

**EXHIBIT 6 - QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE  
CONTRACTORS SELLING COMMODITIES TO USDA AGRICULTURAL  
MARKETING SERVICE**

**March 2017**

**I.** Facilities used in fulfilling USDA contracts require a Food Defense Audit. All audits must be completed prior to the bids due date of February 9, 2021. Facilities that are not operating under an AMS approved Food Defense Plan will be deemed non-responsive.

**II.** See web address below for full requirements.

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/NewVendorQualificationRequirements2017.pdf>