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Information

Description: **AG-INAP-S-15-0005**
Bid invitation number: **2000003035**
Purchasing Group: **FSA-Intl Packaged**

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Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone:	Central Time
Start Date:	11/13/2014 16:00:00
Offer Due Date :	11/20/2014 09:00:00
Opening date:	11/20/2014 09:00:00
Invitation Type :	Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

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Super Cereal Plus (SCP) commodity requirements document can be found at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/scp1.pdf

The following requirements are in addition to the SCP1 CRD and are specific to this invitation:

1. Part 1, D. Regarding Super Cereal Plus formula, the 58.17 percent cornmeal should be derived from de-hulled white or yellow corn as indicated in Part 1, B of Super Cereal Plus CRD.
2. Start-up Run. This is a preparatory run in which the supplier develops baseline data on composition, microbiology, operator training, grading table (sensory analysis) and all calibrations necessary before running at full capacity. This would avoid massive production during the fine-tuning of the system. During this trial-type run, the supplier must run all the analyticals required in the CRD and ensure that the facility is capable of producing the product. At the beginning of this phase, FGIS must be present to conduct a sanitation inspection of the production facility and provide guidance on statistical sampling procedures. Offerors must factor the cost of this visit into their bid price. Additionally, suppliers not currently conducting business with FGIS will have to establish an account through the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) or prepay for all services. Contact information for FGIS personnel is as follows:

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Also during this phase, the purchaser (any or multiple representatives of USDA/FGIS, USAID and/or WFP) may choose to be present. If the purchaser does not attend during the start-up phase, data generated during this phase shall be shared with the purchaser. The data will include inspection certificates from an independent laboratory facility like FGIS or a lab mutually agreeable to FSA and USAID for the testing required in tables 3 and 4 of SCP1. A start-up run is not necessary when the supplier has produced the same product, in the same facility, within the previous three months, as microbiology and production baseline data should have been alreadydeveloped. Product resulting from start-up may or may not be for delivery under the contract, depending on the level of defects, quality assurance compliance, and presence of on-site FGIS inspection personnel. Decision on acceptability of start-up product will bemade by the contracting officer, using inputs from USAID, USDA and the vendor. Full production may continue if start-up initial assessment indicates that adequate process/packaging and food safety capability exists to comply with product specifications.

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3. Production Phase. During production of Super Cereal Plus, continuous on-site presence of FGIS inspectors is not required. However, purchasers will continue monitoring food safety and quality through micronutrient and microbiology indicators. FGIS and the supplier shall agree on a sampling plan. Supplier will perform the sampling and ship samples to Kansas City FGIS lab. Samples will bedone in a per-lot-basis, defining a lot as a day of production or 110 metric tons, whichever is achieved first.

4. Quality and Food Safety Monitoring Parameters. For Super Cereal Plus production, the key micronutrients to be monitored throughindependent third party testing on a per-lot basis are Vitamin A and Iron for micronutrient stability, and Coliform and Salmonella for microbiological compliance. Supplier is expected to perform all other analytical requirements indicated in Table 4, internally,on a lot by lot basis and provide CoAs for these requirements. Annually, however, the USG can require comprehensive, independent third-party testing as indicated in tables 3 and 4 of SCP1. It is also expected that the supplier will apply a continuous environmental monitoring program (PEM), based on appropriate and validated HACCP and zoning programs. Any third party testing should be done through FGIS' lab or an agreed upon ISO17025-certified lab. For microbiology, the following sampling and methods shall be used:

Microbiological Coliforms (cfu/g) Test:
IC/SU = I/25; n = 1; c = 0; m = 10; M = 10; /Unit = /g; Method = AOAC 2005.03

Microbiological Salmonella (cfu/25g) Test:
IC/SU = C/25; n = 10; c = 0; m = 0; M = 0; /Unit = /250g; Method = AACC 42-25B

