

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE NA	PAGE OF PAGES 1 2
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NUMBER A05	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 5/22/2017	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUISITION NUMBER		5. PROJECT NUMBER (If applicable) NA
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United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service, Commodity Procurement Staff 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Room 3522-S, STOP 0239 Washington DC 20250-0239				
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (Number, street, county, State and ZIP Code)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NUMBER 2000004714
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 5/5/2017
			<input type="checkbox"/>	10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NUMBER
			<input type="checkbox"/>	10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)
CODE	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 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 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.**

CHECK ONE	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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	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).
<input type="checkbox"/>	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.)

The purpose of this Amendment is to provide answers to additional questions received from vendors:

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)	
		David M. Munford 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)	

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Q1. The SF 30 amendment that came out today (Amendment A04) states that Exhibit 5 is not required? Am I reading that correct?

A1. NO. Submission of Exhibit 5 is required. Amendment A04 indicated that the banking information on the Exhibit 5 form was not required. However, the rest of the form must be completed and submitted.

Q2. There are two sections in the RFP on pages 61 and 64 that appear nearly identical, with differing requirements laid out for the Management of Workforce and Past Performance. Should we proceed under the more extensive requirements listed on page 61?

A2. Page 61 consists of Instructions to Offerors, which outlines what documentation must be submitted with your proposal. Page 64 contains Evaluation Criteria, which tells you how the documentation will be evaluated. Both sections are part of the Uniform Contract Format used in all federal solicitations completed under FAR Part 15.

Q3. On the Past Performance Information sheet (Exhibit 5) the answer to question 6 on amendment A04 does clear up that we are able to use past AMS contracts as reference, and it appears that only the contact information at the bottom applies to our customer/reference. That answer also appears to say that we are not required to submit the financial information at the bottom of that form – is this correct?

A3. For purposes of this solicitation, you are permitted to use past AMS contracts for your references on Exhibit 5. You are not required to submit the financial information on Exhibit 5.

Q4. Is USDA able to check our IDIQ bid prior to the submission date to verify that we have included everything required?

A4. We cannot check your proposal prior to proposal due date. You are encouraged to use the Proposal Submission Checklist found under A-2 on page 2 of 64 of the RFP Document to assist in ensuring all submission requirements are met.

Q5. In the updated RFP IDIQ document for 2000004714, the section on non-price factors, part 2 and part 3 (page 64), has changed from the original. It appears that the requirements for the Management of Workforce document have been reduced, and that the requirement for references on past performance have been removed. Please confirm the changes, and the removal of the requirement for references.

A5. All proposal will be evaluated using the Evaluation Criteria described in the current solicitation, 2000004714, dated May 5, 2017. The terms and conditions of previous year's solicitations are not relevant to this procurement.

Q6. If references for past performance are still required, will we be able to use the USDA AMS as a reference based on past contracts, and if so, who should we contact?

A6. Past Performance references are still required. You may use USDA AMS as a reference for past contracts. You should not contact anyone. If you are using AMS as a reference, you should list the AMS Contracting Officer as your contact person on Exhibit 5.

Q7: Is there a way to enter storage and carrying costs, or adjust pricing based on month of delivery? Or is all pricing flat across all 18 months?

Q7. No, as referenced on Page 6, Item 4) of the RFP Document: "Offerors will submit a unit price in WBSCM including **all costs associated through final delivery** for all contract line items (CLINs) by State, that they propose offering during the period of performance..." Firm-fixed-price contracts will be issued with delivery periods between January 1, 2018 and September 30, 2018 (nine months). Pricing cannot be adjusted based on month of delivery.