PROCESS OVERVIEW

Purpose

The purpose of this transaction is to create and submit a Domestic Bid Response (Offer). Pricing can be entered directly into WBSCM, or into an excel sheet exported directly from WBSCM which can then be imported back in. These actions can be performed for both non-offshore regular items as well as offshore prices to US port and final destination.

Process Trigger

A vendor would use this process to create and submit a Bid Response (Offer) to a published Domestic Bid Invitation (Solicitation).

Prerequisites

- An open, published Domestic Bid Invitation (Solicitation)
- The user must have one of the following roles assigned:
 - Commodity Offer Vendor CVM
 - o Corporate Vendor Admin

Portal Path

Follow the Portal path below to complete this transaction:

• Select **Suppliers** tab **→ Bid Management** tab **→ Enter Offers** link to go to the *Enter Offers* screen

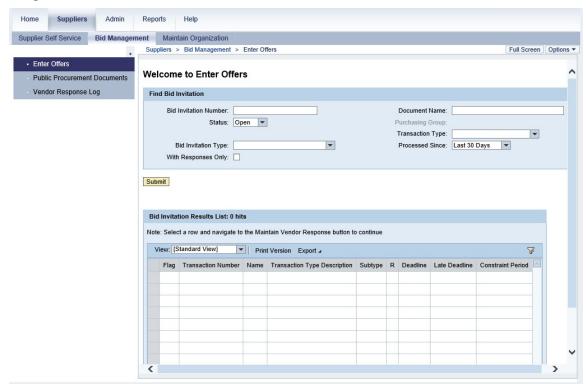
Tips and Tricks

- The R/O/C acronyms in the field tables represent Required, Optional, or Conditional field entries.
 - o **Required (R)** a mandatory field necessary to complete the transaction
 - Optional (O) a non-mandatory field not required to complete the transaction
 - Conditional (C) a field that may be required if certain conditions are met, typically linked to completion of a mandatory field
- Refer to the WBSCM Portal Basic Navigation course for tips on creating favorites, performing searches, etc.

PROCEDURE

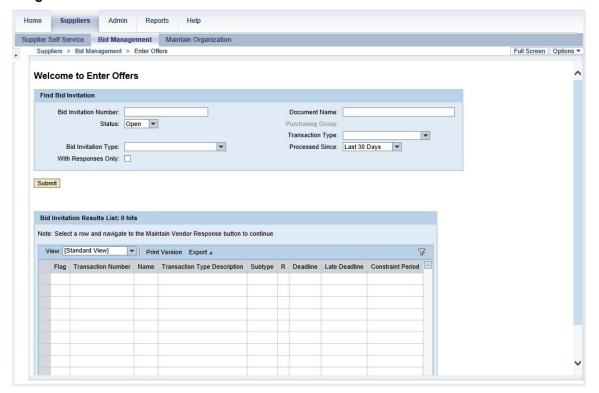
Start the transaction using the following Portal path: Suppliers tab → Bid Management tab →
Enter Offers link.

Image: Enter Offers - Find Bid Invitation Screen



2. Click (the **Hide Navigator** arrow) to minimize the Portal menu. Note this can be done on any transaction in WBSCM.

Image: Enter Offers - Find Bid Invitation Screen



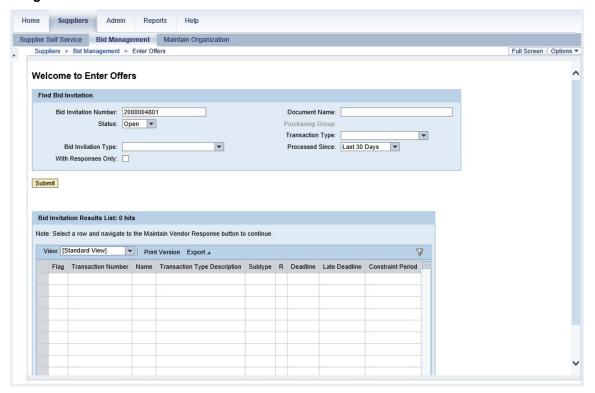
3. As required, complete/review the following fields:

Field	R/O/C	Description
Bid Invitation Number:	O	Unique identifying number associated with a bid invitation in WBSCM. Whenever a bid response (a series of offers) is created, it is created in response to an existing invitation. If the bid invitation number is known, enter it in this field. If it is not known, enter the remaining fields to perform a search for it. Example: 2000004801
Document Name:	0	Long procurement number (LPN). Example: 12-3J14-18-S-0031
Status:	О	Status of the document. Example: Open (Note) If "Ended" status is selected, no search results will appear as ended means the solicitation/bid has been closed and it is no longer possible to

Field	R/O/C	Description
		enter an offer.
Transaction Type:	O	The type of product or service identified in the bid invitation from USDA. Example: Dom Commodity Inv (Note) For domestic commodity, select the Dom Commodity Inv transaction type. The complete list of Transaction Types and their definitions includes: • BIDP: This transaction type is not used. • Rfx: This transaction type is not used. • Barter and Exch Inv: An invitation for a barter and exchange order. A barter and exchange order is one where USDA provides the vendor with a commodity (such as a material from the price support warehouse or that is available in surplus), and the vendor provides USDA with a completely different commodity. For example, USDA may provide corn soy blend to the commodity vendor, and the commodity vendor may provide that aid recipient with pinto beans. • Intl Commodity Inv: An invitation for a commodity to fulfill an international USAID or FAS Sales Order. • Dom Commodity Inv: An invitation for a commodity to fulfill a domestic FNS Sales Order. This is the relevant selection for this transaction. • Intl Freight Inv: An invitation for freight services to ship goods from a domestic load port to an overseas location to fulfill an international USAID or FAS Sales Order.

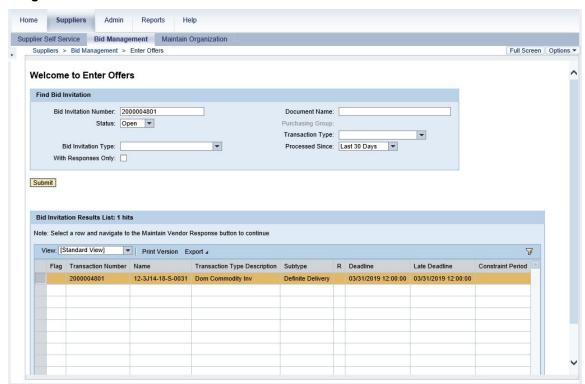
Field	R/O/C	Description
		Intl Comm Preference: A preference (template) of the key fields in an international commodity bid response (offer). Creating a preference saves time, as the details entered in the preference can be pulled into the vendor response (offer). Intl Frgt Preference: A preference (template) of the key fields in an international freight bid response (offer). Creating a preference saves time, as the details entered in the preference can be pulled into the vendor response (offer). Master/Shortfall Inv: An invitation for a commodity in a master/shortfall situation.
Bid Invitation Type:	O	The type of bid invitation from USDA. Example: Definite Delivery
Processed Since:	O	Time since last processing. Example: Last 30 Days

Image: Enter Offers - Find Bid Invitation Screen



5. Click Submit (the Submit button) to execute the search.

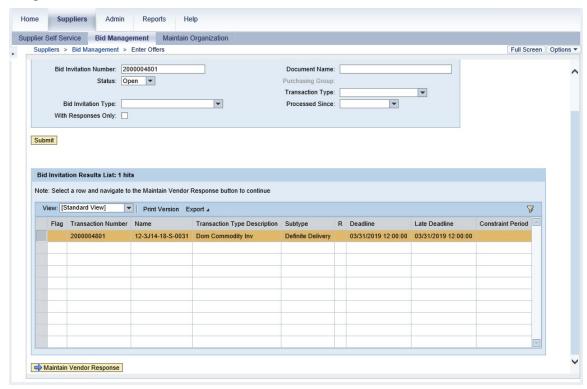
Image: Enter Offers - Find Bid Invitation Screen





- 6. Click (the **Selection** button) to select the appropriate bid invitation. In this example, (bid invitation **2000004801**) is selected based on the search result.
 - (Note) The search result(s) is displayed in the bottom section of the screen.
- 7. Click (the **Down** arrow) in the vertical scrollbar to scroll to the bottom of the screen.