5. Section 2.2 Containers and Materials: In addition to what is established in the SCP1 CRD, primary packaging (bags) and shipping containers (cases) should be of adequate strength for export handling practices and stacking up to three (3) meters high. Primary packaging should be resilient enough to withstand a load of 10 bags per box. There shall be no zipper in primary packaging, as there is no data indicating necessity or benefits in the field of a re-sealable 1.5 kg bag. Bags should be placed into cases in such a manner as to ensure bag-to-bag contact does not cause packaging and/or packing defects. Shipping containers shall be robust enough toresist typical handling, transportation and stacking. If necessary, vendors are allowed to re-enforce boxes by either strengtheningthe carton corners or by inserting a plastic liner or both. If by loading 10, 1.5kg-bags in a carton, expansion of secondary packaging is necessary, vendor should agree with purchaser for adequate modifications which would not impact the quality of product or thehandling of same. Primary packaging shall not have any other branding other that government branding.

6. Table 4, number 12, Iron. The acceptable range is 8 - 21 mg/100g.

7. Potassium requirements: The 140 mg of potassium per 100 grams of product indicated in Table 2 of CRD is meant to serve as reference in the premix preparation. This level of potassium from the premix is expected in the finished product. However, understanding that there might be intrinsic potassium in the raw components of the products, and mindful that there might be variation in the order of 40-60% throughout the food chain, for analytical purpose (Table 4) it will be allowed an upper limit of 1499 mg of total potassium (including intrinsic content) per 100 grams of finished product, of which at least 140 mg must come from premix source. If required by purchaser, suppler shall share data regarding potassium levels from the premix source in total potassium in finished product.

8. Table 4, number 15, total aflatoxin is 5 ppb.

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For RUTF/RUST contracts, On-site AMS Inspection: For new suppliers that have not produced successfully for USAID previously, an inspector from the USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) shall be on-site during any or all periods of production, and will perform verification inspections in accordance with the CID and contract requirement. For current suppliers who have been producing either RUSF or RUTF for USAID, UNICEF, or WFP, which have successfully gone through a start-up process with USAID, it will not be necessary to have USDA/AMS inspectors on site. Suppliers will be required, however, to provide corresponding COAs and perform inspections in compliance with the CID and this solicitation. In addition, suppliers are required to submit samples for USDA/AMS testing for Salmonella and Enterobacteriaecae (EB) testing for microbiology monitoring and also samples for Vitamin A and Iron for continuous micronutrient monitoring. The government will conduct at least one audit (announced or unannounced) per year or as many times as necessary depending on supplier quality and food safety performance. For sampling purposes, the supplier shall collect 25 pouches for salmonella testing throughout the production lot, and representative of the lot. For EB, 10 pouch individual samples shall be taken throughout the production lot, and representative of the lot. For Vitamin A and Iron testing, the sample shall be a one pound composite comprised of enough individual pouches selected to be representative of the lot, to provide the necessary composite weight. For these four tests, a lot is defined as consisting of up to 5 continuous days of production. Samples must be labeled accordingly, including details such as lot number, run time and production line. Samples must be sent to the USAID laboratory in Gastonia, NC for analysis and results should be available for release of product within a timeframe that would not generate unnecessary delays in the procurement process. The USDA/AMS Gastonia laboratory will test the 10 EB samples individually and use pooling techniques for the testing of the samples for salmonella. The USDA/AMS laboratory will bill the contractor for the testing services.

For SCI Division In-Plant Inspection Service:
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All contractors will be required to furnish an in-plant pre-award survey or have evidence of an AMS survey that has taken place within the last year. This survey must meet the Quality Assurance Provisions found in the RUTF CID Section 11. Quality Assurance Provisions 11.2.1.

Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) Commercial Item Description (CID) A-A-20363B can be found at:

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The CID A-A-20363B has been amended for this solicitation and includes the following changes:

1. Section. 5.3.7 Stability. The Type I, RUTF spread, shall be stable at temperatures ranging from -15 to 49℃ (5 to 120℉). There shall be no more than slight oil separation throughout the shelf life of the product. Either partially hydrogenated (trans) fattyacids may be used, at < 3%, or a limited (< 3%) portion of saturated (dry) fat for the strict purpose of stabilization of the paste in a way that oil separation is reduced to a minimum at time of consumption.

