

CORN PRODUCTS

Acquisition Method: Invitation for Bid
Description: 12-3J14-18-S-0004
Number: 2000005005
Issued date: October 12, 2017, 1300 Central time
Offers due: October 24, 2017, 0900 Central time
Award Notification: October 26, 2017, 1500 Central time
Public Release of Award: October 27, 2017, by 1300 Central time

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The Checkloading requirement for BLUE Cornmeal has been removed.

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1. Solicitation Information Contact:

Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CST.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)
Commodity Procurement Staff – Kansas City (CPS-KC)
Contracting Branch
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2. AMS Commodity Procurement Internet Address:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food>

3. This Acquisition is:

// Unrestricted.

/x/ Unrestricted for BLUE Cornmeal

/x/ Set-Aside for:

/x/ Small Business Set-Aside in accordance with FAR 19.502-2. Any concern proposing to furnish a product that it did not itself manufacture must furnish the product of a small business manufacturer. All White Grits, Yellow Grits, White Cornmeal, and Yellow Cornmeal are 100 percent set-aside for small businesses.

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NOTICE OF SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE

If specified in the solicitation, certain quantities are set aside exclusively for small business firms under the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631, et seq.).

Bids received for these set-aside quantities from firms who are not small business concerns will not be considered. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible small business concern(s) for the set-aside quantities, the Government may award the quantities to other than small business concerns.

NOTICE OF INDIAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 26.102 Policy (Policy) the Indian Incentive Program will apply. The Policy states:

“Indian organizations and Indian-owned economic enterprises shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in performing contracts awarded by Federal agencies. In fulfilling this requirement, the Indian Incentive Program allows an incentive payment equal to 5 percent of the amount paid to a subcontractor in performing the contract, if the contract so authorizes and the subcontractor is an Indian organization or Indian-owned economic enterprise.”

4. NAICS Codes/Size Standards: See Master Solicitation for Commodity

Procurements at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/MSCP.pdf>

5. Delivery Type: F.O.B. Destination

6. Submission of offers:

A. WBSCM Help Desk Information

To obtain assistance using WBSCM, please contact the WBSCM Level 1 Help desk at any of the following:

-telephone: 877-WBSCM-4U or 877-927-2648

-email: WBSCM.servicedesk@CACI.com

-Web form link on WBSCM Portal: <https://cacifedramp.service-now.com/wbscm/>

You need to have the following information available when contacting the WBSCM Level 1 Help Desk:

-Company's Business Partner (BP) number: (if available)

-Company Name:

-Contact Name:

-Phone Number:

-E-mail Address:

-Identify that you are a Domestic Vendor

-Identify that you do business with AMS.

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-Identify the deadline; date and time, for the Solicitation you need assistance with from the help desk.

Level 1 Help desk hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. central time.

The WBSCM system is off-line Sunday evenings from 4:00 PM to Midnight central time. Unplanned outages will be communicated through the WBSCM system.

B. WBSCM Offer Information

Only one bid price may be submitted for an item number.

C. Plant Location Requirement.

Plant location and the Place of Performance in Federal Acquisition Regulations provisions **52.214-14** (Apr 1985) and **52.215-6** (Oct 1997) shall match. Representations and Certifications are available online at the System for Award Management at website www.SAM.gov.

D. Supplier Agreement Requirement.

If the offer is for product the offeror will not itself manufacture, offeror shall, by the offer due date/time, submit the corresponding supplier agreement to, Attention: Contracting Officer at the solicitation information contact address shown in this solicitation. The supplier agreement shall be in effect between the offeror and the product manufacturer for the period of contract performance; certify compliance with the applicable solicitation requirements, contain the DUNS number for the product manufacturer, be on the product manufacturer's company letterhead, and be signed by both parties.

A prospective contractor may be required to provide written evidence of a proposed subcontractor's responsibility. The Contracting Officer may directly determine a prospective subcontractor's responsibility.

E. Business Size/Type Designation for Subcontracting.

An offer from a small business to supply manufactured products of small and large businesses shall be divided and submitted separately using separate WBSCM logon IDs. An offer from a farmer-owned cooperative large business to supply manufactured products of both a small business and other than small (i.e., farmer-owned cooperative large business or large business) shall be divided and submitted separately using separate WBSCM logon IDs. See information below.

