



United States Department of Agriculture

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USDA CATFISH PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced plans to purchase un-breaded raw catfish fillets (110390) for Federal food and nutrition assistance programs.

A conference call, to discuss this opportunity with interested suppliers, will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 2:30 pm EST (1:30 pm CST). The conference call-in number is 1-888-844-9904; the access code is 1801764#.

An Invitation for Bid (solicitation) will be issued in the fall. The solicitation will be issued for deliveries January 1, 2015, through June 30, 2015. All proposals must be submitted electronically through the Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) website at <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=WBSCM>. Offers submitted by any means other than WBSCM will be considered non-responsive.

Offerors are urged to review all documents as they pertain to this program, including the AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements, dated April 2014; Supplement 511 to the AMS Master Solicitation for the Purchase of Catfish Products, dated April 2014; and the Qualification Requirements for Prospective Vendors, dated June 2014. These documents are available on the AMS Commodity Procurement website at www.ams.usda.gov/commoditypurchasing.

Offerors must read all terms of the applicable Solicitation when it is issued. To receive electronic (e-mail) notification of the issuance of these solicitations, see the "Subscribe to AMS CP News (link)" available on the AMS Commodity Procurement website. Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-4517 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS Commodity Procurement Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0239, Washington, DC 20250-0256.

An electronic version of this Purchase Announcement can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/commoditypurchasing>