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USDA BISON PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced plans to purchase ground lean bison (110001) for Federal food nutrition assistance programs.

An Invitation for Bid (solicitation) will be issued in the near future. All offers must be submitted electronically through the Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) website at - <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=WBSCM>. Offers submitted by any means other than WBSCM will be considered non-responsive.

Offerors are urged to review all documents that pertain to this program, including the AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements, dated April 2014; Supplement 603 to the AMS Master Solicitation for the Purchase of Bison Products, dated June 2012; Amendment 1 to Supplement 603, dated February 2015; and the Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors Selling Commodities to USDA, dated October 2014. The documents are available on the AMS Commodity Procurement website at www.ams.usda.gov/commoditypurchasing.

To assist with vendor participation, AMS will host a telephone conference call on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The call will discuss technical and program requirements, and will field any questions from interested offerors. To participate in the call, dial 888-844-9904. The participant code for the call is 1801764#.

Offerors must read all terms of the applicable Solicitation when it is issued. To receive electronic (e-mail) notification of the issuance of these solicitations, see the "Subscribe to AMS CP News (link)" available on the AMS Commodity Procurement website. Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-4517 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS Commodity Procurement Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0239, Washington, DC 20250-0256.

An electronic version of this Purchase Announcement can be obtained through the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/commoditypurchasing>

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