

2. Amendment/Modification No. A01	3. Effective Date 02/05/2016	4. Requisition/Purchase Req. No. N/A	5. Project No. (if applicable) N/A
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6. Issued By United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Staff, Commodity Procurement Staff 1400 Independence Ave SW Room 3522-S, Stop 0239 Washington, DC 20250-0239	7. Administered By (If other than Item 6) See block 6
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8. Name and Address of Contractor (No., Street, County, and Zip Code)	(X)	9A. Amendment of Solicitation No. 2000003851
	X	9B. Date (See Item 11) 02/01/2016
		10A. Modification of Contract/Order No.
		10B. Date (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 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram 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 telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter 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)
N/A

**13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACT/ORDERS.
IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.**

(x)	A. This change order is issued pursuant to: (Specify authority) The changes set forth in item 14 are made in the Contract Order No. in item 10A.
	B. The above numbered Contract/Order is modified to reflect the administrative changes (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) Set fourth 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 1 copies to the issuing office.

14. Description of Amendment/Modification (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The purpose of this amendment is to;

- 1)** Extend the bid due date from 1:00pm Central Time 02/09/2016 to 1:00pm Central time 02/17/2016.
- 2)** Extend the award date from February 17, 2016 to February 26, 2016.
- 3)** Allow bidders the capability to export and import solicitation prices.

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) Casey WB. Helman Contracting Officer
15B. Contractor/Offeror (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. Date Signed
	16B. United States of America (Signature of Contracting Officer)
	16C. Date Signed

4) Incorporate the answers to questions received in response to the solicitation:

A) Questions and Answers:

Q1: Please clarify product labeling requirements?**A1:** Primary package must be suitably code marked so that the product can be identified with related inspection certificates. In addition, per FDA regulations, the following minimum mandatory labeling requirements for all foods, whether sold or donated must appear on the label: Name of the food, Manufacturer's name and location, Net weight of the product, Ingredients list, and Allergen declaration. These requirements are codified in 21 CFR 101.2, 101.3, 101.4 and 101.5. See the following link for a guidance manual:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/LabelingNutrition/ucm064894.htm>

Q2: The solicitation states a pack size of 24/1 LB, but yet the specification only references 30 LB. Please explain?**A2:** The nuts must be packed to an average net weight of 24 pounds or 30 pounds, as described by the material on the solicitation. Bags must be made of polyethylene or similar material approved by the Food and Drug Administration for contact with nuts. When packed in consumer packages, no individual package should exceed the reasonable shortage limit as defined by the inspection service. Reasonable shortage would be 4% of the net weight of the package.**Q3:** Are we only able to use the USDA brand labels?**A3:** Primary Containers

(1) Vendors have the option to use commercial labeling and packaging which meets all applicable FDA requirements and contains a code which allows traceability of the product in the event of a recall or they may use USDA packaging and labeling as specified in the Master Solicitation.

(2) The processors' own commercially acceptable "brand" labels may be used on all invitations unless prohibited by the Solicitation/IFB. Distributor's "brand" labels are not acceptable.

All products must be packed in new, commercially acceptable primary containers. Dried fruit shall be packed only in the container size and type specified in the applicable Solicitation/IFB. The packaging must be suitably code marked so that the product can be identified with related inspection certificates.

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b. Secondary Containers (tray and case)

Mixing and matching of USDA and commercial labeling methods will not be acceptable.

Two or more different commercial labels will not be acceptable within a shipping unit (truck load).

Q4: What are the UPC codes for the 24/1 pound primary container?**A4:** To add the UPC code for the 24/1 pound primary container is as follows: 7 15001 00908 1. The UPC code for the 24/1 pound secondary container is as follows: 1 07 15001 00908 8.**Q5:** Please clarify what size classification USDA is looking for.**A5:** USDA intends to purchase the size classification "Pieces and Halves" as defined in the US Standards (§ 51.2284).