

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NUMBER

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (Number, street, county, State and ZIP Code)

9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NUMBER

9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)

10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NUMBER

10B. DATED (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 _____ 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.

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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.

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).

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.)

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

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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STANDARD FORM 30 (REV. 11/2016)

Prescribed by GSA FAR (48 CFR) 53.243

Q & A for CCC Fresh Potato Solicitation 2000009914

1). USDA made changes on being an approved vendors for certain commodities, but if you already shipped sweet potatoes, do you need to get approval to ship all potatoes in the category or do you need approval to ship russet potatoes?

There are specific Audits for Sweet Potatoes and Russet Potatoes. To be awarded Russet Potatoes on this CCC Purchase, a USDA audit for Russet Potatoes must be in an active status.

2) Currently PO's will be handled July-December; currently the vendor has two growing seasons; right now, seeing historically low pricing right now that will probably run through Labor Day, & will probably switch over to a new crop year. Question: how you know when your PO's when you bid are going to fall within a time frame.

This CCC Russet Potato solicitation allows Crop years 2023 and 2024.

3) How do you know if there two sets of pricing – say you bid on California; how do the PO's get distributed on pricing?

When inputting pricing, whatever you submit to those States, should be applicable for all associated cost, shouldn't be any differential between the two crop years.

4) Is there one fixed price for the entire contract period?

Yes a fixed bid price per state for the entirety of the period of performance of July 1-December 31st, 2024.

5). Is there a reason why the Government decided to go with a new contract style this performance?

This contract method best suites the government's needs.

6). Will these deliveries be going to households or schools?

The food will be dispersed to various FNS household programs.

7). Noticed there is a set-aside for Small Business, but never see a set-aside for Women-Owned Small Business, will there ever have one for that in the future?

It is possible in the future to offer a set aside for WOSDB, but this set-aside is only possible if 2 or more bidders fit that criteria.

8). Are you accepting constraints or all or nothing to the States?

Constraints are optional.

9). Are you awarding multiple vendors to the States?

Yes, some states will have multiple vendor awards.

10). Is a state price required for each state?

Vendors must submit a bid price to each state. All bid prices will be evaluated for fair and reasonableness.

11) In accordance with the solicitation the delivery period is identified as July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. With the over abundance of the 2023 potato crop, can the deliveries begin April 1, 2024 through December 2024? Most or at least 85% to 90 % of the 2023 crop will be delivered or dumped by July 1, 2024.

No changes to the period of performance will be made at this time.

12) Under the solicitation it requests that the “*Offerors must submit a unit price in WBSCM for delivery to EACH STATE, inclusive of all costs associated through final delivery.*” How can the Offeror bid on transportation costs without knowing the destination?

Bidders are advised to calculate costs to the furthest point of each state.

13) What is the NACIS code that is applicable for this solicitation defining small business?

The NAICS code for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables is 311991 .

14) Regarding GAP/GHP certifications, at times there could be a gap certification between crop years. Although it would not be more than 2 weeks, there are times the harvest audits could be postponed due to mother nature such as rain or killing schedules. This could possibly leave a short gap between harvest reviews. Will USDA accommodate if this occurs?

Based on previous solicitations, it is necessary for the GAP/GHP to remain active throughout the contract time frame. Common practice should be to reach out the inspection team months before the vendor's GAP/GHP Audits are deemed inactive.

15) The last Paragraph on page 3 states: “*Destination quantities listed are estimates and subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient needs, market condition, and program operations*”. Question: If there are changes in recipient needs such as changing from a full load to a partial load this will impact freight costs. Will USDA consider a change order (change in price) in the event a load is changed from a full load to a partial load? As per the Part B document there is a guaranteed min quantity, a target quantity and maximum qty.

USDA in partnership with our customer FNS work diligently to meet each vendors awarded Target volumes. Awards will be made in full trucks. Split shipments may occur which will equal 1 full truckload.

16) Exhibit 2: This exhibit indicates that “*Bidders are required to submit a bid price for each state to be evaluated.*” The question is how does the Bidder offer or determine freight based on a state with no location in that state identified? For example, If the Bidder bids Texas or California, the freight will be much different depending on the location within that state.

Again, bidders are advised to calculate associated costs to the furthest point of each state.

17) Exhibit 2: The recipient State and quantities are identified but no delivery schedule is identified. This makes a difference since a portion of the delivery may be crop year 2023 vs. crop year 2024. Can USDA identify a delivery schedule by state? The states and volumes identified in Exhibit 2 serve as estimates only.

We do not have exact locations nor state volumes currently. This contract type is an IDIQ which represents Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity. Awardees will receive an award package which will state the awarded minimum, target, maximum truckloads. Awardees will then be issued purchase order allocations i.e. task orders which contain ship-to locations and the required delivery periods every 1-3 months.

18) Bid Submission Checklist: This form indicates that additional plants and shipping points can be attached. Since things can change between crop years, can USDA accept changes of plant / shipping points during the performance of this contract?

Bidders may submit a waiver request for such changes. Bidders may also submit an additional plant/shipping list with their bid offer.

19) Would USDA consider setting a “fixed shipping cost” or no shipping costs for bidding purposes? Upon award, each bidder could get three shipping bids and submit a change order to adjust for freight costs accordingly.

Awards made under this solicitation are firm-fixed prices. State pricing should encompass all associated costs to deliver within each state.