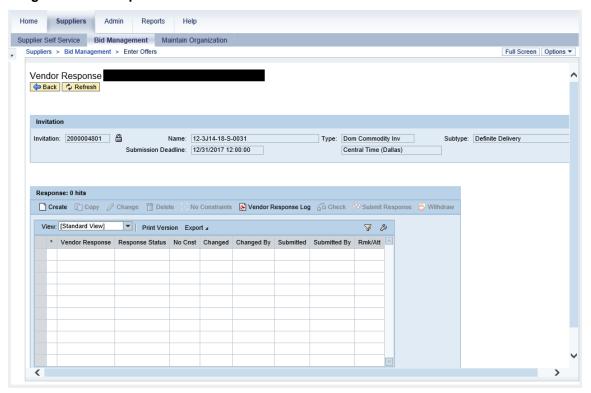
Image: Enter Offers - Find Bid Invitation Screen



8. Click Maintain Vendor Response (the Maintain Vendor Response button).



Image: Vendor Response Screen

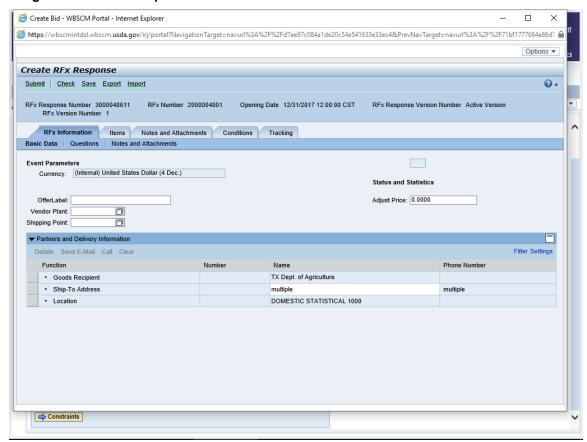


9. Click Create button) to create the bid response (offer).



(Note) If ______ (the **Create** button) is grayed out (not available), a bid response already exists. Corresponding offers can be updated or created by clicking on ______ (the **Offers** button) at the bottom of the screen.

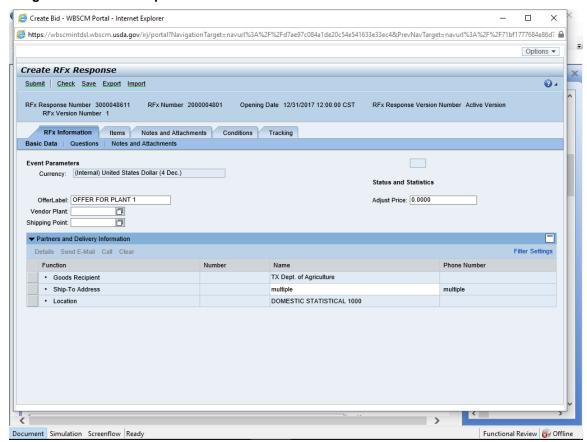
Image: Create RFx Response Screen



10. As required, complete/review the following fields:

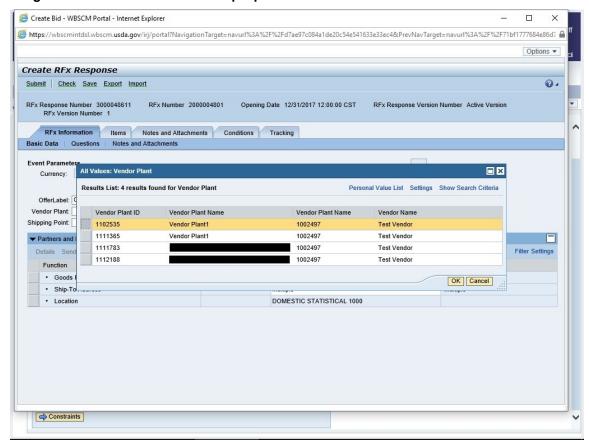
Field	R/O/C	Description
OfferLabel:		The name or label given to the offer that the vendor is placing. Example: OFFER FOR PLANT 1

Image: Create RFx Response Screen



11. Click (the Matchcode button) in the Vendor Plant field to search for the vendor plant.

Image: All Values: Vendor Plant Pop-Up



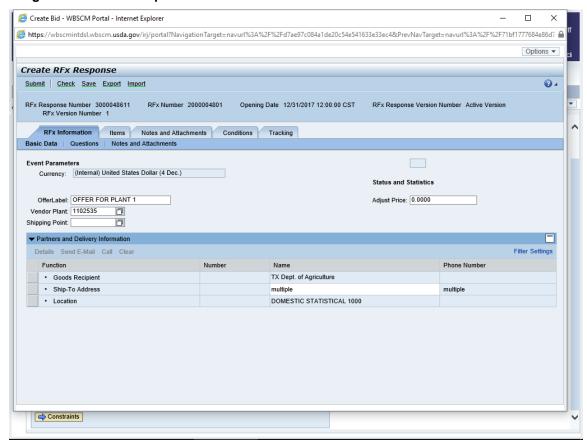
12. Click (the **Selection** button) to select a vendor plant that has already been created in WBSCM. In this example, (1102535 Vendor Plant1) is selected.



(Note) If the plant is not listed, it is because it hasn't been registered in WBSCM. Please refer to the **Register Plant or Shipping Point (External)** work instruction for more information on how to register a plant.

13. Click OK (the OK button) to confirm the selection.

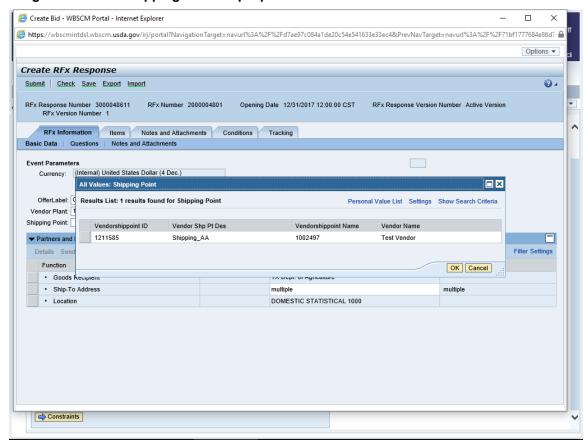
Image: Create RFx Response Screen



14. Click (the Matchcode button) in the Shipping Point field to search for the shipping point.



Image: All Values Shipping Point Pop-Up

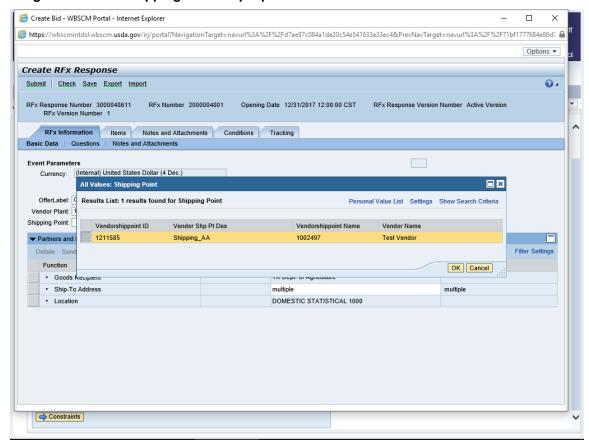


15. Click (the Selection button) to select a shipping point option. In this example, Shipping_AA (Shipping_AA shipping point) is selected.



(Note) If the shipping point is not listed, it is because it hasn't been registered in WBSCM. Please refer to the <u>Register Plant or Shipping Point (External)</u> work instruction for additional information on how to register a shipping point.

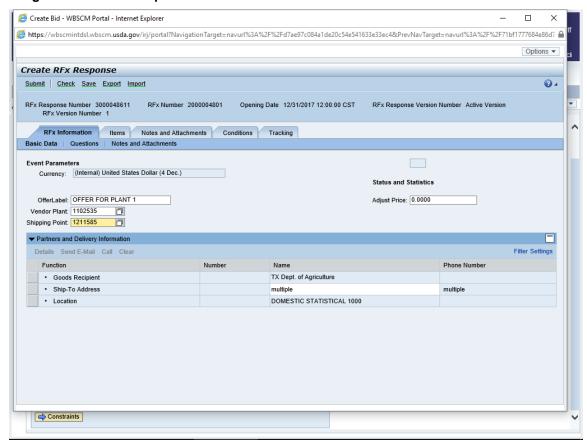
Image: All Values Shipping Point Pop-Up



16. Click OK (the OK button) to confirm the selection



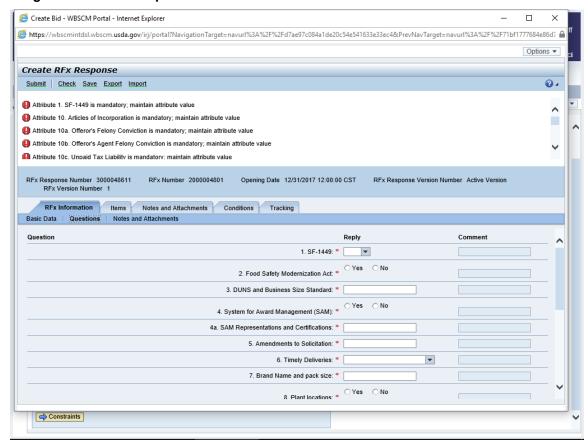
Image: Create RFx Response



17. Click Questions (the Questions sub-tab) to respond to the required questions from the bid invitation. These questions apply to the entire invitation.