2. Section 5.4. Finished Product. Normally, because processing/packaging equipment need to be calibrated, workers may need additional training and there may have been changes in specifications, plants shall exhaust a start-up period before beginning full production. This period, determined in length and production volume by the vendor, is intended to fine-tune processing/packaging lines, workers, equipment, etc. running at minimum capacity, before producing massively. A start-up baseline set of data is necessary whether it is for microbiology sampling (to determine hot-spots, frequency, etc.) as indicated in Section 6.1 of RUTF CID, product attributes (average weight, consistency, etc.), packaging and personnel training; as indicated in Section 5 of RUTF CID. These data include CoAs for the testing required in section 5.4 of the RUTF CID. The plant should factor this into their production cost. Start-up run however is not necessary when the supplier has produced the same product, in the same facility, within the previous three months, has microbiology and production baseline data should have been already developed. Technical representatives from USDA, USAID, WFPor any other stakeholder can opt to participate in the start-up phase in coordination with vendor. Start-up data will provide information on plant processing/equipment capability, which will make subsequent quality assurance monitoring easier, whether there is anAMS inspector on site or not. Product resulting from start-up may or may not be for delivery under the contract, depending on thelevel of defects, quality assurance compliance, and presence of on-site AMS inspection personnel. Decision on product acceptability of start-up product will be made by the contracting officer, using inputs from USAID, USDA and the vendor. Full production may continue if start-up initial assessment indicates that adequate process/packaging and food safety capability exists to comply with product specifications.

3. Section 6.1 Proximate and microbiological testing requirements.
a. For C. sakazakii control, monitoring shall be done through Enterobacteriaceae testing of finished product. The tolerance is < = 10 cfu/g (determined by testing 10 individual samples per lot with a limit of 2 samples not meeting < = 10cfu/g). Maximum allowable for human consumption product for the 2 out of spec samples shall be < = 100cfu/g). If out of spec samples exceed the 2 samples limit, specific pathogen testing for C. sakazakii is required.
b. Testing methodology for C. sakazakii should comply with Codex Standard (CAC/RCP 66 - 2008) for infant food (Negative in 25g as determined by testing 25 individual samples per lot).
c. Vendor should have as part of its quality assurance program a well-defined corrective action plan if/when positive pathogen testing is obtained.
d. Salmonella testing shall be performed on finished product. 25 pouches of finished product representative of the lot shall be pooled-tested for Salmonella. Results are required to be negative in 25g (determined by growing 25 samples (25 g each), so 625g of sample needs to be evaluated). Pooling is allowed if laboratory has the capability, as it is a class 2 plan).
e. For the purpose of sampling size, a lot shall not be greater than 110 metric tons in a day, or a week of production, if daily lot size is less than 110MT, or as determined in the Food Safety and Quality Protocol

defined by the vendor for traceability and labeling.
f. During the start-up run, the contractor will sample, test, and provide certificates of analysis (CoAs) for all required testing indicated in RUTF CID Section 6.1. USDA/AMS will separately sample and test the same lot for all of the same 6.1 microbiological andproximate analyses as well as carry out the Enterobacteriaceae and Salmonella tests. USDA/AMS and Vendor's CoAs are to be comparedas part of the start-up validation process. Based on this comparison, USDA and USAID will decide whether AMS needs to conduct any testing on subsequent lots other than the EB and salmonella tests. A discrepancy in Vendor's CoA and AMS' CoA does not mean a reason to reject product but a guideline to improve food safety and quality procedures.
g. Once start-up run has been carried out and conditions and capabilities have been validated, the government will be testing finished product for EB and Salmonella. The contractor shall only have to provide Certificate of
h. Tests for Aflatoxin M and Melamine are incorporated into final product testing and should be carried out by vendor.
i. Clostridium tolerance should be corrected: Clostridium (sulfite reducing anaerobes) Less than 100 CFU/g).

