

**EXHIBIT 1 – ITEM DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR  
FROZEN GROUND BISON**

The product must be produced in accordance with Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) regulations and/or applicable state inspection and this Item Description and Requirements (IDR).

**A. Background:** AMS plans to purchase traditional foods to be distributed to Federal food assistance program recipients that participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. Specifically, ground bison will be procured directly from Tribal producers for direct delivery to Tribal organizations thereby providing a source of lean, high-quality protein while respecting food sovereignty.

**B. Requirements:**

- 1) Household size lean, frozen ground bison that is the same as is available in the commercial marketplace.
- 2) “Lean” is defined as an average fat content of less than 10 percent. The contractor shall affirm that delivered product meets the threshold through its internal testing programs.
- 3) All ground bison shall be frozen to an internal temperature of  $\leq 0^{\circ}\text{F}$  and maintained at this threshold through distribution.
- 4) Every lot (~2,000 lbs.) of boneless bison and sub-lot ( $\leq 10,000$  lbs.) of ground bison shall be tested for *E. coli* O157:H7, *Salmonella*, and indicator microorganisms (aerobic plate count, total coliform, and generic *E. coli*) following AMS requirements. **NOTE: As determined by AMS, the lot and sub-lot sizes may need to be adjusted based on vendor production capacities.**
- 5) Product must be delivered within 120 days of production date.
- 6) Pack size minimum of 1 lb. chub and not to exceed a 2.5 lb. chub.
- 7) "Best-if-used-by" Date is at least 365 calendar days from the date of production.