

2. Amendment/Modification No. A01	3. Effective Date See block 16c.	4. Requisition/Purchase Req. No.	5. Project No. (if applicable) N/A
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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
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8. Name and Address of Contractor (No., Street, County, and Zip Code)	(X)	9A. Amendment of Solicitation No. 2000004079
	X	9B. Date (See Item 11) 05/25/2016
		10A. Modification of Contract/Order No.
		10B. Date (See Item 13)

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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)

**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 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 correct information on the SF1449, revise crop acceptability criteria, and to distribute answers to questions received during, and subsequent to, the pre-proposal conference held on Thursday, June 2, 2016 as follows:

- 1) The Offer Due Date/Local Time identified in Block 8 of the SF1449 is changed from 06/15/2015 01:00 pm Central Time to 06/15/2016 01:00 pm Central Time. This change corrects a typo and does not extend the Offer Due Date.

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 (Signature of person authorized to sign)	16B. United States of America (Signature of Contracting Officer)
15C. Date Signed	16C. Date Signed 6/6/2016

- 2) Paragraph B.7 is changed to read: “USDA will accept products produced in Calendar Year 2015 and Calendar Year 2016.”
- 3) AMS received eight questions in response to the solicitation. Those questions and AMS’ answers to those questions are:

Questions and Answers:

Q1. What is the initial shipping period and when will it be open for delivery?

A1. Please reference Exhibit 2 and Schedule B, the first delivery period is January 2017. The USDA recommends that contractors not wait until the end of the delivery period. That way, the vendor can potentially avoid incurring liquidated damages that result from late deliveries.

Q2. With regards to the Past Performance references, does USDA want vendors to submit a form for each of the 3 Past Performance Reference? Also, not sure how to do it?

A2. Yes, you will upload 3 forms, one for each contract, into the attachments section in WBSCM. Please also include information regarding the contract number, material, quantity, contact person for that contract, and any relevant contact information

Q3. In regards to uploading constraints in PDF format, are vendors allowed to enter constraints directly into WBSCM?

A3. Yes, you can enter your constraints directly into WBSCM. Also, additional plants can be uploaded as a PDF document.

Q4. In reference to Past Performance, can we use 3 different USDA contracts or AMS specifically?

A4. Yes. Offerors should submit each reference on a separate past performance form. The order of preference for past performance references is: 1) contracts performed for AMS, 2) contracts for similar products performed for other Federal/Governmental Agencies, 3) contracts performed for similar products for any civilian company, 4) any contracts performed by your company.

Q5. Is there any way you can award prior to the July 18, 2016 date specified?

A5. If circumstances permit awarding earlier than July 18, 2016, AMS will make every effort to award earlier. However, AMS has issues July 18, 2016 as the date vendors can reasonably expect contracts to be awarded.

Q6. Regarding multi-stop shipments, are there any restrictions that require all split shipment to be within the same State or within adjacent States?

A6. With regard to split shipments, they don’t happen very frequently and AMS works closely with FNS to reduce their impact on contractors. However, split shipments do occasionally occur that require delivery to more than one State, including non-adjacent States. If delivery to different States is required, the pricing for each drop will reflect the bid price to the state where the load is being delivered.

Q7. In WBSCM Procurement Documents, I cannot open Schedule B and Exhibit 2, but I can open the same documents on the USDA website? Are these the same documents posted in each of these locations?

A7. Yes, the same documents are available on both sites. Please reference either procurement documents within WBSCM or the AMS website to access to these documents. For your reference, the AMS link is <https://www.ams.usda.gov/open-purchase-request/>.

Q8. I know that during the conference call it was stated that 2016 product can be used for the contract. I just want to clarify that it means an awardee can process 2016 product once notified of award and that product could be used for the duration of the contract.

A8. See item 2 above.