Section 6.2. Product verification. There shall be 25 25g-individual samples taken for salmonella (625 g total). Results are required to be negative in 25g (determined by growing 25 samples (25 g each), so 625 g of sample needs to be evaluated). Pooling is allowed if laboratory has the capability, as it is a class 2 plan). For EB, 10 individual samples shall be taken per lot. If practicalfor the laboratory, it is acceptable to use 10 of the samples selected for Salmonella testing for Enterobacteriaecae testing. The Government will perform this sampling and testing on each production lot.

4. Section 7.1. Pouch Requirement: In addition to what is established in RUTF CID, primary packaging (pouches) and shipping containers (cases) should be of adequate strength for typical handling practices and staking up to three (3) meter high. Dimensions of the pouch should allow for a product content of 92g per pouch. Primary packaging should be resilient enough to withstand a load of 150 pouches per box. Pouches should be placed into cases in such a manner as to ensure pouch-to-pouch contact does not cause packaging and/or packing defects. Shipping containers shall be robust enough to resist typical handling, transportation and stacking. If necessary, vendors are allowed to re-enforce boxes by either strengthening the carton corners or by inserting a plastic liner or both. If by loading 150, 92g-pouches in a carton, expansion of secondary packaging is necessary, vendor should agree with purchaser foradequate modifications which would not impact the quality of product or the handling of same. As part of the labeling, individual pouches should include production date, lot information, best if consumed by date, as well as contract numbers and code for traceability purposes. Primary packaging shall not have any other branding other that government branding.

5. Section 11.4. On-site AMS Inspection: An inspector from the USDA. Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) may be on-site during any or all periods of production. The AMS inspector will monitor all aspects of production and sanitation, including pre-operationalsanitation checks. In reference to the Commodity Requirement Document, RUTF1 Exhibit A, page 9, for this solicitation, the nutritional facts may be inserted as a leaflet or circular in the secondary shipping case in place of printing the information directly on the pouch. The styles and artwork are illustrative and can be sized to work with the vendor's primary and secondary packaging. Pouches shall have contract numbers and codes that assure traceability of each lot and pouch. Codes must be approved by contracting officer as part of purchasing contract. Only branding will be USAID standard markings and logo. No individual vendor name or address shall be approved on packages.

Ready to Use Supplementary Food

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All contractors will be required to furnish an in-plant pre-award survey or have evidence of an AMS survey that has taken place within the last year. This survey must meet the Quality Assurance Provisions found in the RUSF CID Section 12. Quality Assurance Provisions 12.2.2.

Ready-to-Use Supplementary Food (RUSF) Commercial Item Description (CID) A-A-20362 can be found at:

http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/getfile?dDocName= stelprdc5103932

The CID A-A-20362 has been amended for this solicitation and includes the following changes:

1. Paragraph 6.1.2 Energy content. The energy content of the RUSF shall be 500-550kcal per 100g. Proteins shall account for 13 to 20g per 100 g of product. Lipids shall account for 15 to 36 g per 100 g of product. Canola oil is preferred oil. Either partiallyhydrogenated (trans) fatty acids may be used, at < 3%, or a limited (< 3%) portion of saturated (dry) fat for the strict purpose ofstabilization of the paste in a way that oil separation is reduced to a minimum at time of consumption.

2. Paragraph 6.1.3 Protein content. Vendors (not dairy ingredient manufacturers) must certify that the final product is melamine and aflatoxin M free and shall provide a Certificate of Analysis (CoA) to the purchaser.

3. Table I. Nutrient requirements per 100 grams Footnote 11: Total phosphorus should be calculated taking just 30% of phosphorus from plant sources to take the poor bio-availability of phosphorus into account.

4. Sodium Chloride should not be added to the premix or the product. It has been removed from the table but information on sodium content should be on the nutritional labeling.

