

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

1. CONTRACT ID CODE
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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NUMBER A 1	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 10/31/2018	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUISITION NUMBER	5. PROJECT NUMBER (If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY CODE United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service, Commodity Procurement Staff 1400 Independence Ave SW Room 3522-S, STOP - 0239 Washington, DC 20250-0239		7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE See block 6	

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (Number, street, county, State and ZIP Code)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NUMBER 2000005731
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 10/24/2018
	<input type="checkbox"/>	10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NUMBER
	<input type="checkbox"/>	10B. DATED (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 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.

<input type="checkbox"/>	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"/>	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 answer questions received from industry.

Q1. The "Offer Due Date" and the "Opening Date" are both listed on the solicitation for 11/16/2018 at 13:00:00. When does our bid need to be submitted by?

A1. Offer Due Date and Opening Date are the same. Bids must be submitted no later than 11/16/2018 at 1:00pm CST. Late bids will not be accepted. Offerors are encouraged to complete the bidding process as early as possible.

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 (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED
16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED

Q2. Are the necessary quality assurance, facility, and growing certifications submitted with our final bids, or do we submit those at an earlier/later date?

A2. All vendor qualification information must be submitted no later than the bid due date/time referenced in A1 above, and must be submitted as attachments to your bid in WBSCM (bid materials submitted via email or other method will not be accepted). Late submission of bid materials will not be accepted.

Q3. Since the bid does not reference varietal specifications, are we supposed to bid on red, green and black varieties separately? Or, will they all be lumped in together within the bid? If they are to be bid on together, how do we specify our offer for each color?

A3. Offerors can bid on any variety (red, black, or green) for each shipment (solicitation line item), however only one price may be submitted per line item and Offerors are not required to specify the color (award will be made to the lowest price offer for each line item).

Q4. If awarded business, will these orders load FOB at our various shipping points, or are we to bid on delivered pricing to each point referenced in the solicitation?

A4. All bids are FOB Destination. Offerors must bid a full, delivered price (inclusive of all costs through final delivery) for each destination for which they intend to bid.

Q5. Can more than one color be used in a single load or do they all need to be either red, green, or black on a single load?

A5. Colors/varieties can be co-mingled on a truck, but each pallet must be a single color/variety.

Q6. Can the cartons be Styrofoam boxes? And are the "retail bags" up to the shipper as far as the size and type of bag?

A6. Containers must meet all applicable FDA requirements and contain a code which allows traceability of the product in the event of a recall. The containers shall be constructed as to ensure acceptance by common carrier or other carrier for safe transportation for domestic shipment. Size of bags if up to the Offeror, however the bags should be common retail sizes.

Q7. What is the size requirement in terms of diameter size of the grapes?

A7. Grapes must be Grade U.S. No. 1 Table; reference the U.S. Grade Standard for Grades of Table Grapes (European or Vinifera Type), available here:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/grades-standards/table-grapeseuropean-or-vinifera-type-grades-and-standards>

Q8. Are vendors allowed to deliver earlier than the date(s) listed on the solicitation?

A8. Awarded vendors may deliver early only if the recipient listed on the Purchase Order agrees to take delivery early.