

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NUMBER	3. EFFECTIVE DATE see box 16C.	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUISITION NUMBER	5. PROJECT NUMBER (If applicable)
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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
	<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
15C. DATE SIGNED	16C. DATE SIGNED
_____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)	_____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)

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FAQ – General Questions

- Q Do we have to bid on every state?
A Offerors must enter a price for every state to be responsive.
- Q Are we to quote FOB pricing? I don't see any destination to quote delivered pricing?
A Offerors will submit one bid per STATE for each material they are bidding on. The bid is for the delivered case price of a truckload of product. USDA will buy in full truckload quantities. Each truckload will have 1-3 delivery locations. If awarded a delivery order would be issued against that state price for any delivery made in that state. Just like our normal solicitations, this is FOB Destination.
- Q There are approximately 23 loads to Texas. Will we not know where in Texas?
A The resulting contracts will be indefinite delivery and indefinite quantity. The document "Estimates Based on Anticipated Demand" is only our best guess at where the orders may deliver, but is not a guarantee or promise of orders to those states. Specific delivery locations within a state are not available at this time.
- Q Can we bid on only a portion of the bid or do we have to bid on the entire solicitation to be considered?
A Yes, offerors can bid any quantity they want, as long as it is at least one truckload and prices are provided for each state.
- Q If we can bid on a portion of the total do we have to bid on the entire amount for a given state?
A No, your bid quantity does not have to equal the entire amount for any state. Offerors should ensure their capacity constraints reflect desired bid quantity.
- Q Do we have the ability to place a constraint on the total quantity we are interested in by state? by time period?
A No, capacities cannot be entered by state. Yes, offerors are required to enter constraints by delivery period.
- Q If we are allowed to enter constraints how does the minimum/maximum work? Are vendors who are awarded volumes with a constraint expected to be obligated to potentially be required to deliver 2.5 times the amount of the constraint?
A "The Government will not order any amount in excess of an offeror's capacity constraints for the duration of the period of performance or individual delivery periods. This is addressed in the clause 52.216-19 Order Limitations. The Minimum and Maximum award quantities will also not exceed an offeror's capacity. "
- Q Is there any details of the delivery locations in the various states? If there is no detail we have to assume all the volume will deliver to the furthest distance in the state from our shipping location.
A Information about specific delivery locations and number of stops per truck is not available at this time.

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- Q is there any way we would be able to get the anticipated volume by month for planning purposes pertaining to pack time?
- A Delivery period information is not available at this time. USDA requests offerors to submit capacity constraints based on availability of pack time (available quantity).
- Q It is my understanding that there is only one price per state for the duration of the solicitation, is that correct?
- A This is correct.
- Q Regarding the price, do we quote one price per State? If so, could we quote one price per State per month? Or does the price have to be the same through the whole contract?
- A Yes, offerors are required to bid one price per state. These prices cannot change per month and will be held constant throughout the entire contracted period of performance.
- Q How do we determine how many loads are going to be needed each month?
- A We do not have number of loads per month information available at the time.
- Q Can we put a constraint on how many loads we can cover each month?
- A Offerors are required to enter constraints for EACH DELIVERY PERIOD and for the ENTIRE period of performance.
- Q How do we submit our offer on the website if there are no lines listed like there normally is?
- A Please refer to the document attached to the solicitation for work instructions to submit state prices.
- Q What is the difference between a delivery order and a task order?
- A "Task-order" is the term used for service contracts. "Delivery order" is the term used for supply contracts.
- Q Freight rates can change depending on the time of year, is there no way to tell which state is going to order on which delivery period?
- A There is not a way to know which state will order during which delivery period.
- Q Can you tell me if the “minimum purchase quantity”, and “not-to-exceed purchase quantities” are defined for the contract as a whole, or by delivery period (example: 3 minimum loads, and 6 max for February 16-28th)?
- A "Minimum purchase quantity" and "not-to-exceed purchase quantities" are for the contract as a whole. However, offerors are required to enter capacity constraints to ensure the they do not receive orders exceeding their capacity for each delivery period. USDA will not order in excess of the capacity constraints provided in your bid. This is addressed in the clause 52.216-19 Order Limitations.

