

**AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT**

1. CONTRACT ID CODE

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NUMBER

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

See Block 16C

4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUISITION NUMBER

5. PROJECT NUMBER (If applicable)

6. ISSUED BY

CODE

United States Department of Agriculture  
 Agricultural Marketing Service, Commodity Procurement Staff  
 1400 Independence Ave SW  
 Room 3522-S, STOP - 0239  
 Washington, DC 20250-0239

7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6)

CODE

See block 6

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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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.**

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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: Can you tell me where I can look to get awarded bid info? Would like to get a better sense of bid history and at what \$ amount it was awarded

**A. Past award information can be found on the USDA website below:**

[https://www.ams.usda.gov/open-purchase-request?](https://www.ams.usda.gov/open-purchase-request?field_solicitation_number_value=&field_material_description_value=&field_term_grades_and_standards_target_id=867)

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Q: One of our suppliers just want to verify that the cartons can be loose packed in a carton correct. Just need something to show them from you.

**A. No, (110151) - APPLES FRESH VARIOUS TYPE CTN-37-40 LB are to be in tray packs.**

Q: We have copies of the audits for both the orchard and packing facilities, see attached. However, we will not get copies of the certificates until a couple of weeks.

What do we do if the certificates are not here by the time we need to turn in bid 2000010311?

**A. If a bidder has submitted supplier on their USDA GAP GHP verification form with passing GAP GHP scope(s), but certificates have not been issued yet, AMS may request additional documentation from that bidder to verify the supplier meets the intended requirements of the solicitation. The supplier must be listed on the USDA GAP GHP verification form, and have their audit passing audit(s) prior to the bid due date in order to be considered for the bid.**

Q. What should a vendor do if they can't get an GAP or GHP Audit done in time to use their company or another supplier as a valid supplier on their bid and USDAGAP GHP verification form?

**A. Suppliers who do not meet scopes for GAP or GHP prior to the bid due date may not be used in this solicitation and should not be listed on the USDA GAPGHP verification form.**

**From the solicitation:**

**Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh fruit crops to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) must ensure that each of their suppliers/subcontractors who grow, harvest, pack, hold, and handle product have approved and current food safety verification audits PRIOR to the bid opening date of this solicitation. Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) scopes which are necessary to meet the minimum requirement to be deemed responsive are as follows:**

**GAP - Farm Review AND Field Harvesting & Field Packing Activities**

**GHP - House Packing Facility AND Storage & Transportation**

Q.Are there any delay's in scheduling GAP or GHP audits out of the Michigan area?

**A. Due to the volume of inspection and audit work requested in MI the audit scheduling process has taken longer than expected. Audits are being scheduled as soon as possible.**

Q. If we are a new vendor bidding on multiple items, will WBSCM limit us to 10 awards automatically or would do we need to limit bids to 10 items under the probationary period.

**A. For a new-to-USDA contractor and existing contractors who are bidding on new products, a probationary period may be implemented in which awards are limited to 10 truckloads per product. Contractor must demonstrate successful delivery of at least five (5) truckloads of product in order to be removed from probationary status on future solicitations. For the purposes of this rule, successful delivery is defined as product delivered on-time and in acceptable condition according to the terms and conditions of the contract. Any delivery problems directly attributable to the Government will not be held against the contractor. Please note this probationary period is per product.**

Q. WHY DOES THE USDA GAP GHP WEBSITE NOT SHOW ALL THE SCOPES? SHIPPERS HAVE BOTH GAP SCOPES AUDITED AND GHP SCOPES AUDITED BUT THEY DONT BOTH SHOW. ON SOME SHIPPERS THEY MAY JUST SHOW GHP AND NOT GAP OR VICE VERSA.

**A. The USDA Website should be showing the audited scopes. If there is a scope missing from the website please have the shippers contact Audit Services Branch at SCAudits@usda.gov to inquire about this.**

Q. are we using the sizing from the commodity specifications or are we using the sizing from the instructions to offerers?

**A. sizing from the instructions to offerers**

Q. it says apples Carton 37-40 lbs- to me, that means a loose bushel box. But directly under that, it gives a size of 88-150- which would make me think tray pack. Could you clarify if these are loose cartons or tray packs?

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