107170014819651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=N59yizAlwmSPdOeeEm2b24WOZ6E4K8N7ranh9ln%2BdS4%3D&reserved=0)

GDSN Connect Data Export Specifications: [https://e-inteam.com/gdsn-connect-data-export/](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fe-inteam.com%2Fgdsn-connect-data-export%2F&data=05%7C01%7Ckeri.warnick%40region10.org%7Cac4a813f1d7448414a0d08db0316e7be%7C31049577a6864b2d9222b60ccb42a5fc%7C0%7C0%7C638107170014819651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BOGnSGtrn9SMh%2BMeYqHNmniMmqW5kqljTUPS8OKB1RM%3D&reserved=0)