5. Paragraph 6.4. Finished Product. Normally, because processing/packaging equipment need to be calibrated, workers may need additional training and there may have been changes in specifications, plants shall exhaust a start-up period before beginning full production. This period, determined in length and production volume by the vendor, is intended to fine-tune processing/packaging lines, workers, equipment, etc. running at minimum capacity, before producing massively. A start-up baseline set of data is necessary whether it is for microbiology sampling (to determine hot-spots, frequency, etc.) as indicated in Section 7.1 of RUSF CID, product attributes (average weight, consistency, etc.), packaging and personnel training; as indicated in Section 5 of RUSF CID. These data include CoAs for the testing required in section 7.1 of the CID. The plant should factor this into their production cost. Start-up runis not necessary when the supplier has produced the same product, in the same facility, within the previous three months, has microbiology and production baseline data should have been already developed. Technical representatives from USDA, USAID, WFP or any other stakeholder can opt to participate in the start-up phase in coordination with vendor. Start-up data will provide information on plant processing/equipment capability, which will make subsequent quality assurance monitoring easier, whether there is an AMS inspector onsite or not. Product resulting from start-up may or may not be for delivery under the contract, depending on the level of defects, quality assurance compliance, and presence of on-site AMS inspection personnel. Decision on product acceptability of start-upproduct will be made by the contracting officer, using inputs from USAID, USDA, and other sources.

6. Paragraph 6.4.1 Appearance and Texture: RUSF shall be of homogenous (no separation) texture with particle size which does not require and does not encourage chewing before being swallowed. This consistency and particle size should be determined at front, during start-up runs, by the vendor. Samples

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should be provided to the contracting officer or his/her representative for assessment anddetermination of organoleptic acceptability. Organoleptically acceptable product shall be used as a benchmark for future productionwhich must be equal to, or better than, the samples considered acceptable by the contracting officer. Corresponding granulation data using recognized rheology methods such as Light Scattering should be provided. Sampling should be performed by vendor's employeesand sent out to external ISO-certified lab. Proper ingredient (protein, carbohydrates, micronutrients, etc.) particle size shouldberequired from suppliers. Generally, particle size under 200 microns would prevent separation and result in a smooth texture. Re-assessment of particle characterization should be done yearly. Vendor is encouraged to factor this initial texture analysis costin finished product price. Texture and consistency of subsequent runs should then be monitored by sensory analysis, through daily organoleptic evaluations and comparison with the previously accepted benchmark product. Daily sampling for grading table should be performed three times per shift (beginning, middle and end). Texture data should be plotted and be available to the Government.

7. Paragraph 7.1 Proximate and microbiological testing requirements.
a. For C. sakazakii control, Monitoring shall be done through Enterobacteriaceae testing of finished product. The tolerance is: < 10 cfu/10g (determined by testing 10 individual samples per lot with a limit of 2 samples not meeting < 10cfu/g). If out of specification samples exceed the limit, specific pathogen testing for C. sakazakii is required.
b. Testing methodology for C. sakazakii should comply with Codex Standard (CAC/RCP 66 - 2008) for infant food (Negative in 25g as determined by testing 25 individual samples per lot).
c. Vendor should have as part of its quality assurance program a well-defined corrective action plan if/when positive pathogen testing is obtained.
d. Salmonella testing shall be performed on finished product. 25 pouches of finished product representative of the lot shall be sampled and individually tested for Salmonella. Results are required to be negative in 25g (determined by testing 25 individual samples per lot).
e. For the purpose of sampling size, a lot shall not be greater than 110 metric tons per day or a week of production, if daily production is < 110MT, or as determined in the Food Safety and Quality Protocol defined by the vendor for traceability and labeling.
f. Proximate and microbiological testing requirement: Clostridium tolerance should be corrected: Clostridium (sulfite reducing anaerobes Less than 100 CFU/g)

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Acquisition Method: Sealed Bids (IFB)

Reference Invitation: PREPOSITION

Also known as: Commodity Invitation 114C

Award Notification Date: November 21, 2014, 12:00 p.m.
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1. Solicitation Information Contact:

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3. This Acquisition is:

/X/ Unrestricted
/ / Restricted
/ / Set Aside
--- / / Small Business (See below)
--- / / 8(a) (See below)
--- / / SDVO

NOTICE OF SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE:

If specified in the solicitation, certain quantities are set aside exclusively for small business firms under the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631, et seq.). Farmer-owned cooperatives, qualified as large under applicable SBA rules, are also eligible for award of set-aside quantities as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2209f.