Image: Create RFx Response Screen



18. All questions that require a response have a red asterisk (*). Questions with a red asterisk must be answered before the bid response (offer) can be submitted. Some questions provide a text box and require answers or dates; others require a Yes or No response. Complete all required questions before proceeding.



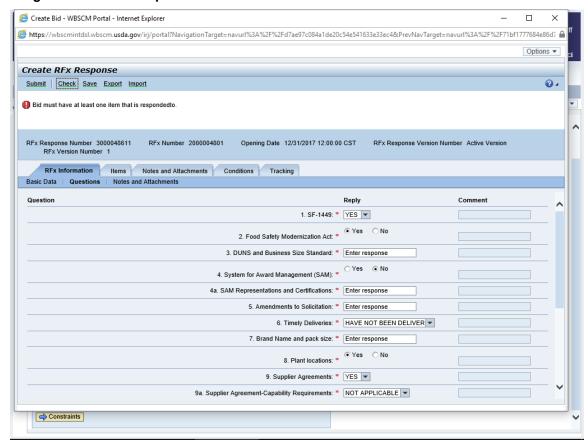
(Note) Questions vary based on the bid for each invitation.



(Note) If applicable, use (the **Down** arrow) in the vertical scrollbar to answer the rest of the questions.

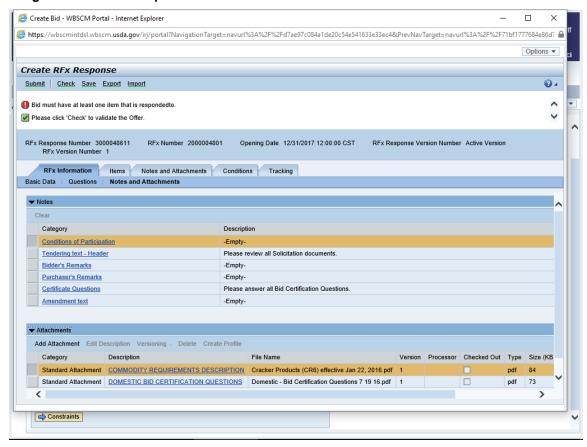


Image: Create RFx Response Screen



19. Click Notes and Attachments (the Notes and Attachments sub-tab) to review or add new notes and attachments related to this bid response (offer).

Image: Create RFx Response Screen



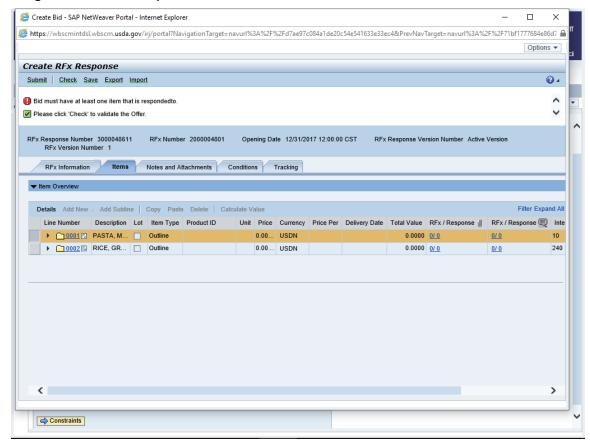
- 20. Review the Notes and Attachments that were entered for this bid invitation. In this example, there are Tendering text Header (Tendering text Header) and Questions) notes; and two attachments in the attachment section.
- **21.** Perform one of the following:

If	Then
The user needs to add Notes to the bid response for USDA to review	Perform the following:
Tor Gebrero	1. Click the link for the category of note to add.
	2. Enter notes for USDA.
	3. Click OK (the OK button) to save the notes.
The user needs to add Attachments to the bid response for USDA to review	Perform the following:
responde for Cobrette forter	1. Click Add Attachment (the Add Attachment button) in the Attachments section at the bottom of the screen.
	2. Click Browse (the Browse button).
	3. Locate the file and attach it.

If	Then
	4. Enter a description in the Description field.
	5. Click OK (the OK button) to attach the file.
There are no notes or attachments for USDA that require review	Go to step 22.

22. Click the Items tab) to open the items details screen and enter the bid response information.

Image: Create RFx Response Screen



23. Click Expand All link) to expand all line items.



(Note) On the next screen, pricing can be entered directly into the *Create RFx* screen or the entire bid invitation items list can be exported to an Excel spreadsheet where pricing can be entered, and then imported back into WBSCM. It is highly recommended to use the export/import feature to enter pricing, as it is a more efficient way to enter a large number of line items.

24. Perform one of the following:

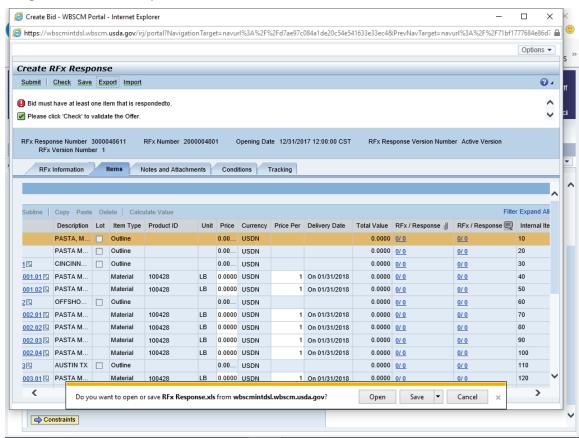
If	Then
The user needs to enter commodity pricing for a domestic bid response (offer) in Excel - recommended for large invitation responses to	Go to step 25.



If	Then
improve efficiency	
The user needs to enter commodity pricing for a domestic bid response directly into WBSCM	Go to step 46.

25. Click Export (the Export button) to export the line items to an Excel spreadsheet.

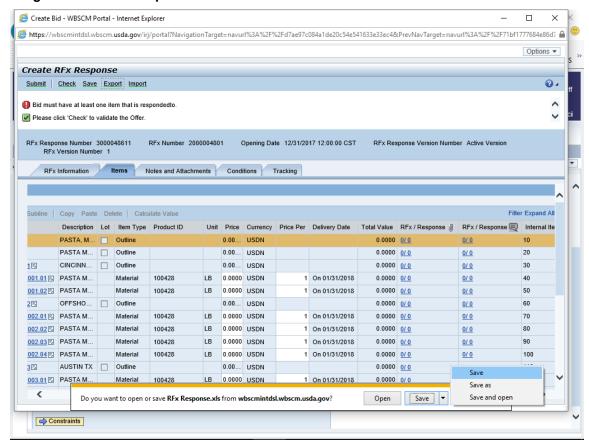
Image: Create RFx Response Screen



26. Click (the **Down** arrow on the **Save** button).



Image: Create RFx Response Screen

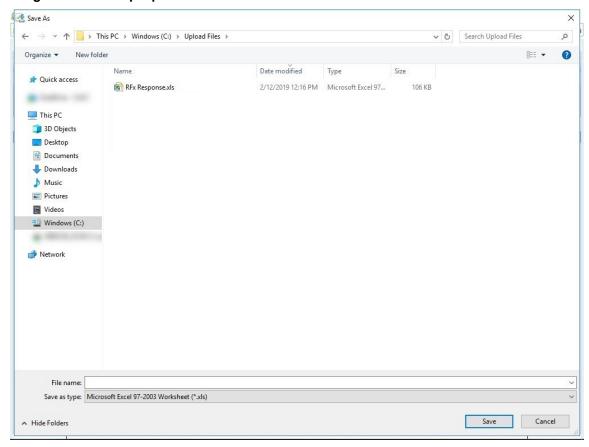


27. Click Save as option).



(Note) First, save the file, then open it to view the bid invitation in a worksheet format. **Do not** open the Excel file first or attempt to "Save as" while in Excel. The file format will not be correct.

Image: Save As Pop-Up



- 28. Select the location/folder in which to save the RFx items spreadsheet on a computer or hard drive. In this example, the **Upload Files** folder is selected. In this example, **RFx Response.xls** displays in the folder. This file will be renamed to align with the bid response (offer) number.
- **29.** As required, complete/review the following fields:

Field	R/O/C	Description
File name:	R	The name the file is to be saved as.
		Example: RFx 2000004801 Response.xls

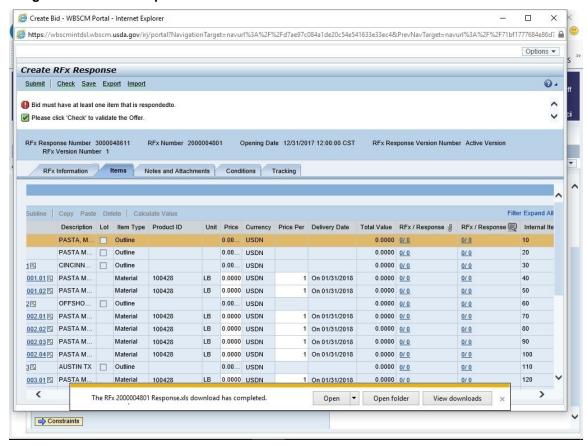


(Note) It is very important that the **Save as type** field is NOT changed. The file must be saved as the default type "Microsoft Excel 97-2003 Worksheet".

