

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

1. CONTRACT ID CODE _____ PAGE _____ OF PAGES _____

2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NUMBER	3. EFFECTIVE DATE See Block 16C	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUISITION NUMBER	5. PROJECT NUMBER (If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service, Commodity Procurement Staff 1400 Independence Ave SW Room 3522-S, STOP - 0239 Washington, DC 20250-0239	CODE	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) See block 6	CODE

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (Number, street, county, State and ZIP Code)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NUMBER
	<input type="checkbox"/>	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NUMBER
	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 _____ 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)

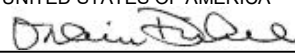
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NUMBER AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

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.)

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)
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(Signature of person authorized to sign)	 (Signature of Contracting Officer)
15C. DATE SIGNED	16C. DATE SIGNED
	01/22/2020

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Q1. Will you confirm for us that the only acceptable varieties on this solicitation are Valencia, Pineapple, and Hamlin?

A1. Correct. Only the Valencia, Pineapple, and Hamlin varieties will be accepted, which differs from the Commodity Specifications for Fresh Citrus. This is listed in the tendering text of the solicitation.

Q2. Will you confirm that on this solicitation, that Trade Mitigation Desk Audit Letters are acceptable as well as USDA GAP/GHP audits?

A2. Yes. For this solicitation only, Trade Mitigation Desk Audit Letters will be accepted as well as listing a Desk Audited supplier on the Verification Document. Please contact scaudits@usda.gov for more information on desk audits.

Q3. Are the Global GAP, Primus, or other GFSI benchmarked audits acceptable for this purchase?

A3. No. The forms of acceptance for this purchase are USDA GAP/GHP Audits or Desk Audit Letters issued by USDA only. The GFSI audits in order to obtain a desk audit are listed in the tendering text of the solicitation. Please note that all required documentation must be submitted to Specialty Crops Audit Services at least 5 days prior to bid due date to ensure enough time to complete the audits. Offerors that do not abide by this may be deemed non-responsive.

Q4. If an offeror received a bench audit acceptance from the prior citrus bid can they attach the certificates to the new bid or do you need all the documentation that we originally uploaded?

A4. All required documentation listed in each respective solicitation is needed. There is no acceptance based on approval from previous solicitations. Offerors must either complete and upload the USDA Verification Document with current and approved GAP/GHP audited suppliers or a Desk Audit Letter. Please note that Desk Audits are only valid through the date listed near each ranch/packinghouse. Desk Audit Letters with expired dates will not be accepted. USDA GAP/GHP audit are valid one year from the time of issue.

Q5. As stated in the solicitation: "Inspection and certification of fresh citrus for this solicitation must be performed after final packaging and prior to shipping. The fresh citrus will be Positive Lot Identified by the Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service." What are adequate shipping points for inspection?

A5. Per our audit requirements specified, all packinghouses, shipping points, et cetera, handling, packing, and shipping fresh fruit must be approved at the time of bid due date. Please note that the contractor must give the inspection service 72 hours advanced notice when scheduling inspection. If you have any questions regarding inspection services, please contact SCInspectionoperations@usda.gov.

Q6. Per the FAR, is the affirmative action clause applicable before or after award?

A6. The Master Solicitation contains the provision at 52.222-22 Previous Contracts and Compliance Reports (Feb 1999). Vendors must provide a response to this provision with their bid.

Q7. If an expiration date listed on a desk audit for the GFSI - benchmarked facility is in the middle of a delivery period of the solicitation, can the offeror still participate?

A7. The expiration dates of the Desk Audits must expire after the bid opening date. Desk audits with expiration dates listed before the bid opening will not be accepted. USDA GAP/GHP audits are valid one year from date issued.

Q8. Where is the tendering text of the solicitation found?

A8. The tendering text may be found via WBSCM at <https://portal.wbscm.usda.gov/publicprocurement> or https://www.ams.usda.gov/open-purchase-request/Fruits%2C_Grades_&_Procurement_of. Please refer to your WBSCM for the most up-to-date version this solicitation.

Q9. In the event of extreme weather, will there be delivery extensions?

A9. Please refer to 52.212-4 (f) Excusable Delays for guidance in the Master Solicitation.

Q10. Does each load need to be inspected even if the warehouse has the correct audits and in-house inspectors?

A10. Each load needs to be inspected and issued a certificate. The contractor is responsible for the cost of the required inspections.

Q11. If an offeror is submitting a bid, do they need to bid on every line item?

A11. No. Offerors should only bid on what they can reasonably deliver. Offerors may enter constraints to indicate their maximum capacity per delivery period.

Q12. For shipping point inspections, who issues certificates? Are state inspectors, in-house inspectors, or Partners in Quality managers able to fill out these forms?

A12. State agencies control shipping point inspections and issue certificates to meet USDA requirements. Each lot needs to be inspected and issued a certificate in order to be accepted by the recipient. SCInspectionoperations@usda.gov may be contacted to provide them with the contact for their state.