

**WHEAT FLOUR (WF16) and BAKERY FLOUR PRODUCTS (BF13) 2000006969**

Acquisition Method: Sealed Bids (Invitation for Bid)  
Description: 12-3J14-20-B-0423-P0001  
Issued date: May 6, 2020, 1200 Central Time  
Offers due: May 19, 2020, 0900 Central Time  
Award Notification: May 22, 2020, 1600 Central Time  
Public Release of Award: May 23, 2020, 1500 Central Time

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**This Solicitation contains orders which are part of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.**

**FLOUR BAKER HARD WHT UNBLCH-BULK SPECIFICATION (Material 100418):** Product shall be milled from a blend of hard spring and winter wheat and meet the following protein requirements for their respective destination. Please refer to the WF16 USDA Commodity Requirements document for additional commodity specifications.

Product ID	Protein Level	City	State
100418	11.1 – 12.3	Franklin	PA
100418	11.1 – 12.3	Wilkes-Barre	PA
100418	11.3 – 12.0	Florence	KY

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VENDOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING A CONTAINER FOR BAGGED FLOUR TRUCKLOADS

**TRUCK UNLOAD APPOINTMENT – At least 72 hours in advance of delivery,** contact a responsible representative at the applicable WBSCM Purchase Order Item’s Ship-to-Address for an unload appointment. Reference the WBSCM Purchase Order Number, Item Number and when provided, the Sales Order Number and item Number that a particular appointment is being made for.

**Bid Invitation 12-3J14-20-B-0423-P0001 is amended as follows:**

Master Solicitation has been updated. Review version dated **May 1, 2020**

USDA COMMODITY REQUIREMENTS for WF16 Wheat Flour Products Effective Date: April 19, 2017 and BF13 Bakery Flour Products Effective Date: January 20, 2016 are amended to correct the following:

**Part 1 COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS**

Section 1.1 (A)(2) The commodity delivered shall meet the requirements as specified in the Commercial Item Description (CID) A-A-20126H (May 23, 2019) for flour products available at:

[https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/AA20126H\\_Flours\\_Cereal\\_Grain.pdf](https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/AA20126H_Flours_Cereal_Grain.pdf) except for the following analytical and physical requirements:

**Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of this solicitation, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect. Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of amendment 0001 to this solicitation by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided in the BID CERTIFICATION QUESTIONS (ATTRIBUTES) portion of their offer.**

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Offshore Shipments: Please reference provision 4K52.214-0001 Electronic Submission of Bids (E) Offshore Items

See Section 6. Submission of Offers: E. Offshore Items.

See Section 10. FAR and Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Provisions and Clauses: B. Additional FAR Clauses: 47.303-8 F.a.s. vessel, port of shipment.

**1. Solicitation Information Contact:**

Name: Clyde King

Telephone Number: 816-926-2610

E-mail: clyde.king@ams.usda.gov

**2. Internet Address:** <http://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food>

**3. This Acquisition is:**

/x / Unrestricted

/x/ Set-Aside for:

/x/ Small Business Set-Aside in accordance with FAR 19.502-2. Any concern proposing to furnish a product that it did not itself manufacture must furnish the product of a small business manufacturer (Wheat Flour 4,853,700 lbs and Bakery Flour 433,080 lbs).

// 8(a) Program noncompetitive letter RFP only

// Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business SDVOSB

Noncompetitive, letter RFP only

Offers will be evaluated in the following order of precedence: 1. Bids. 2. Proposals.

**NOTICE OF PARTIAL SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE**

If specified in the solicitation, certain quantities are set aside exclusively for small business firms under the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631, et seq.).

Bids received for these set-aside quantities from firms who are not small business concerns will not be considered. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible small business concern(s) for the set-aside quantities, the Government may award the quantities to other than small business concerns.

**NOTICE OF 8(a) ACQUISITION**

If specified in the solicitation, the Government may reserve up to ten (10) percent of the solicitation quantity for 8(a) firms certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Part 19. The Government may increase the reserve to adjust quantities in the event of multiple awards to eligible 8(a) firms. In no event shall the Government offer for award a quantity in excess of an eligible 8(a) firm maximum quantity, if so established by the Government. If the 8(a) small business firm is a nonmanufacturer, it shall meet the definition and requirements outlined in FAR Part 19. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible 8(a) firm for the reserved quantity, the Government may award the quantities to other than 8(a) firms.

**NOTICE OF SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ACQUISITION**

If specified in the solicitation, the Government may reserve up to three (3) percent of the solicitation quantity for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned (SDVO) Small Business concerns as specified in FAR Clause 52.219.27. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible SDVO concern for the reserve quantity, the Government may

award the quantities to other than SDVO concerns. If the SDVO concern is a nonmanufacturer, it shall meet the definition and requirements outlined in FAR Part 19.

**4. NAICS Codes/Size Standards:** See Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP) at: See attached Clauses and Provisions.

