

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE NA	PAGE OF PAGES 1 2
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NUMBER A04	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 5/18/2017	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUISITION NUMBER		5. PROJECT NUMBER (If applicable) NA
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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (Number, street, county, State and ZIP Code)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NUMBER 2000004714
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 5/5/2017
			<input type="checkbox"/>	10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NUMBER
				10B. DATED (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 electronic communication 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 letter or electronic communication, provided each letter or electronic communication 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 CONTRACTS/ORDERS.
IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NUMBER AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.**

CHECK ONE	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NUMBER IN ITEM 10A.
<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation data, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
<input type="checkbox"/>	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
<input type="checkbox"/>	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 provide answers to additional questions received from vendors:

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) David M. Munford 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)	

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Q1. In Section B, page 5, item B-1 we noticed that there are no pears listed as partial set asides and are wondering if this is correct?

A1. Yes this is correct. None of the pears USDA are offering on this RFP are subject to set-asides.

Q2. Regarding the 'Food Defense Plan', our current 'plan' was conducted in September of 2016, and according to the documentation is good for a year. Will this plan be sufficient for the period of this solicitation, and will we be able to submit a renewal in the fall?

A2. Your current plan which is valid through September 2017 is sufficient for award of a contract on this solicitation. If awarded a contract, you would be required to renew the plan prior to making any deliveries on the contract.

Q3. When a bid is announced is there is also a date announced for when it will be awarded?

A3. Yes. This RFP will be awarded before midnight June 28, 2017.

Q4. Can you clarify if new grading certificates will be needed after 12 months from initial inspection? I see stated "Canned product will be accepted for up to 18 months from the date of inspection", but I'm still not clear if the product will need to be re-inspected after 12 months from initial inspection.

A4. For **canned** products that are purchased under this solicitation, we will accept the product for up to 18 months after inspection. You would not need to have the products re-inspected after 12 months from the date of initial inspection, and the product can be delivered up to 18 months following initial inspection.

Q5. Solicitation indicates total quantity and "Required By" dates, generally within a two week period. You're not requiring, for instance, 385,776 cases shipping (you indicate **required by**) 1/16/18-1/31/18 (line 220) are you?

A5. Please disregard these "Required By" dates; these are generated arbitrarily in WBSCM. Delivery periods for this solicitation are between 1/1/2018 and 9/30/2018 and the actual due dates for orders will be indicated on Purchase Orders issued each month during that period.

Q6. There is confusion on the new Past Performance Info sheet, can you please clarify the following questions:

A. "Name, Address, Telephone Number and Email Address of Contact Person and their position:"

a. Are you asking for the Contractee contact information or my information as the Contractor contact person?

B. How is our Bank Information related to a Past Performance Reference sheet?

A6. This will be answered in two parts:

A. Yes, Contact Person refers to the vendor's customer (Contractee) with whom you have done business in the past, and who is providing the reference. Note: For vendors that are using AMS Commodity Procurement for their past performance references, you can list the Contracting Officer on the contract action as the Contact Person.

B. Exhibit 5 - Past Performance Reference Information form is identical to the form used by AMS Commodity Procurement to determine fiscal responsibility and eligibility to bid on AMS CPS contracts. **We do not require this information for this solicitation.** If you choose to provide this information, it will not be used to evaluate your proposal, or for any other purpose.