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Information

Description: AG-INMP-S-16-0010
Bid invitation number: 2000003807
Purchasing Group: FSA-Intl Packaged

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International Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 01/12/2016 16:30:00
Offer Due Date : 01/21/2016 09:00:00

Opening date: 01/21/2016 09:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

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Fortified Milled Rice and Milled Rice (MR) commodity requirements document can be found at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/Comm-Operations/pdf/mr24.pdf>

The following requirements are in addition to the MR24 CRD and are specific to this invitation:

1. Start-up Phase. This is a preparatory or first production 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 blending lines. Prior to the actual trial, the supplier shall propose a start-up proposal and discuss with the Contracting Officer and USAID. During start-up run, the supplier must run all the analyticals as indicated below and ensure that the facility is capable of producing the fortified rice with the required micronutrient payload (micronutrient homogeneity, in addition to the Certificate of Analysis (COA) from the premix supplier). Likewise, for microbiology validation, during the start-up, the supplier must generate data to show capability according to Table 2 in the Commodity Requirement Document MR24. For micronutrient testing, third party laboratories need to provide validation data for the methods recommended in Table 1. Since micronutrient extraction in extruded rice kernels would need substantial optimization to achieve reproducibility, for this solicitation, the recommended laboratory is The Siliker Laboratories: <https://www.silliker-estar.com/content.html>

2. During this phase, the contracting agency (any or multiple representatives of USDA/FGIS, USAID, and/or WFP) may choose to be present. If the contracting agency does not attend during the start-up phase, data generated during this phase shall be shared with the Contracting Officer. This data includes certificates from an independent laboratory facility for the testing required in Tables 1 or any additional testing required in the fortified rice CRD such as microbiology compliance in Table 2. The supplier should factor this expense into their production cost. Product resulting from the start-up may or may not be used for delivery under the contract, which will be determined based on the level of defects and quality assurance compliance. Decision on acceptability of the start-up product will be made by the Contracting Officer. Full production may continue if the initial assessment indicates that adequate process/packaging and food safety capability exists to comply with product specifications.

Suggested testing methods in extruded fortified milled rice (mg/100 g):

Micronutrient Vitamin A

Testing method = EN 12823-1 - Prior saponification, an enzymatic digestion as described hereunder is preferable for crude rice

Micronutrient Vitamin B1

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Testing method = EN 14122

Micronutrient Vitamin B3
 Testing method = EN 15652

Micronutrient Vitamin B6
 Testing method = EN 14164

Micronutrient Vitamin B9
 Testing method = AOAC 944.12 / 45.2.03 (1990)

Micronutrient Vitamin B12
 Testing method = AOAC 952.20 / 45.2.02

Micronutrient Iron
 Testing method = ICP (OES or MS)

Micronutrient Zinc
 Testing method = ICP (OES or MS)

3. Rinse and cook-resistance data. During the start-up, rinse resistance and cook resistance data must be generated. However, as indicated in the CRD, Section 1.3.B, verifying the rinse resistant and cook resistant properties of each fortificant is not required for each lot/batch. Following the start-up an annual testing shall be done indicating levels of retention of at least 85% after rinsing and at least 80% of each nutrient listed in Table 1, after cooking.

4. Production Phase. During production of fortified rice, FGIS will certify the grade, percent of broken kernels and milling degree as is currently in place for milled rice. The contracting agency will continue monitoring food safety and quality through micronutrient and microbiology indicators. The Certificate of Analysis from the premix supplier may be used as part of the invoice package and will be considered sufficient for micronutrient monitoring. In-house homogeneity data should be reported as well, indicating compliance with the 1:100 ratio of fortified kernels to milled normal rice, as established in the start-up phase. For microbiology compliance, the supplier is only required to test for yeast and mold as hygiene indicator microbes, using methodology in Table 2 of the CRD. The supplier and the contracting agency shall agree on an adequate sampling plan for both micronutrient homogeneity and microbiology testing. Samples will be done on a per-lot-basis, defining a lot as 500 metric tons.

5. Type of fortified rice. For the purpose of this solicitation, only extruded kernels, as rice-premix, will be procured, using fortification levels and testing methodology in Table 1. For extruded kernels, fortified rice suppliers will have to demonstrate, during the start-up phase, the requirements around rinse-resistance and cook resistance indicated above.

For RUSF 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

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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 Enterobacteriaceae (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 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/sites/default/files/media/CID Ready-To-Use Supplementary Foods \(RUSF\).pdf](http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/CID Ready-To-Use Supplementary Foods (RUSF).pdf)

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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 partially hydrogenated (trans) fatty acids 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. 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 run 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, 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-up product 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 should be provided to the contracting officer or his/her representative for assessment and determination of organoleptic acceptability. Organoleptically acceptable product shall be used as a benchmark for future production which 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 employees and sent out to external ISO-certified lab. Proper ingredient (protein, carbohydrates, micronutrients, etc.) particle size should be required 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

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texture analysis cost in 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: 2000003808

Also known as: Commodity Invitation 016A

Award Notification Date: January 22, 2016, 12:00 p.m.