**5. Delivery Type: F.O.B. Destination**

**6. Submission of offers:**

A. Offers/quotes must be submitted electronically via the Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM). Submission of offers by any other means will result in the offer being deemed as nonresponsive. Bids for less than item quantity requested will not be accepted. WBSCM is available online at: <https://portal.wbscm.usda.gov>

**WBSCM Help Desk Information**

To obtain assistance using WBSCM, please contact the WBSCM Level 1 Help desk at any of the following:

-telephone: 877-WBSCM-4U or 877-927-2648

-email: [WBSCMhelp@ams.usda.gov](mailto:WBSCMhelp@ams.usda.gov)

-Web form link on WBSCM Portal: <https://cacifedramp.service-now.com/wbscm/>

B. Only one bid price may be submitted for an item number.

**C. Kosher Requirement.**

The kosher only commodity requirements have changed (see the Schedule of Supplies for web link) and offerors for kosher will be required to certify capability to meet requirements.

**D. Plant Location Requirement.**

Plant location and the Place of Performance in Federal Acquisition Regulations provisions 52.214-14 (Apr 1985) and 52.215-6 (Oct 1997) shall match. Representations and Certifications are available online at the System for Award Management at website [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov).

**E. Offshore Items.**

Items for delivery to offshore locations require the contractor to arrange and pay for ocean transportation in addition to the land transportation. Offshore examples are Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Offshore locations are identified by the cities and postal abbreviations shown at the level 3 Item data.

**Contractors offering on Items for the State of Hawaii can offer a delivered price to the Port in Los Angeles, California or a delivered price to the final destinations in the State of Hawaii. If the Contractor offers a price to the State of Hawaii, the Offeror should also indicate the price to the Port in Los Angeles, California.**

**In regard to offering on Hawaii items, contractors should access the attached Offshore Bidding Job Aid or contact the WBSCM Service Desk at [wbscm.servicedesk@caci.com](mailto:wbscm.servicedesk@caci.com).**

**In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulations 47.303-8 F.a.s. vessel, port of shipment, (a), (2) (i), (ii) contractors offering to deliver Hawaii items to the Port of Los Angeles are responsible for payment of West Coast Wharfage fees. Wharfage fees will be billed to the offeror who receives the contract award.**

**Ocean transportation questions should be directed to Karen Hayes, USDA/Farm Service Agency at 816 926 6176 or via email to [karen.hayes@kcc.usda.gov](mailto:karen.hayes@kcc.usda.gov)**

**7. Submit Invoices to:** The contractor shall use the invoicing function in WBSCM. More information can be found in the MSCP.

**8. Shipment/Delivery Schedule:**

July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020

See Schedule of Supplies for period of performance. A WBSCM Purchase Order will be available at least seven calendar days prior to the first day of each period of performance scheduled in the contract. Contractor shall comply with the instructions in the Purchase Order. If a WBSCM Purchase Order is available less than seven calendar days prior to the first day of the contracted period of performance, the performance period shall be extended by the number of days the WBSCM Purchase Order is available. Contractor shall not be entitled to any extension of the performance period unless it furnishes evidence satisfactory to the Government that it was prepared to perform during the contracted period of performance.

**9. Other Requirements:**

A. Bidders shall meet the Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors Selling Commodities to USDA provision at Part 2, Section A.1 (b) in the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP).

B. Contractor Past Performance evaluation is applicable for contracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold of \$150,000.

**C. Bread Flour Material 100912 Specification to be received by Murfreesboro, TN and Norristown, PA**

Ingredient Statement: Hard wheat flour enriched (niacin, ferrous sulfate, thiamine mononitrate, riboflavin, folic acid) enzyme. No other ingredients, carriers, or additives can be present in the flour.

Product Description: Product milled from clean hard wheat of sound quality with no sprout damage. This product shall be food grade and in compliance with the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1938 as amended and applicable regulations there under.

Extraneous Matter: This product is in compliance with current regulatory requirements and does not exceed the defect action levels established by the US FDA.

Kosher Status: A copy of a current kosher certification must be sent prior to each delivery

Enzyme System: 1.90 Grams of Fungal Amylase per 100 pounds of flour Minimum

2.35 Grams of Fungal Amylase per 100 pounds of flour Maximum

Analytical Specification

Protein content 12.4 +/- 0.3%

Ash content 0.53 +/- 0.03%

Moisture content 14% Maximum

Starch damage 7% Maximum

Pesticides Must be at a minimum and meet all of the EPA and FDA standards and tolerances

Farinograph Specifications:

Water absorption 61 +/- 2%

Peak Time 7 +/- 2

Stability 12 minute Minimum

MTI 30 BU Maximum

-Flour must be delivered within 30 days of being milled (Mill date must appear on COA)

-Flour delivery truck must be clean and with no evidence of insects and/or rodents.

-Flour bags, and pallets must be clean and with no evidence of insects and/or rodents.

-All deliveries must be accompanied by a COA of the delivered flour.

