

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. Contract ID Code N/A	Page of Pages 1 3
2. Amendment/Modification No. A01	3. Effective Date 08-05-15	4. Requisition/Purchase Reqn. No. N/A	5. Project No. (if applicable) N/A	
6. Issued By United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Commodity Procurement Staff 1400 Independence Ave SW STOP 0239 Washington, D.C. 20250-0239		7. Administered By (If other than Item 6) See Block 6		
8. Name and Address of Contractor (No., Street, County, and Zip Code)			(X)	9A. Amendment of Solicitation No. 2000003502
			X	9B. Date (See Item 11) 07/29/15
				10A. Modification of Contract/Order No.
				10B. Date (See Item 13)
Code	Facility Code			

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:
(a) By completing items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. Accounting and Appropriation Data (if required)
N/A

**13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACT/ORDERS.
IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.**

(x)	A. This change order is issued pursuant to: (Specify authority) The changes set forth in item 14 are made in the Contract Order No. in item 10A.
	B. The above numbered Contract/Order is modified to reflect the administrative changes (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) Set fourth item 14, pursuant to the authority of FAR 43.103 (b)
	C. This supplemental agreement is entered into pursuant to authority of:
	D. Other (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return 1 copies to the issuing office.

14. Description of Amendment/Modification (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The purpose of this amendment is to make changes to the solicitation and provide the answers to questions received via email and during the pre-proposal conference.

- Paragraph E.1(a), Proposal Part 4 – Price, on page 30 of the solicitation is changed from “Offerors shall propose pricing information as specified in Section B.” to “Offerors shall propose pricing information as specified in Section B. If offerors propose products and prices for different leanness mixes, then for each proposed leanness mix, they should submit a separate Product Survey and Schedule Chart.”

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. Name and Title of Signer (Type or Print)		16A. Name and title of Contracting Officer (Type or Print)	
		James D. Sprandel Contracting Officer	
15B. Contractor/Offeror	15C. Date Signed	16B. United States of America	16C. Date Signed
(Signature of person authorized to sign)		(Signature of Contracting Officer)	

2) Paragraph E.2(a), Proposal Part 4 – Price is changed from “Pricing will be ranked separately for each CLIN” to “AMS will compare the price of proposed leanness mixes based on the amount of meat present. For example, the evaluative price of a \$5.00/lb, 90/10 mix, would be calculated as $\$5.00/0.90 = \5.56 . Pricing for each CLIN will be ranked based on this evaluative price. If offerors propose products and prices for different leanness mixes, then for each proposed leanness mix, they should submit a separate Product Survey and Schedule Chart.”

3) The questions asked via email and during Preproposal Conference and AMS’ answers to them are as follow:

a) Question: Can any company that sells bison commercially bid on this solicitation or does the company have to be an approved vendor of the USDA?

Answer: Any company can apply to participate in the AMS purchasing program. In order to submit an offer to AMS, offerors must be approved as an AMS qualified firm by submitting the new vendor application package as specified in “Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors Selling Commodities to USDA” located at:

http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Prospective_Vendor_Qualifications%5B1%5D.pdf. New vendor application packages should be sent via email to dianna.price@ams.usda.gov. If offerors have additional questions, feel free to contact Ms. Price. It should also be noted that all offerors, as part of the new vendor application package, will be required to be registered in the System for Award Management at www.sam.gov and, since this takes time to get accomplished, offerors are encouraged to start the registration process as early as possible.

b) Question: If a company is late in delivering on an existing USDA bison contract, are they prohibited from bidding on this solicitation?

Answer: Yes, unless a modification has been issued by AMS establishing a new delivery date and the company is not late in delivering under the modified delivery date.

c) Question: Is USDA purchasing a company's commercial product with this solicitation?

Answer: See RFP 2000003502 – Frozen Ground Bison, Exhibit 1 – Item Description and Requirements (IDR) for Frozen Ground Bison; paragraph C.1 on page 24 of the Solicitation.

d) Question: Can the packaging for this solicitation be larger than 1 lb. packages?

Answer: See RFP 2000003502 – Frozen Ground Bison, Exhibit 1 – Item Description and Requirements (IDR) for Frozen Ground Bison; paragraph C.2.1 on page 24 of the Solicitation.

e) Question: Will the product to be purchased under this solicitation be subject to the providers existing internal food safety procedures or will the USDA require additional controls or inspection during processing?

Answer: The Contractor’s existing internal food safety procedures will be sufficient. However, see RFP 2000003502 – Frozen Ground Bison, paragraph C.13.f.3 – Checkloading on page 18 of the Solicitation. Contractors will have to arrange to have a USDA Grader present for Checkloading.

f) Question: Can a company deliver early on scheduled loads or do the deliveries need to fall within the scheduled time windows?

Answer: See RFP 2000003502 – Frozen Ground Bison, Paragraph C.13.f.4 – Early Delivery, on page 20 of the Solicitation.

g) Question: Will USDA verify the lean content of the product to be delivered?

Answer: The Contractor must meet all of the FSIS labeling and marking requirements. The leanness content of the product must be on the label.

h) Question: Does AMS have a preference for the lean content of the product to be delivered?

Answer: Due to past difficulty in acquiring this product AMS would like offerors to propose the products they produce. Offerors may propose products and prices for different leanness mixes (for example, 90/10, 80/20, or 70/30) and AMS will compare the price of each mix based on the amount of meat present. For example, the evaluative price of a \$5.00/lb, 90/10 mix, would be calculated as $\$5.00/0.90 = \5.56 . If offerors propose products and prices for different leanness mixes, then for each proposed leanness mix, they should submit a separate Product Survey and Schedule Chart.