If a large farmer-owned cooperative is awarded quantities under a small business set-aside, it shall perform the contract or cause the contract to be performed in accordance with the obligations of a business concern eligible for the small business set-aside.

Bids received for these set-aside quantities from firms who are not small business concerns will not be considered. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible small business concern(s) for the set-aside quantities, it may award the quantities to other than small business concerns.

Small businesses that wish to bid on both the set-aside and the non-set-aside quantities shall submit separate bids for each quantity using separate entity codes or shall limit their minimum quantity to the set-aside quantity. Failure to comply with this requirement may cause the entire bid to be considered non-responsive.

NOTICE OF 8(a) ACQUISITION:

If specified in the solicitation, the Government may reserve a portion of the requirements for 8(a) firms certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Part 19. Farmer-owned cooperatives are also eligible for award of set-aside quantities as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2209f. The Government may increase the reserve to adjust quantities to carlot increments in the event of multiple awards to eligible 8(a) firms. The Government shall offer for award to each 8(a) firm the lesser of: 1) their quantity bid of each targeted commodity, or 2) their proportional share of each targeted commodity, if the total quantities bid by all eligible 8(a) firms exceeds the amount of each targeted commodity. In no event shall the Government offer for award an amount in excess of an eligible 8(a) firm's maximum quantity, if so

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established by the Government. If the 8(a) smallbusiness firm is a nonmanufacturer, it shall meet the definition and requirements outlined in FAR Part 1. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible 8(a) firm for the reserve quantity, it may award the quantities to other than 8(a) firms.

HUBZONE PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE:

The Government will award contracts to eligible HUBZone bidders as provided in Part 2, Section A.4(b) of the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/master_solicitation.pdf

NOTICE OF SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE:

If specified in the solicitation, the Government may reserve a portion of the requirements for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned firmscertified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Part 19. Farmer-owned cooperatives are also eligible for award of set-aside quantities as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2209f. The Government shall offer for awardto each Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned firm the lesser of: 1) their quantity bid of each targeted commodity, or 2) their proportionalshare of each targeted commodity, if the total quantities bid by all eligible Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned firms exceeds the amount of each targeted commodity. In no event shall the Government offer for award an amount in excess of an eligible Service-DisabledVeteran-Owned firm's maximum quantity, if so established by the Government. If the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned small business firm is a nonmanufacturer, it shall meet the definition and requirements outlined in FAR Part 19. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible Service-Disable Veteran-Owned firm for the set-aside quantity, it may award the quantities to other than Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned firms.

4. NAICS Codes/Size Standards:

See Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/master_solicitation.pdf

5. Delivery Type:

/X/ f.a.s. vessel*
/ / Intermodal plant
/ / Intermodal bridge

* Must be delivered f.a.s. to the Jacintoport Terminal in Houston, Texas

The Government shall consider bids for commodities delivered only to those potential delivery locations listed in the documents titled Approved Ports/Terminals and KC-362 Standard Abbreviations found at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area= home&
subject= coop&topic= pas-ex-ap

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6. Submission of Offers:

Bids, modifications, withdrawals of bids, and price adjustments shall be submitted using the Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) system. Submission of the above by any means other than WBSCM will be determined nonresponsive.

Bidders may submit bids for less than the quantities indicated. Bidders are encouraged to submit bids for as many shipping points as possible.

The WBSCM system can be accessed through the following website:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area= home&subject= coop&topic= wbs

7. Programs:

The commodities procured under this solicitation are for the following program(s):

/X/ P.L. 480 Title II (Procured by FSA on behalf of CCC)
/ / P.L. 480 Title III (Procured by FSA on behalf of CCC)
/ / Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust (Procured by FSA on behalf of CCC)
/ / Food For Progress (Procured by FSA on behalf of CCC)
/ / McGovern-Dole Food For Education
/ / Section 416(b) (Procured by FSA on behalf of CCC)

8. Invoicing:

For purchase orders (awards) issued through WBSCM, the contractor shall use the invoicing function in WBSCM.

