

410.08**Bid Solicitation and Billing Requirements**

Introduction	The State WIC office is required to include specific bid solicitation and billing requirements when developing requests for bids on rebates for authorized foods and/or infant formulas.
State alliances	<p>The bid solicitation must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify the composition of State alliances for the purpose of a cost containment measure, and• Verify that no additional states shall be added to the State alliance between the date of the bid solicitation and the end of the contract. <p>Note: Current provisions and requirements regarding State alliances for infant formula rebates include all other authorized foods for which rebates are sought.</p>
Solicitation time requirements	The State agency must provide a minimum of 30 days between the publication of the solicitation and the date on which the bids are due, unless exempted by the Secretary.
Bid notification	The State agency must publicly open and read all bids aloud on the day the bids are due.
Rebate invoices	The State agency has a system to ensure that the rebate invoices under competitive bidding provide a reasonable estimate or an actual count of the number of units sold to WIC participants.

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