

2. Amendment/Modification No. A01	3. Effective Date 07/13/2016	4. Requisition/Purchase Reqn. No. N/A	5. Project No. (if applicable) N/A
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6. Issued By United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Commodity Procurement Staff 1400 Independence Ave SW STOP 0239 Washington, D.C. 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. 2000004143
	X	9B. Date (See Item 11) 06/29/2016
		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 make changes to the solicitation and provide the answers to questions received via email and during the pre-proposal conference.

- 1) Exhibit 1 Part B.1., is changed to include “Household size lean, frozen ground bison that is the same as is generally available in the commercial marketplace.”
- 2) Paragraph E.1, Proposal Part 1 – Technical Information is changed to remove the sentence, “Food Defense Audit must be completed prior to proposal due date” and add the following sentences, “Facilities used in

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)		
	James D. Sprandel Contracting Officer		
15B. Contractor/Offeror	15C. Date Signed	16B. United States of America	16C. Date Signed
_____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)		_____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)	

fulfilling USDA contracts must be operating under the provisions of the Voluntary Exotic Animal Inspection Program of the FSIS contained in Title 9 C.F.R. Subpart 352” and “The product must be produced in accordance with Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) regulations and this Item Description and Requirements (IDR).”

- 3) The fourth sentence in Section C.18.e.5 is changed from “Checkloading refers to identifying the commodity which was previously inspected and found to meet contract requirements, examining the commodity at the time of loading or transferring for condition of containers and for compliance with labeling and container marking requirements, and determining the number of containers per car, truck, or lot.” to “Checkloading refers to examining the commodity at the time of loading or transferring for condition of containers and for compliance with labeling and container marking requirements, and determining the number of containers per car, truck, or lot.”
- 4) Contractors will not be required to comply with paragraph V. Food Defense Requirements or VI. Pre-Award Plant Surveys as specified in Exhibit 6 - Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors Selling Commodities to USDA dated April 2016

- 5) The questions asked via email and during Preproposal Conference and AMS’ answers to them are as follow:

- a) Question: Is the product to be supplied a company's commercial product?

Answer: Yes.

- b) Question: Is there a particular format that you would like us to follow for the proposals?

Answer: The proposal shall be submitted via PDF format uploaded into WBSCM as attachments. The documents to be submitted include the SF-1449, Proposal Part 1 - Technical, Part 2 - Management, Part 3, Past Performance, and Part 4 Prices and Constraints. Proposal Parts 1, 2, and 3 a can be submitted per the vendors own format. Prices and constraints shall be provided using the form on EXHIBIT 2.

- c) Question: Are interested vendors commercial food safety protocols and standards accepted by USDA?

Answer: Commercial food safety protocols and standards are acceptable by the USDA. Offerors should describe these protocols and Standards in their technical proposal, including whether they have a FSIS fee-for-service inspector in place.

- d) Question: Are there any other requirements for this purchase program?

Answer: All of our requirements are outlined in the solicitation and RFP.

- e) Question: The NTE is a large quantity, what if we cannot bid on the full solicitation?

Answer: Although an offeror may be awarded a NTE amount that exceeds their capability to produce, the constraints identified by the offeror will limit the amount that the Government can award unless the contractor indicates that they are capable and willing to exceed the constraint limits.

- f) Question: Will AMS graders be required to oversee the production and or just the shipping?

Answer: For this commercial purchase, the graders only involvement is at shipment.

g) Question: Will the finished product be purchased in 1lb packages or 2.5lb packages?

Answer: We are requesting vendors submit a description of the type of product they already have commercially-available that is within the household pack size of a 1lb. to 2lb. chub.

h) Question: Will the requirements be the same to all bidders for the solicitation?

Answer: Yes. Please note that our request for commercial product does not have to meet the current Bison Program FPPS / Specifications.

i) Question: Are we required to have a food defense audit?

Answer: A Food Defense Audit is not required for this solicitation. (See Item 2 above)

j) Question: Are we required to submit a photo of the product packaging?

Answer: A photo is not required. However, the offeror may provide one to support their proposal.

k) Question: Has AMS done any research on the current bison availability?

Answer: Yes.

l) Question: As we determine the final pricing for the solicitation bid, is the offer awarded to the lowest bidder? If the 2 million pounds are not filled by the lowest bidder, will the next highest bidder be accepted?

Answer: See Section E.1, Basis for Award. Award will be to the proposal(s) that represents the best value to the Government. Award(s) will not necessarily go to the lowest priced proposal(s). If the capacity of the proposal that represents the best value to the Government is insufficient, AMS may award multiple contracts.

m) Question: Regarding delivery times, do I need to select a certain time when I can deliver this product, or could I specify a certain time frame of when we could deliver it, and you can fit it into the calendar that best suits your needs?

Answer: See Section B.2. Offerors will indicate their capacity to deliver using Exhibit 2. If AMS accepts an offeror's proposal, all delivery orders will be issued in accordance with the offerors proposed capacity during the delivery periods indicated in their constraint schedule. Should AMS require product in excess of an offerors awarded constraint schedule, delivery orders can only be issued through the agreement of both AMS and the offeror and shall not exceed the NTE Total Award Amount.

n) Question: Where would I find the paperwork to submit the bid?

Answer: See Section E.1 and Amendment 1, Question 2.