-COA must contain the requested specific targets and range and the corresponding actual value of the flour being delivered.

-Supplier must send MSDS sheets prior to delivery of flour.

-Bulk trucks and trailers must be sealed when loaded and seal numbers noted on the Bill of Lading and must match and be secure and checked by the receiving associate prior to unloading begins.

-All loads will be set up with delivery dates a minimum of two weeks in advance between recipient and supplier.

- Supplier is responsible to call and set up delivery appointment time 48 hours in advance with the receiving department. (Office Hours for Murfreesboro, TN: 7am to 3 pm Monday-Friday, 615-995-7398).

#### **D. High Gluten Flour Specification (Material 110482)**

##### CHEMICAL

Moisture Content (%) 14.0 +/- 0.3%

Ash (%) .55 +/- 0.02%

Protein (%) 13.6 +/- 0.2%

Starch Damage 9.0 +/- 2.0%

##### PHYSICAL

Farinograph – Absorption (%) 64.5 +/- 3.0 %

Development Time (min) 5.5 +/- 3.0%

Stability (min) 12.0 +/- 3.0%

Time to Breakdown (min) 10.0 +/- 3.0%

FALLING NUMBER 260 +/- 30

Farinograph - MTI (FU's) 30.0 +/- 20.0

## E. AAFES Shipping Instructions

1. Container and Liners- FOR BULK LOADS ONLY. Orders for Army, Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) and shall be shipped in either Maersk/Sealand Service Lines, 20-foot standard, export bulk containers. Contractor shall coordinate with AAFES which container service to order. A 20-foot bulk container with a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved liner no less than 7 mil plastic thickness shall be used. Contractor is responsible for obtaining the container liners and all costs associated with them. The quantity of flour for each container is 37,500 pounds. Please direct AAFES inquiries to: **Connie Samaniego, AAFES, 214-312-3448**

[samaniegoco@aafes.com](mailto:samaniegoco@aafes.com)

2. Contractor is responsible for ordering, obtaining, and paying all costs associated with getting the empty containers to their plant and the product delivered in the containers to the destination port. Contractor shall contact AAFES at least three (3) weeks in advance to coordinate delivery of the containers to the port. AAFES assigns booking numbers needed to get containers released from the container companies. The port currently loads three (3) containers a week. Please direct shipping and transportation inquiries to:

**Kennita Anderson, AAFES Logistics, 214-312-2213, [andersonkenni@aafes.com](mailto:andersonkenni@aafes.com)**

3. Contractor shall contact the following for empty containers for both bulk and bagged flour:

Maersk/Sealand Service Lines, Phone: 800-321-8807, [www.maersksealand.dk/](http://www.maersksealand.dk/)

Hapag-Lloyd, Toll Free: 1-800-834-6314, Direct Tel: 1-813-276-4613, <http://www.hapag-lloyd.com>

4. Available liner companies:

Insta-bulk, Inc. Phone: 713-673-6100, ext. 22 or Powertex, Inc. Phone: 518-297-4000, ext 103

## F. Whole Wheat Flour Specification to be received by AAFES

Ingredient Statement: Whole wheat flour

Product Description: Product milled from cleaned wheat of sound quality. This product shall be food grade and in compliance with the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1938 as amended and applicable regulations thereunder. This is not a ready-to-eat product. Due to the nature of our products, we do not include microbial parameters as part of our Product Specification. As described in our Continuing Guaranty, we adhere to the U.S. Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as amended.

Extraneous Matter: This product is in compliance with current regulatory requirements and does not exceed the defect action levels established by the US FDA.

Analytical Specifications:      Sifting Specifications:

	Target	Min	Max		Min	Max
ASH	1.60	1.40	1.80	WIRE-18	0.0	0.2
MOISTURE	0.0	0.0	13.5	WIRE-30	0.0	2.5
PROTEIN@ 12% MOISTURE		14.00		WIRE-40	3.0	8.0
PROTEIN@ 14% MOISTURE		13.8		WIRE-70	17.0	34.0
				WIRE-100	17.0	34.0
				WIRE-PAN	38.0	55.0

Optimum Storage Conditions: Product should be kept in a clean, dry place that is well ventilated. Product should be used within six months and kept at 70 degrees F or less at low humidity.

**10. FAR and Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Provisions and Clauses:**

In the event of a conflict between WBSCM and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) terminology, FAR terminology shall take precedence.

A. This solicitation shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP) in effect as of the date of this solicitation. See attached MSCP. The FAR and AGAR provisions and clauses applicable to this solicitation are contained in the MSCP.

B. // Applicable if checked. **FAR Clause 52.232-18, Availability of Funds** (Apr 1984). Funds are not presently available for this contract. The Government obligation under this contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the contracting officer for this contract and until the contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the contracting officer.

**11. Bid Invitation Item details:**

Bid invitation item details, attachments, and attributes are available at:

<https://portal.wbscm.usda.gov/>

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