30. Click Save (the Save button).



Image: Create RFx Response Screen

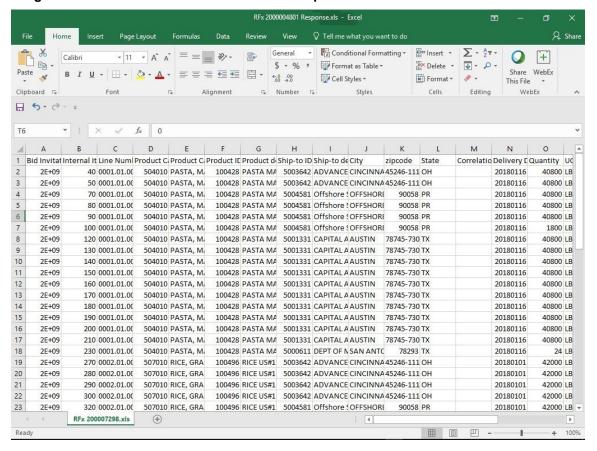


31. Click Open button) to open the **RFx Items** list in Excel or navigate to the folder where the file was saved and open the file from that location.



(Note) If a message appears indicating that the file format and extension of the downloaded file don't match, select **Yes** to continue.

Image: Microsoft Excel RFx 2000004801.xls Response Screen



32. The **RFx Item** list displays in Excel in which to enter prices for desired line items. DO NOT change, delete, or move any of the column headings; if the column headings have been changed, an error will be generated when importing the data back to WBSCM.

In this example, pricing will be entered for the items below:

- Row 2: PASTA MACARONI PLAIN ELBOW PKG-24/1 LB
- Row 3: PASTA MACARONI PLAIN ELBOW PKG-24/1 LB
- Row 4: PASTA MACARONI PLAIN ELBOW PKG-24/1 LB
- Row 5: PASTA MACARONI PLAIN ELBOW PKG-24/1 LB



(Note) Row 4 and 5 are **offshore location** items which prices can be entered directly on the Excel spreadsheet. For offshore line items, see below examples to enter the pricing:

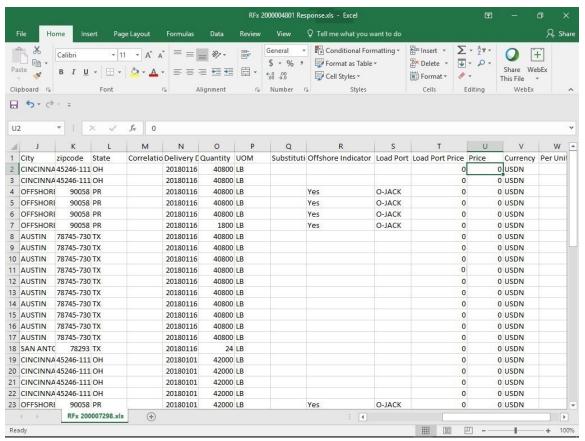
- Load Port Price (e.g., enter pricing for U.S. port location in Jacksonville, FL)
- Price (e.g., enter pricing to final destination at an offshore location in Hawaii)



(Note) For offshore locations, vendors can enter either the **Load Port Price**, or the **Price**, or both.

33. Click (the **Right** arrow) in the horizontal scrollbar to see the **Load Port Price** and **Price** columns

Image: Microsoft Excel RFx 2000004801.xls Response Screen



34. As required, complete/review the following fields:

Field	R/O/C	Description
Load Port Price	0	The delivered price per unit of measure to a U.S. port location.
		Example: 0.40
		(Note) The Load Port Price field should only be populated for offshore items.
Price	0	The price the vendor is willing to offer for the given product. The price is for one unit of the product.
		Example: 0.43
		(Note) The price is the delivered price per unit of measure to the final

Field	R/O/C	Description
		destination.
Correlation ID		An ID number which combines proposed orders with different ship-to locations to create a multistop order.
		(Note) The vendor must respond to all line items with the same Correlation ID number.

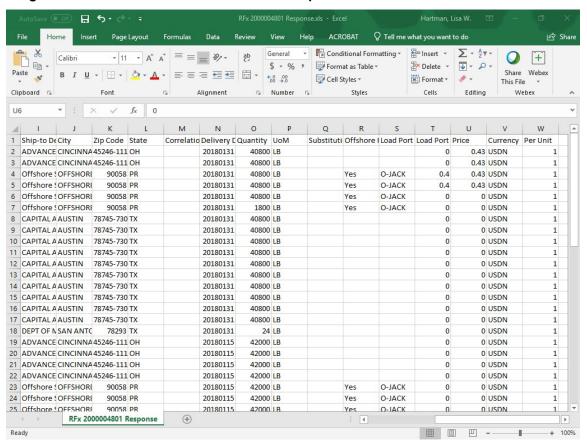


(Note) Complete the Load Port Price and Price for each row as appropriate.



(Note) For offshore pricing, the Offshore Indicator (column R) is set to Yes and the Load Port (column S) is populated with the U.S. port location. The **Load Port Price** (column T) is the delivered price per unit of measure to the U.S. port location. The **Price** (column U) is the delivered price per unit of measure to the final destination.

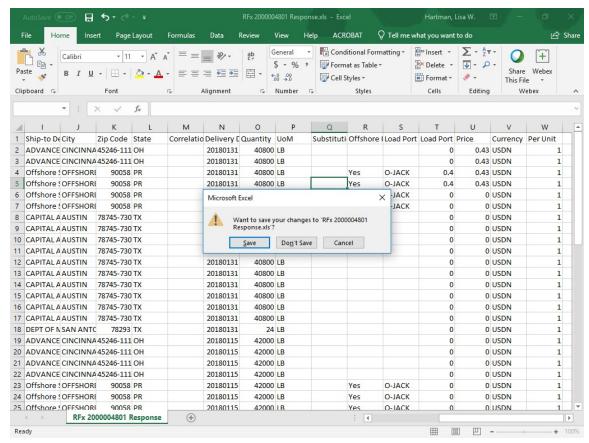
Image: Microsoft Excel RFx 2000004801.xls Response Screen



35. Click (Save button).

36. Click (the **Close** button) to close the Excel file.

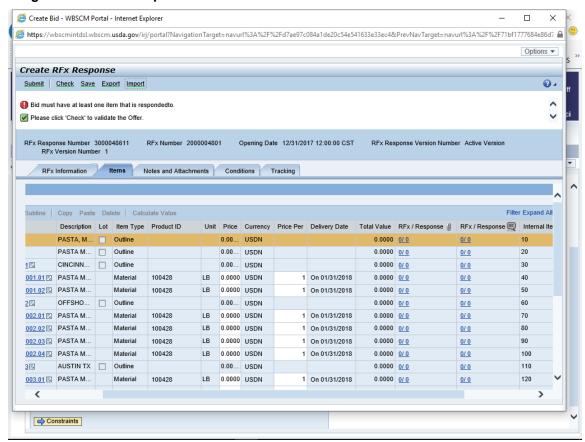
Image: Microsoft Excel RFx 2000004801.xls Response Screen



- 37. Click Don't Save option) since the file has already been saved.
- 38. Navigate back to the Create RFx Response Screen to import the changes back into WBSCM.



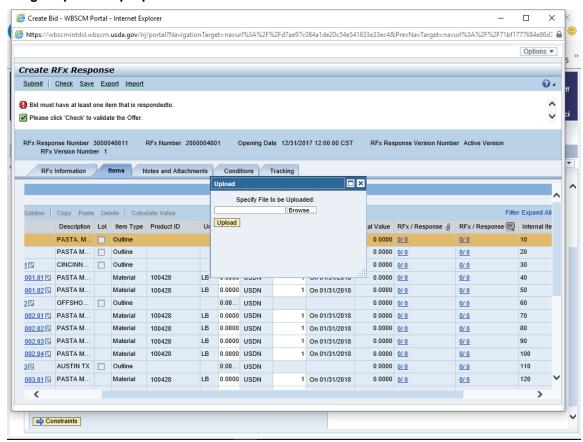
Image: Create RFx Response Screen



39. Click Import (the Import button) to import the domestic commodity pricing from Excel into the Create RFx Response screen.