9. Shipment/Delivery Schedule:

Shipping periods for all commodities, except PL6 and DEB6, or where otherwise specified under bid invitation item details, are as follows:

Shipping periods for inland plants:

December 16 to December 31, 2014 and/or
January 1 to January 15, 2015

Shipping periods for plants located at the port:

January 1 to January 15, 2015 and/or
January 16 to January 31, 2015

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Shipping periods for PL6 and DEB6 only, are as follows:

Shipping period for inland plants:

December 16 to January 6, 2015

Shipping period for plants located at the port:

January 7 to January 28, 2015

For plants located as f.a.s. vessel delivery locations:

The shipping period(s) for plants located at port shall apply only to contracts that are processed and/or bagged within the same port to which delivery will be made. If the port has multiple berths and/or terminals, the vendor shall be liable for delivering the commodity to whichever berths and/or terminals have been designated by the steamship line within that port. If the commodity is processed and/or bagged at one port for delivery to a different port, the shipping period(s) for inland plants shall apply. The Government shall issue shipping instructions (WBSCM "Purchase Orders") (PO) at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the first day of each period of performance scheduled in the contract. (See MSCP Part 3, Section A.8.) If shipping instructions are issued less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the first day of the contracted period of performance, the performance period shall be extended by the number of days the PO is issued late. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any extension of the performance period unless it furnishes evidence satisfactory to the Government that it was prepared to perform during the contracted period of performance.

10. Other Requirements:

When empty packaging is required:
The contractor shall ship the empty bags/boxes in the conveyance with the commodity. The contractor shall ensure that the empty bags/boxes are bundled securely and loaded into the conveyance so as to minimize damage and/or shortage to the packaging. There shallbe no empty packaging shipped loosely on the floor of the conveyance. The contractor shall include the piece count of the empty bags/boxes on the bill of lading. The contractor shall include the piece count of the empty bags/boxes in the comments field when creating the Advance Shipment Notification (ASN) for the commodity within WBSCM.

Commodity requirements are available at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area= home&
subject= coop&topic= pas-ex-cr

For commodity requirement KCBG10:

The contractor shall arrange for each lot of grain covered by an official domestic weight and grade certificate to be identity preserved when placed f.a.s.

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11. Contract Closeout and Contractor Past Performance Evaluation:

Closeout Reporting.
Contractors shall fully complete and return all documents relating to contract completion and contract closeout. Completion and return of the aforementioned documents may be reported as part of vendor past performance evaluation.

Past Performance Evaluation.
The Government will prepare a past performance evaluation at the time the work under this contract is completed. Evaluation will rate performance areas such as quality of product or service, cost control, timeliness of performance, business relations, and when applicable, performance against, and efforts to achieve the goals identified in the small business subcontracting plan. Contractors will have an opportunity to comment on the Government evaluation. The past performance evaluation may be used by the Government to support a future award decision. Details on access and the use of contractor performance assessment reporting system will be provided at a future date.

12. FAR and Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Provisions and Clauses:

A. This solicitation shall be subject to the terms and conditions of KCCO's Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP) in effect as of the date of this solicitation and can be found at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/master_solicitation.pdf

The FAR and AGAR provisions and clauses applicable to this solicitation are contained in the MSCP.

B. / / Applicable if checked. FAR Clause 52.232-18, Availability of Funds (Apr 1984). Funds are not presently available for this contract. The Governments obligation under this contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the contracting officer for this contract and until the contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the contracting officer.

13. Unique Commodity Specifications Required for this Solicitation:

For Commodity Requirements Documents CM, CSB, CSBP, CSM, SFCM, SFSG, WSB, and WSM using multiwall paper bags or high performance multiwall paper bags only--commodity contractors may either use preprinted bags or utilize an online ink-jet printer to print the contract number, manufacturer's lot code, month of manufacture (if required), and best-used-by date (if required). If ink-jet printing is used, the information shall

be no smaller than one-half inch, printed near the top of either one or both sides of the bag, and shall not overlap any other bag markings. The ink-jet ink shall be Universe black (75) oblique.