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- Q "The winning bidders will receive an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contract by January 3, 2023, which will contain a guaranteed minimum purchase quantity, a not-to-exceed maximum purchase quantity, and a target quantity, which will represent the most realistic estimate of purchase. This Target Quantity is not contractually binding as USDA may purchase above or below this estimate. Will IDIQ contracts be based on our Constraints that were submitted with our bid?
- A The contract quantities are not necessarily based on constraints, but will not exceed a contractors constraints. The delivery orders will also take constraints into account and not exceed a contractors constraints. This is addressed in the clause 52.216-19 Order Limitations.
- Q How are the loads going to be drawn per period? Is it going to be based on how the constraints per period are placed with each bid? What happens if the draw during the period is greater than the constraint with the lowest bid? Does the remainder get drawn from the next highest bid? Or does the lowest bid get tossed out in favor of the bid that can supply all of the loads during that period (without the constraint)? Or may the loads be drawn out over a number of periods and fulfill the total draw?
- A USDA will issue delivery orders to the lowest bidder until their capacity constraint is met. If the Government received more orders, award will be issued to the next lowest offeror until all capacities are met, or the Governments demand is met. It's not a requirement for a single bidder to be able to fulfil the Governments entire demand.
- Q Bid says to Enter a price for all STATES (1-3 locations). Delivery location/states. Can we drill into detail? Freight will vary by a lot based of actual ship to city and how many drop/locations each load has. This will change pricing drastically.
- A Delivery locations are not available at this time.
- Q Any flexibility on delivery windows? IE stretch end date to 12/2023
- A There will be half-month delivery periods between February 16 and June 30, 2023. At this time, USDA does not intend to extend delivery periods beyond June 30, 2023.
- Q In order to offer the best pricing given the dynamic of this bid, what is your suggestion for bidding without having the actual destination and time frame, to calculate freight costs?
- A USDA cannot provide suggestions on how to calculate bid prices.

END OF GENERAL QUESTIONS

FAQ- FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLE

- Q For the potatoes and pears- are they going to require inspections on arrival or shipping point?
A All materials will follow the inspection requirements located in their relevant commodity specification.
- Q What about the states that don't have inspectors to do the arrival inspections?
A Offerors are reminded that they must account for the cost of USDA Inspection in their offers. Offerors should contact the relevant Specialty Crops Field Inspection office responsible for performing the inspection to learn about the costs involved.
- Q Is the quantity of apples, pears & potatoes each 250,000? If not what would the quantity be?
A USDA intends to purchase a minimum of 100 truckloads of each material, and no more than 250 truckloads of each material. Specific quantities are not available at this time.
- Q We are GlobalGap certified. Will those audits meet the USDA GAP/GHP requirement? If not, is there the equivalent of the prior desk audit program?
A The tendering text for 2000008954 indicates that the verification audits shall be performed by the USDA, AMS, SCP-SCID representatives only; therefore, a Global GAP audit would not be accepted for this solicitation. All suppliers must have USDA GAP, USDA Harmonized GAP, or USDA Harmonized Plus GAP certification to meet the requirements of this solicitation.
- Q I just wanted to clarify whether or not we need to bid on all 3 items for this solicitation in order to be deemed responsive.
A It is not necessary to bid on all three materials to be responsive.
- Q On the delivery windows being set Monday thru Wednesday, are we still allowed to work with the receivers to deliver on other days of the week as long as the delivery deadline is met?
A All deliveries require appointments. A receiver has the right to not accept delivery appointment requests outside of the contracted delivery window. However, if all parties are in agreement for an early delivery, then it is acceptable.

END FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE QUESTIONS