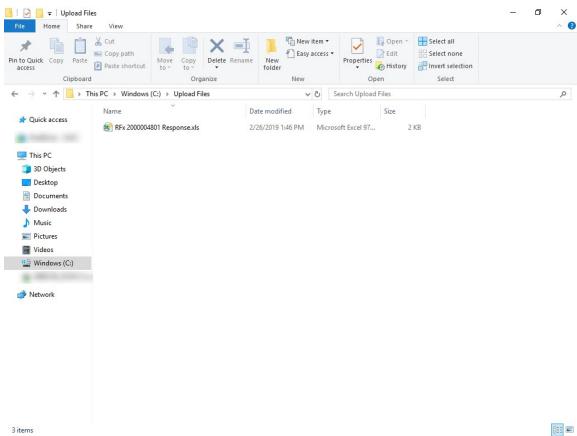
Image: Upload Pop-Up



40. Click Browse (the Browse button) to search for the Excel file.



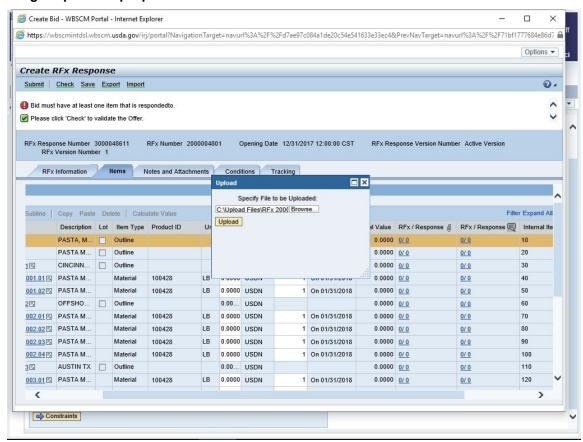
Image: Choose File to Upload Pop-Up



41. Double-click the file to be imported. In this example, RFx 2000004801 Response.xls (the RFx 2000004801 Response.xls file) is selected.



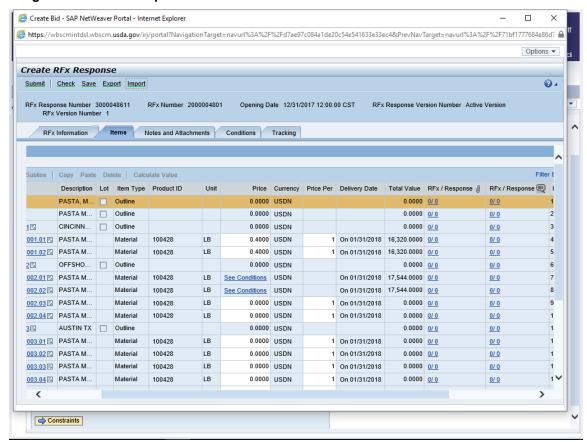
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42. Click Upload (the Upload button).

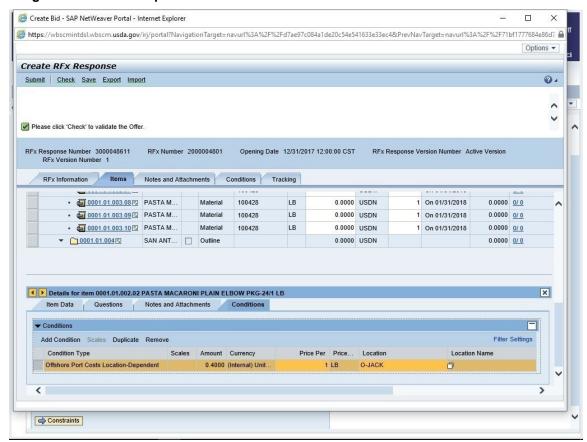


Image: Create RFx Response Screen



- 43. If applicable, click ✓ (the **Down** arrow) to scroll to the items for which pricing was entered in Excel. The pricing has been imported into the bid response in WBSCM and is displayed in the **Price** field. Any pricing that has been imported from Excel can be modified directly in WBSCM, if desired.
- 44. Click See Conditions (the See Conditions link) to review the entered offshore line item(s).

Image: Create RFx Response Screen



- **45.** Review the entered prices and edit if desired.
- **46.** Perform one of the following:

If	Then
The user needs to enter the FOB (mainland destination) price in WBSCM	Go to Step 47.
The user needs to enter a price for an offshore location in WBSCM	Go to Step 49.

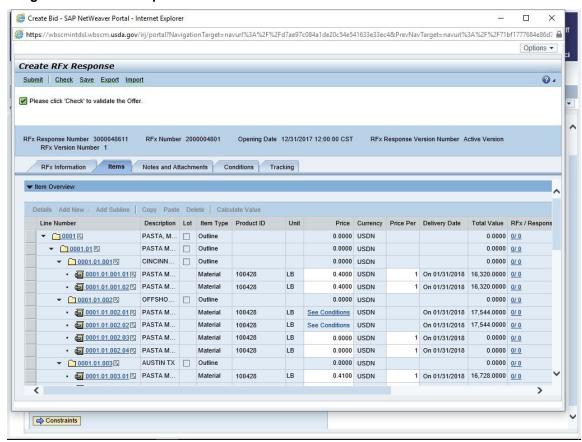
47. As required, complete/review the following fields:

Field	R/O/C	Description
Price		The price the vendor is willing to offer for the given product. The price is for one unit of the product. Example: .41

48. Continue entering pricing for all applicable domestic commodity items.

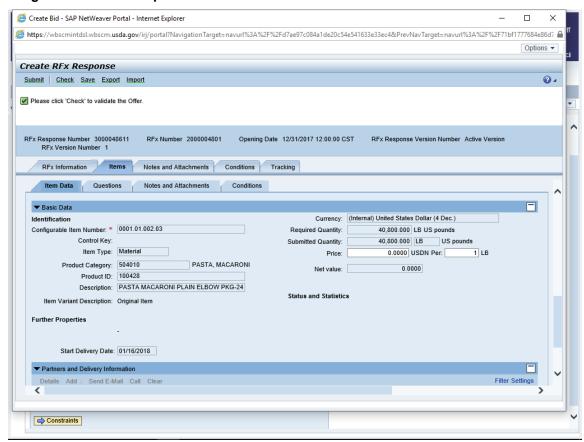


Image: Create RFx Response Screen



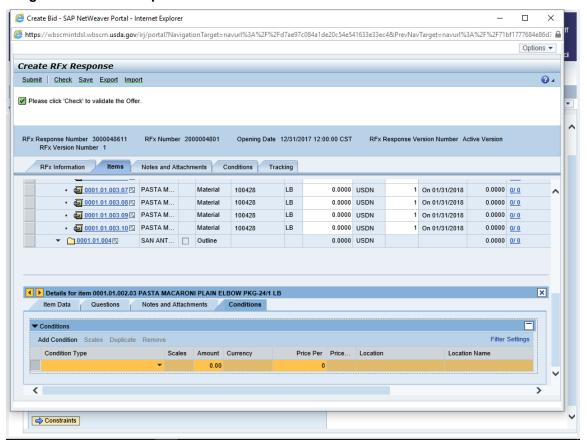
49. To enter pricing conditions for the offshore location, click the **Line Number** link for the commodity within the offshore outline. In this example, is selected. (0001.01.002.03)

Image: Create RFx Response Screen



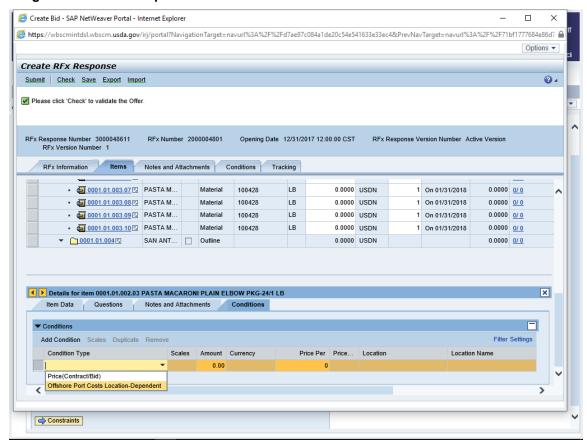
50. Click Conditions (the Conditions sub-tab) for the selected item.

Image: Create RFx Response Screen



51. Click (the **Dropdown** arrow) in the **ConditionType** field.

Image: Create RFx Response Screen

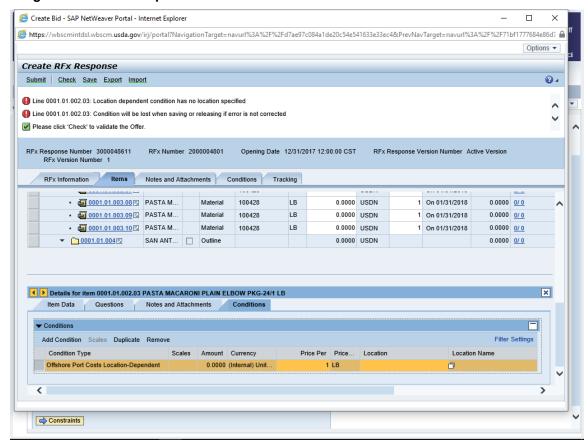


52. Select an option. In this example, Offshore Port Costs Location-Dependent Option) is selected. (the Offshore Port Costs Location-Dependent option)



(Note) The **Offshore Port Costs Location-Dependent** is the delivered price per unit of measure to a U.S. port location and the **Price(Contract/Bid)** Is the delivered price per unit of measure to the final destination. The Price(Contract/Bid) (**Price(Contract/Bid)** option) is used for the regular FOB destination offer price.