Examples:

If offeror business size is small business and the manufactured product is subcontracted to a small business then the WBSCM size designation is small business.

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If offeror business size is small business and manufactured product is subcontracted to a Farmer-owned Cooperative large business or a large business then the WSBCM size designation is large business.

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7. Invoices:

The contractor shall submit invoices and attachments in the Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WSBCM) system.

All invoice documents shall reference the WSBCM Purchase Order (PO) Number and PO Item Number, the Sales Order (SO) Number and SO Item Number or Purchase Requisition (PR) and PR Item number.

A separate invoice should be submitted for each item number.

The System for Award Management at the website www.SAM.gov is used for payment purposes. The contractor is responsible for controlling the accuracy of its business information.

The inspection results entered into WSBCM must match the Lab Analysis report details.

8. Shipment/Delivery Schedule:

January 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018

See Schedule of Supplies for period of performance. A WSBCM Purchase Order will be available at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the first day of each period of performance scheduled in the contract. The Contractor shall comply with the instructions in the WSBCM Purchase Order. If a WSBCM Purchase Order is available less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the first day of the contracted period of performance, the performance period shall be extended by the number of days the WSBCM Purchase Order was not available. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any extension of the performance period unless it furnishes evidence satisfactory to the Government that it was prepared to perform during the contracted period of performance.

9. Other Requirements:

A. Bidders shall meet the Qualification Requirements in the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP).

B. Contractor Past Performance Evaluation applicable for contracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold of \$150,000.

10. Commodity Specifications – Blue Cornmeal

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The Blue Cornmeal awarded under this solicitation shall adhere to the Commercial Item Description for Cornmeal; A-A-20066C dated June 24, 2015. The CID is available at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/CID%20Cornmeal%20%28Yellow%20or%20White%29.pdf>.

The Blue Cornmeal shall be:

- Type I
- Type II, if requested
- Class A
- Color 3
- Granulation a

The Blue Cornmeal may be Agricultural practice a – Conventional or Agricultural practice b – Organic.

The Blue Cornmeal shall be tested for aflatoxin in accordance with procedures approved by the Grain Inspection, Packers & Stockyards Administration (GIPSA). If the aflatoxin test provide positive, a quantitative test shall be performed. If the result of the quantitative test exceeds 20 parts per billion (ppb), the blue corn shall not be used in the production of the blue cornmeal.

The Blue Cornmeal shall meet the following Physical Granulation Requirements:

| Granulation a | No. 12 Sieve | No. 20 Sieve | No. 25 Sieve | No. 73 Grit Sieve |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Coarse | NLT 95% | NLT 95% | NMT 45% | NMT 35% |

The Blue Cornmeal shall meet the following Analytical Requirements

| Types | Aflatoxin | Crude Fiber | Fat | Moisture |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Type I Whole Grain | NMT 20 ppb | NLT 1.2% | NLT 3.1% | NMT 16% |
| Type II Stone-ground | NMT 20 ppb | NLT 1.2% | NLT 3.1% | NMT 16% |

NOTE: There are no quality discounts for Blue Cornmeal factors which fail to meet commodity specifications.

WARRANTY

The Blue Cornmeal must have a shelf –life of six months from the date of manufacture. The Blue Cornmeal must not be manufactured more than 60 days prior to shipment.

STORAGE

Blue Cornmeal shall be stored in a freezer at temperatures not exceeding 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Blue Cornmeal stored at an ambient temperature will not be warrantied.

11. FAR and Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Provisions and Clauses:

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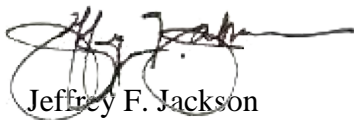
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In the event of a conflict between WBSCM and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) terminology, FAR terminology shall take precedence.

A. This solicitation shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP) in effect as of the date of this solicitation. See attached MSCP. The FAR and AGAR provisions and clauses applicable to this solicitation are contained in the MSCP and this solicitation.

B. // Applicable if checked. **FAR Clause 52.232-18, Availability of Funds** (Apr 1984). Funds are not presently available for this contract. The Government obligation under this contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the contracting officer for this contract and until the contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the contracting officer.



Jeffrey F. Jackson
Contracting Officer