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## Small Beginnings, Large Rewards

### Family business of sweet treats creates smiles for CP members

**Southern Ice Cream Corporation** (Southern Ice Cream) is a pioneer of mobile ice cream vending and delivery. Established in 1978, the company prides itself as being a certified Women-Owned Small Business that is family-owned with strong ties to their community ever since its inception.

The company provides quality ice cream products through distribution and services that consistently



exceed customers' expectations.



**Southern Ice Cream** is also committed to minimizing the impact of its activities on the environment by heavy use of recycling, fuel-efficient vehicles and locally sourced materials for production and distribution of their products.

“We have received (hundreds of) testimonials acknowledging satisfaction from our customer reach-backs and surveys,” said Anna Lisa Famanía, general manager. “Our goal is to share the love of ice cream and create smiles for everyone.”

Having “served a spoon” to over 25 Choice Partners (CP) members, **Southern Ice Cream** offers various products from multiple companies, such as Blue Bunny, Ashby’s Ice Cream, Hershey’s, and Rosati Ice.



Customers include schools and the foodservice industry. **Southern Ice Cream’s CP contract number 23/037TP-01** is available to CP members in the Texas and Louisiana area

“Choice has provided support since we were onboarded,” Famanía said. “They have scheduled vendor orientations and great annual vendor shows.”

To learn more about **Southern Ice Cream**, visit [www.southernicecreamtx.com](http://www.southernicecreamtx.com), call 281-688-2995, or contact Anna Lisa Famanía at [annalisa@southernicecreamtx.com](mailto:annalisa@southernicecreamtx.com).

**CP Appreciates their members**



Left to Right:  
Clair Taylor, junior buyer, and Doris Emeka-Onyenwe, director of material management receive an appreciation plaque at Fort Bend ISD.

## Choice Extras



### Choice Partners YouTube

Check out our recent Nutrition and Product Expo that happened last October!

### New Episode!



### Choice Chat Podcast

Listen to the latest episode of *Choice Chat* to delve into how the **Choice Ca\$h** rebate program works, including answers to frequently asked questions from our very own staff Jeff Drury, senior director, Jane

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Lopez, assistant director, and Christina Nino, client services manager.

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## New Members

**HCDE Interlocal Agreements with new members:** Center Point Independent School District, Center Point, Texas; Connally Independent School District, Waco, Texas; Flour Bluff Independent School District, Corpus Christi, Texas; Navarro County, Corsicana, Texas; and The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas.

**HCDE out-of-state new members:** Morgan State University, Baltimore, Md; Mayes County, Duncan, Okla.; and Palos Heights School District #128, Palos Heights, Ill.

## Contracts

**Recently Awarded Contracts:** Human Resources Support Software and Services; Insurance and Third Party Administration Services; Educational/Instructional Software and Related Items; Event Space Scheduling System; Maintenance, Repair & Operations (MRO) Parts, Equipment, and Related Services; and Commercial Food Distributor.

**Recently Renewed Contracts:** Health, Medical and Veterinary Supplies; STEM and CTE; Communications, Creative Language and Marketing Services; Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing; Chemical Products and Services; Restaurant Branded Food Delivery; Security; Technology Products and Services; Athletic and Physical Education Supplies and Related Items; Boxes, Packaging Supplies, and Related Items; Automotive Equipment, Tires and Related Services; Moving, Storage and Related Items; Bottle Water Coolers & other Related Products; Dairy and Other Related Products; Ice Cream Products; Site-Based Pizza Program; Construction-JOC; Promotional and Commemorative Items and Energy Purchase.

**Contract Assignment:** Set Solutions to Escape Velocity Holdings, Inc. dba Trace3

**Contract Assignment:** United Training to New Horizons

## Careers with Choice Partners



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## Upcoming Events

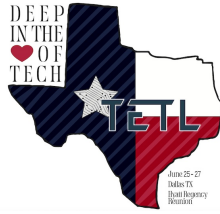


June 17-19, 2024  
Round Rock

**TASBO Summer Solutions**  
June 17-19  
Round Rock, Texas



**TACCBO**  
June 18-21  
College Station, Texas



**South Texas County Judges & Commissioners**  
June 24-27  
South Padre Island, Texas

**TETL Summer Conf**  
June 25-27,  
Dallas, Texas



**ISM-RGV**  
June 26 -28  
South Padre Island, Texas

**TASN Annual Conference**  
June 29 - July 2, 2024  
San Antonio, Texas

## Current CSP's & RFP's

- College Readiness Test Software & Materials
- Tree Trimming, Landscaping, Debris Removal and Related Services
- Maintenance (All Trades) and Job Order Contracting (JOC-IDIQ) Single Trade Component
- Cleaning of Parking Lots, Exterior Buildings, Environmental Solutions, and Related Services
- Fire, Safety, Security, and Surveillance Equipment/Installation/Inspection Services (JOC)

- Due Date: May 30, 2024
- Due Date: June 7, 2024
- Due Date: June 13, 2024
- Due Date: June 21, 2024
- Due Date: June 28, 2024

[View Current CSP's and RFP's](#)

## Upcoming Contracts/Send Us Your Vendors!

Road/Highway Materials and Products

## Get Involved

Do you know a vendor who has provided exemplary service? Have a statement to make about Choice Partners service quality? Want to share with others about a Choice contract that meets your needs? Submit your review using the link below.

We would love for our members to host a training. Trainings are a great way to network and gain exposure. If you would like to host a training, submit your information to the link below:

Submit a Review

Host a Training

Let your contacts who are quality vendors know about these opportunities. They must register in our E-Bid system to do business with us.

Register to Become a Vendor



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