Image: Create RFx Response Screen

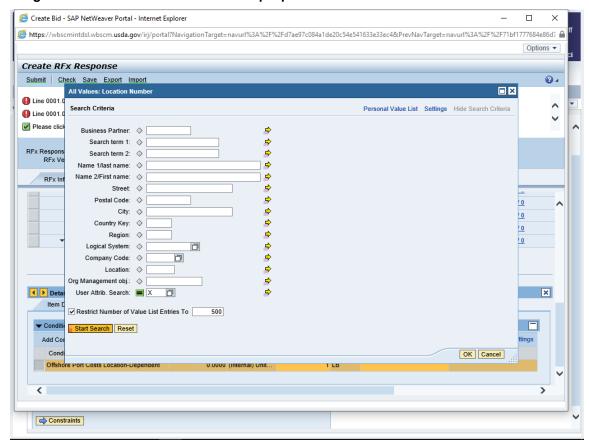


53. Click (the Matchcode button) in the Location field.



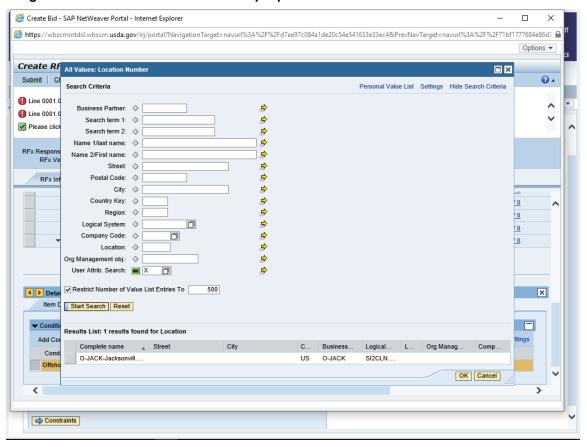
(Note) The matchcode icon appears when the user hovers the mouse over the **Location** field.

Image: All Values: Location Number Pop-Up



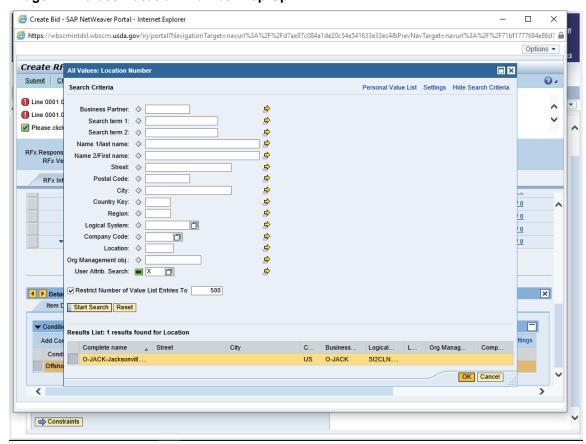
54. Click Start Search button) to execute the search.

Image: All Values Location: Number Pop-Up



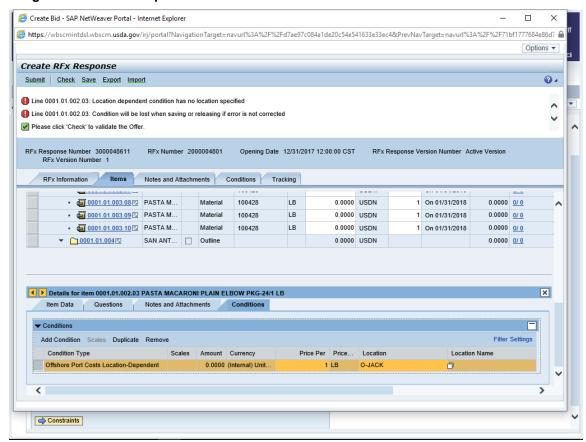
55. Click (the **Selection** button) to select an option from the search results. In this example, O-JACK-Jacksonvill... (O-JACK-Jacksonville) is selected.

Image: All Values Location: Number Pop-Up



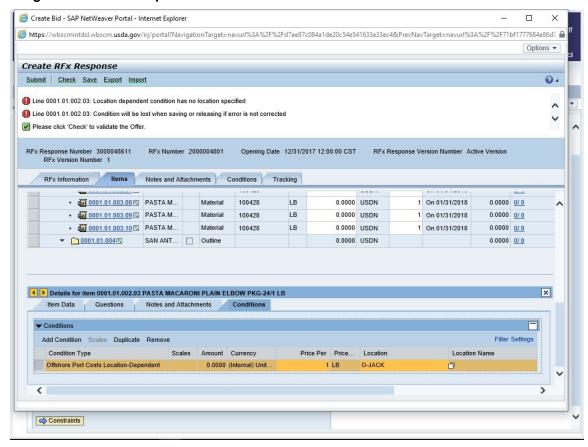
56. Click OK button) to confirm the selection.

Image: Create RFx Response Screen



57. Once the **Location** field is populated, click in the **Location** field and press the **Enter** key to populate the **Location Name** field and activate the **Amount** field to enter the offshore pricing.

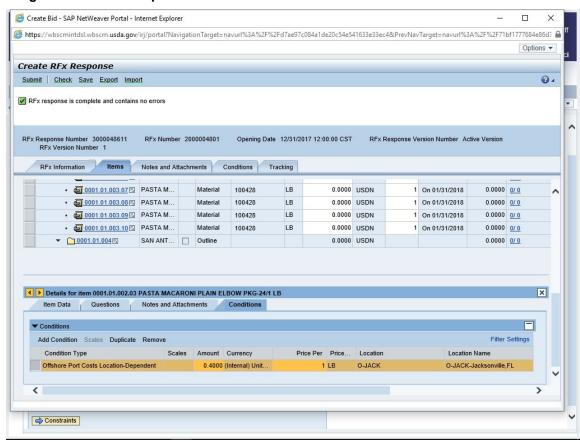
Image: Create RFx Response Screen



58. As required, complete/review the following fields:

Field	R/O/C	Description
Amount	R	Amount in US Dollars (USD).
		Example: 0.40
		(Note) In this example, the Amount field represents the offshore port price per unit.

Image: Create RFx Response Screen



59. Click Submit (the Submit button) to begin the submission process. The confirmation message "RFx response 30000XXXXX saved. Submit the vendor response to complete the process" is shown.



(Note) If the vendor would like to check for errors prior to clicking button), click the **Check** button). Errors are displayed at the top of the screen.



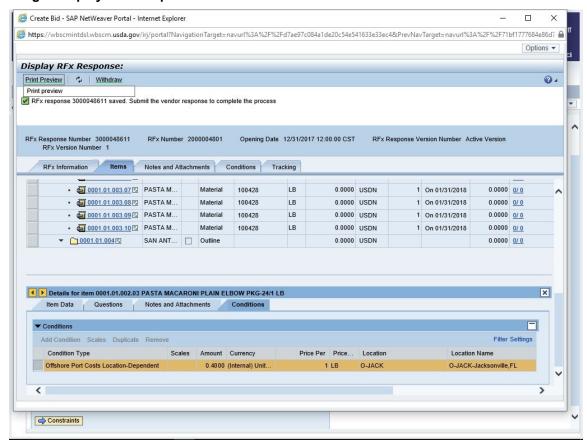
(Note) This step is NOT the final submission. The bid response (offer) is not submitted to USDA at this point.



(Note) A vendor that is not registered for a commodity will see an error message: "Vendor [ABC] is not permitted for Item No : [XYZ]". The vendor may bid on an invitation for that commodity, but cannot be awarded until they have updated their vendor registration. Contact the WBSCM Helpdesk for assistance.



Image: Display RFx Response: Screen

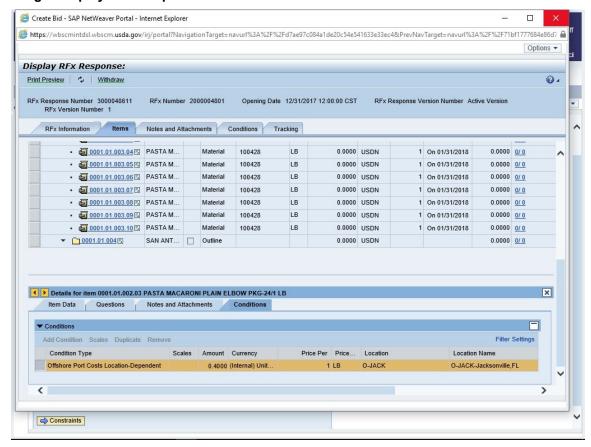


- 60. Click Print Preview button).
- 61. Click Print preview (the Print Preview option) to open the bid response (offer) as a PDF file.