For Commodity Requirements Document WSB15, Part 1, Section 1.2, Ingredient Specifications G(2) table requirements are deleted and replaced with:

Iron Minimum: 14.7 mg/100g Iron Maximum: 30.0 mg/100g
Excess Iron of 30.1 to 31.5 mg/100g_____$0.10 per cwt discount
Excess Iron of 31.6 to 33.1 mg/100g_____$0.20 per cwt discount
Excess Iron of 33.2 to 35.0 mg/100g_____$0.30 per cwt discount

The following sections of the specified Commodity Requirements Documents are deleted: CSB13, Part 1, Section 1.2, Quality Assurance, Subsections A and C, Section 1.3 and 1.4: CSBP2, Part 1, Section 1.2, Quality Assurance,
Subsections A and C:
The deleted sections are replaced with the following language:

Section 1.2 Quality Assurance -

A. This contract provides for Government quality assurance at source. The Government shall weigh, sample, inspect, and test the product offered in performance of the contract. The Government shall pay for the sampling and testing.

1. Sampling and testing will be performed by employees of the Department of Agriculture or contracted personnel under the directionor supervision of Government personnel. The results of Government testing shall be issued on an official Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) Commodity Inspection Certificate. A FGIS Commodity Inspection Certificate is required for invoice payment pursuant tothe Invoicing Requirements clause of the contract.

2. Contractors shall provide advance notification to the appropriate FGIS field office of the scheduled production for all lots provided under the contract. The advance notification shall be sent between two and seven workdays, inclusive, prior to the start of production.

3. The Government will determine the average net weight of the filled containers in each production lot and the net weight of the total lot in accordance with established FGIS procedures for packaged commodities.

4. The Government will verify that the packaged commodity meets the U.S. Standards for the Condition of Food Containers.

5. Any re-test or appeal requested by a contractor shall be at the contractor's expense. The Contractor shall submit requests for re-test or appeal in writing to both the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative and the Contracting Officer listed on the contract award notification by e-mail or otherwise in writing.

6. The Contractor shall provide the results of any re-test or appeal to the Contracting Officer.

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7. All test results outside of the specification ranges or will constitute non-conforming product.

B. The maximum lot size shall be no more than the quantity contained in one railcar.

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Certification Questions :
Annual Representations and Certifications FAR 52.204-8 (d): The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the SAM Web site accessed through < (> < <)> https://www.acquisition.gov> . After reviewing the SAM database information,the offeror verifies by submission of the offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically have been entered or updated within the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201); except for the changes identified under Attributes. These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representationsand certifications posted on SAM. [Offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date in the AMENDMENT_TO_REPS_&_CERTS_DATA Attribute located under the Attribute tab. Enter N/A if there are no changes.]

AGAR 452.209-70 Representation by Corporations Regarding an Unpaid Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction.

Responses should be provided under the Attribute tab.

I. The Offeror represents that -
The Offeror is [ ], is not [ ] (specify one) an entity that has filed articles of incorporation in one of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, or the various territories of the United States including American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Midway Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands. (Note that this includes both for-profit and non-profit organizations.)

II. The Offeror has [ ], has not [ ] (specify one) been convicted of a felony criminal violation under Federal or State law in the24 months preceding the date of offer.

III. The Offeror has [ ], has not [ ] (specify one) had any officer or agent of Offeror convicted of a felony criminal violation for actions taken on behalf of Offeror under Federal or State law in the 24 months preceding the date of offer.

IV. The Offeror does [ ], does not [ ] (specify one) have any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to anagreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability.

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Quantity

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
10	***CORN-SOY BLEND-PKGD***			
		Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required. Shipping period: December 16, 2014 to January 31, 2015.		
20	110472	CSB SUPER CEREAL PLUS BOX-10/1.5 KG	1,500	MT
		Total Quantity for CORN-SOY BLEND-PKGD	1,500	MT
30	***EMERGENCY PRODS-PKGD***			
		Tendering text - Item : Shipping period: January 1, 2015 to January 31, 2015.		
40	110452	EMERGNCY FD, RUSF POUCH-150/100 G	500	MT
		Total Quantity for EMERGENCY PRODS-PKGD	500	MT
		Total Quantity for Invitation	2,000	MT

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