Image: RFx Response PDF RFx Response.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Reader DC <u>File Edit View Window Help</u> ? Sign In Home Tools RFx Response.pdf × SI2 Solicitation Information Description: 12-3J14-18-S-0031 Number: 2000004801 Vendor Response: 7000026085-000 /3000048611 Response Status: New OFFER RESPONSE **Domestic Commodity Invitation** Vendor Plant1 Offer Response Overview Date Created: 12/04/2017 100919 CST Created By: CACIW0001 - wbscm caci OFFER FOR PLANT 1 Bid Label: Additional Requested Information: 1. SF-1449 - YES Permitted Values: 2. Food Safety Modernization Act No 3. DUNS and Business Size Standard Enter respon 4. System for Award Management (SAM) 4a. SAM Representations and Certifications <u>∕Ent</u>er response 5. Amendments to Solicitation Enter response 6. Timely Deliveries HAVE NOT BEEN DELIVERED

62. Print the PDF document and click (the **Close** button) to close the PDF screen.

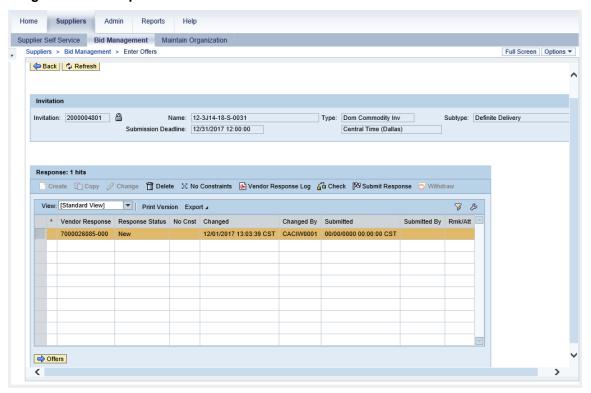
Image: Display RFx Response: Screen



63. Click (the Close button) to close the Display RFx Response screen.



Image: Vendor Response Screen



64. Click Offers button) to enter constraints.



(Note) A vendor can specify constraints by clicking offers (the **Offers** button). If the vendor has no constraints, No Constraints (the **No Constraints** button) must be clicked.

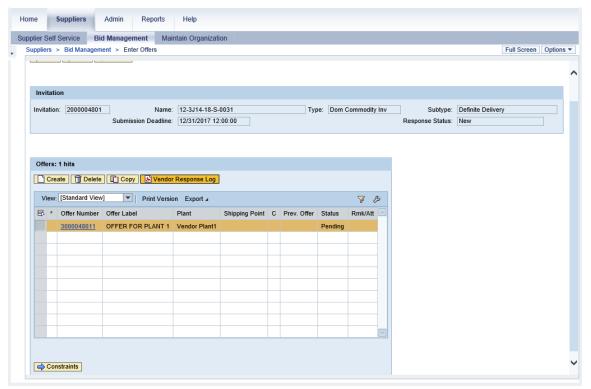


(Note) Use the column **Rmk/Att** (Remark/Attachment) to the right to identify the type of remark or attachment entered at the item and/or header level.

H = Header level remarks, **I** = Item level remarks, and **A** = Attachments (item or header level)



Image: Offers Screen



65. Click Constraints (the Constraints button) to open the Constraints screen.

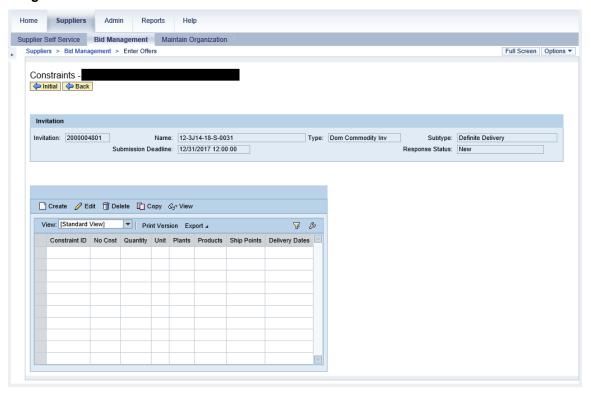


(Note) If there are multiple offers for which the constraint is applicable, those offers must be selected by using the **CTRL** key.



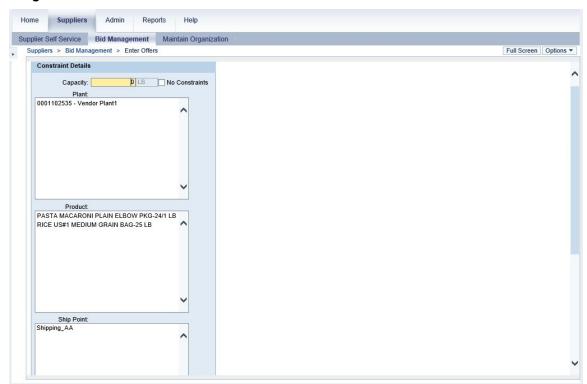
(Note) The bid/offer must be in **Pending** status in order to be successfully submitted. If it is in "Created" status, it hasn't been submitted.

Image: Constraints Screen



66. Click Create button) to create the constraint document.

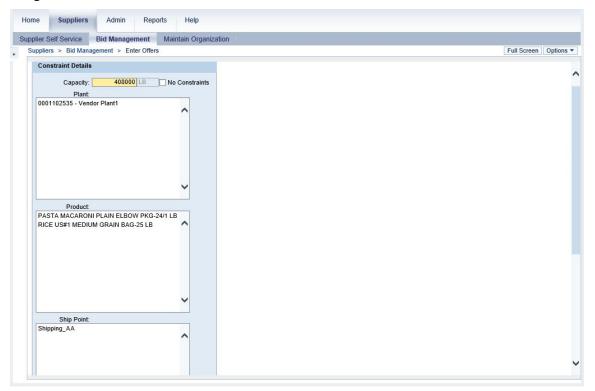
Image: Constraint Details Screen



67. As required, complete/review the following fields:

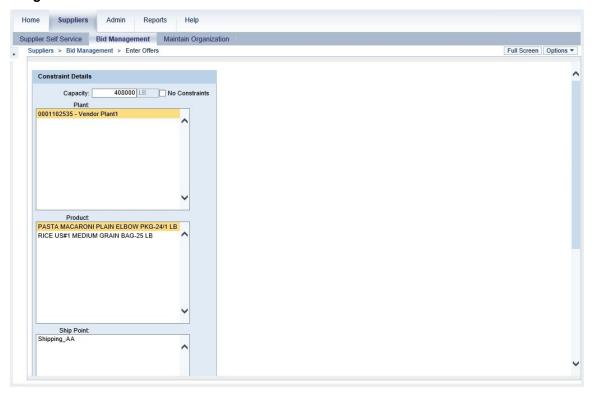
Field	R/O/C	Description
Capacity:	R	The maximum amount of the quantity possible for a vendor to produce for USDA.
		Example: 408000

Image: Constraint Details Screen



68. Select an option in the Plant: field. In this example, 0001102535 - Vendor Plant1 (0001102535 - Vendor Plant1) is selected.

Image: Constraint Details Screen

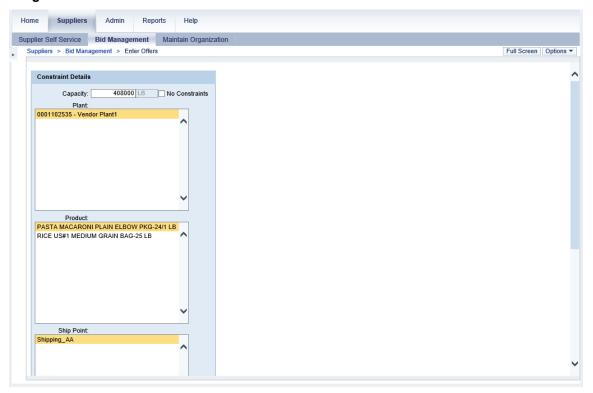


69. Select a product in the **Product:** field. In this example, **PASTA MACARONI PLAIN ELBOW PKG-24/1 LB** is selected.



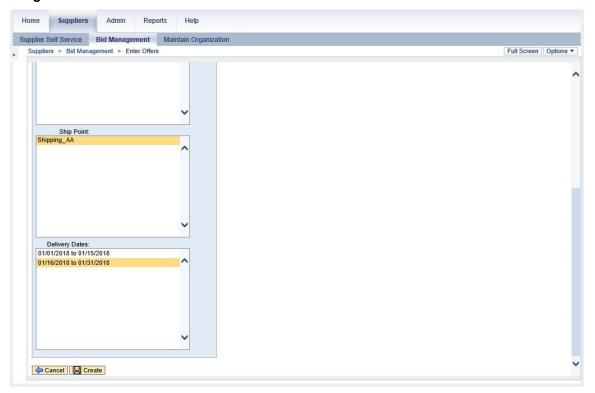
(Note) If there are multiple products to select in the **Product** field, press and hold the **CTRL** key and select another product.

Image: Constraint Details Screen



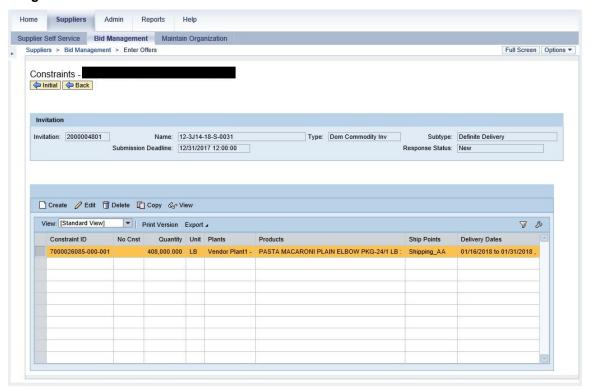
- **70.** Select an option in the **Ship Point:** field. In this example, Shipping_AA option) is selected.
- **71.** Click **Y** (the **Down** arrow) in the vertical scrollbar to scroll to the bottom of the page.

Image: Constraint Details Screen



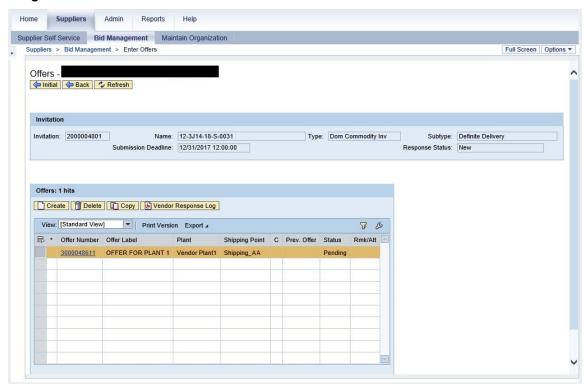
- 72. Click in the **Delivery Dates:** field to select an option. In this example, **01/16/2018 to 01/31/2018** is selected.
- 73. Click Create button) to save the constraint details.

Image: Constraints Screen



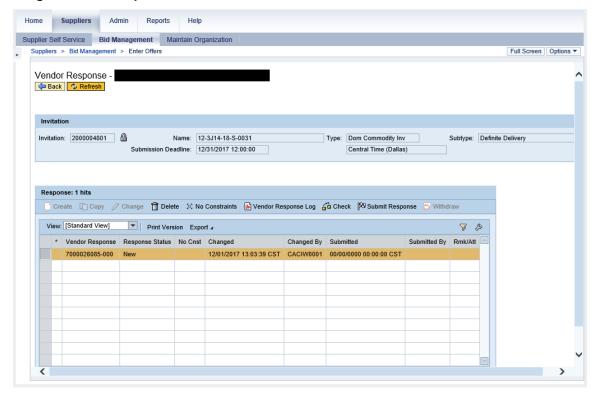
74. Click Back button) to return to the Offers screen.

Image: Offers Screen



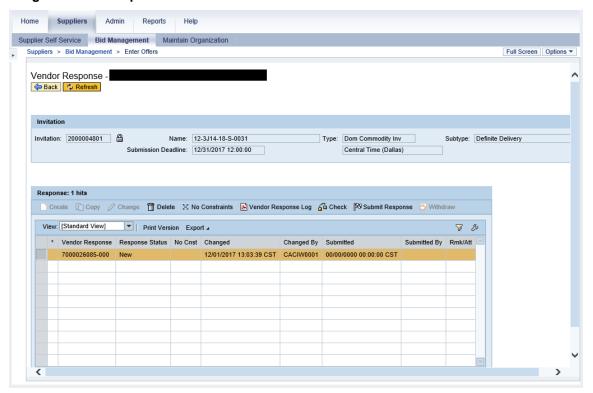
75. Click Back button) to return to the Vendor Response screen.

Image: Vendor Response Screen



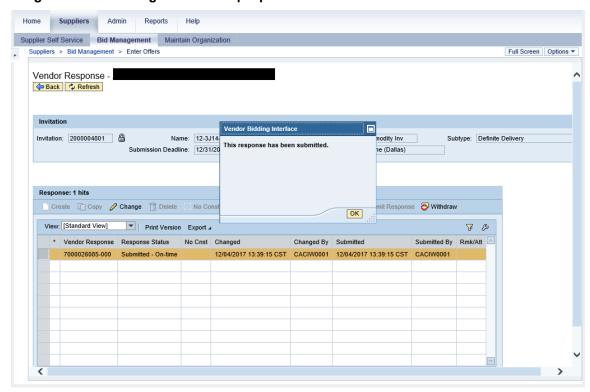
76. Click Check button) to run validations on the bid response (offer) and constraint package.

Image: Vendor Response Screen



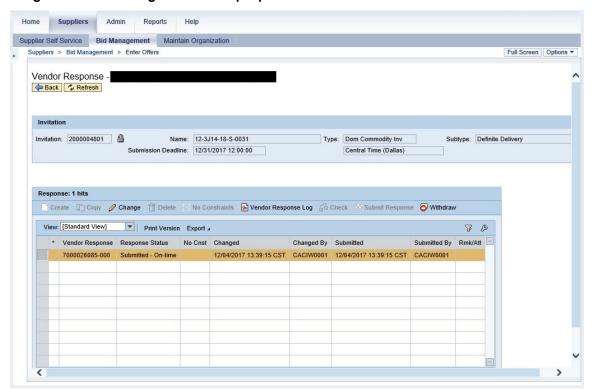
77. Click Submit Response (the Submit Response button) to send the response to USDA.

Image: Vendor Bidding Interface Pop-Up



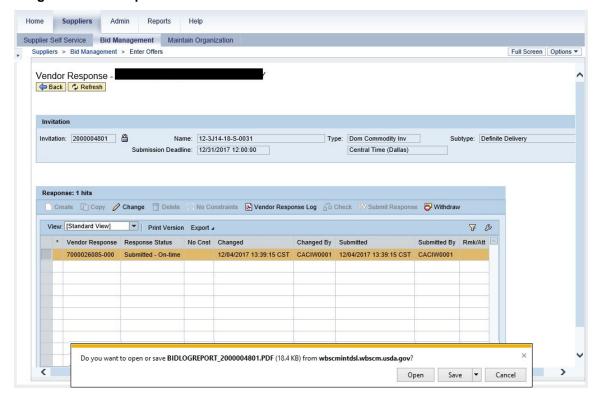
78. Click OK button) to close the confirmation message:

Image: Vendor Bidding Interface Pop-Up



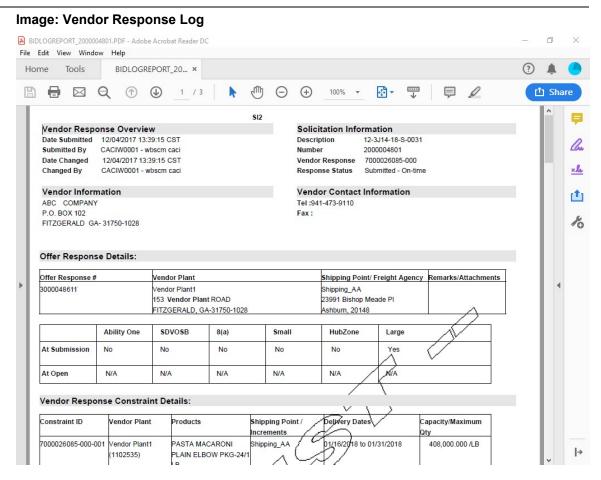
- **79.** Confirm the **Response Status** column for the vendor response states **"Submitted On-time"**. This status confirms the response was submitted to USDA.
- 80. Click Click (the Vendor Response Log button) for alternative confirmation that the bid was submitted to USDA.

Image: Vendor Response Screen



81. Click Open button).





82. Review the bid response log to confirm the bid was submitted to USDA on time. In this example, **3000048611** displays in the **Offer Response #** field, and the **Response Status** field displays **Submitted - On-time**.



(Note) The vendor response log displays all offers that have been submitted by the vendor.

83. The transaction is complete.



RESULT

A Domestic Bid Response (Offer) has been created and submitted directly into WBSCM or exported and entered into a spreadsheet and then imported back into WBSCM.