Public Release of Award Date: January 22, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

1. Solicitation Information Contact:

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3. This Acquisition is:

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

SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE:

Peas and Lentils - 8,670 MT
 Milled Rice - 70 MT
 Vegetable Oil - 470 MT
 Cornmeal - 320 MT
 Dry Edible Beans - 430 MT
 Corn-Soy Blend Plus - 560 MT

8(a) RESERVE:

Peas, Yellow Split - 620 MT
 Milled Rice - 70 MT
 Beans, Pinto - 70 MT

SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE:

Peas, Yellow Split - 370 MT

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

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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 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/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/Comm-Operations/pdf/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 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 shall offer for award to each Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned 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 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-Disabled Veteran-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-Disabled 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/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/Comm-Operations/pdf/master_solicitation.pdf

5. Delivery Type:

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

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/programs-and-services/commodity-operations/procurement-and-sales/export/port-terminal-information/index>

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/programs-and-services/commodity-operations/web-based-supply-chain-management/index>

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)
 /X/ 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 DEB7, or where otherwise specified under bid invitation item details, are as follows:

Shipping periods for inland plants:

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February 16 to February 29, 2016 and/or
 March 1 to March 15, 2016

Shipping periods for plants located at port:

March 1 to March 15, 2016 and/or
 March 16 to March 31, 2016

Shipping periods, for PL6 and DEB7 only, are as follows:

Shipping period for inland plants:

February 16 to March 8, 2016

Shipping period for plants located at the port:

March 9 to March 30, 2016

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 shall be 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:

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<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/commodity-operations/procurement-and-sales/export/commodity-requirements/index>

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.

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/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/Comm-Operations/pdf/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.

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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 SFCM4, Part 1, Section 1.1B, Vitamin A requirements in the finished product (i.e. including intrinsic and premix conditions) are deleted and replaced with:

Vitamin A - Minimum: 1662 IU/lb - Maximum: No max.

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 direction or 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 to the 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.

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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.
 7. All test results outside of the specification ranges or will constitute non-conforming product.
- B. The USDA sampling and testing quality assurance program is based on a lot size of two railcars (approximately 140 MT); to the maximum extent possible. Suppliers shall plan continuous production runs in two railcar increments to avoid additional sampling and testing expenses to the Government.

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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 <http://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 representations and 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 the 24 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 an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability.

Bid invitation Item details

Item Material Description	Quantity
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International Commodity Invitation

Information

Description: **AG-INMP-S-16-0010**
 Bid invitation number: **2000003807**

Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
10 OIL PRODUCTS-PKGD				
20	100633	OIL, VEGETABLE PAIL-20 L Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required on primary containers and corrugated boxes	60	MT
30	100566	OIL, VEGETABLE CAN-6/4 L Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required on primary containers and corrugated boxes. Production dates	1,810	MT
40 SUB:OIL, VEGETABLE SUBSTITUTABLE-6/4 L			160	MT *
50	100566	OIL, VEGETABLE CAN-6/4 L Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required on primary containers and corrugated boxes. Production dates	160	
60	110122	OIL, VEGETABLE BOTTLE, PLS-6/4 L 800-899 Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required on primary containers and corrugated boxes. Production dates	160	
70	110130	OIL, VEGETABLE BOTTLE, PLS-6/4 L 670-719 Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required on primary containers and corrugated boxes. Production dates	160	
80	110131	OIL, VEGETABLE BOTTLE, PLS-6/4 L 720-799 Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required on primary containers and corrugated boxes. Production dates	160	
90	100566	OIL, VEGETABLE CAN-6/4 L Tendering text - Item : First shipping period	260	MT
100 SUB:OIL, VEGETABLE SUBSTITUTABLE-6/4 L			50	MT *
110	100566	OIL, VEGETABLE CAN-6/4 L Tendering text - Item : First shipping period. Best Used By Dates required on primary containers and corrugated boxes	50	
120	110122	OIL, VEGETABLE BOTTLE, PLS-6/4 L 800-899 Tendering text - Item : First shipping period. Best Used By Dates required on primary containers and corrugated boxes	50	
130	110130	OIL, VEGETABLE BOTTLE, PLS-6/4 L 670-719 Tendering text - Item : First shipping period. Best Used By Dates required on primary containers and corrugated boxes	50	
140	110131	OIL, VEGETABLE BOTTLE, PLS-6/4 L 720-799 Tendering text - Item : First shipping period. Best Used By Dates required on primary containers and corrugated boxes	50	
Total Quantity for OIL PRODUCTS-PKGD			2,340	MT
150 CORN-SOY BLEND-PKGD				

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160	110200	CORN-SOY BLEND PLUS BAG-HP-25 KG Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required	2,820	MT
170	100538	CORN-SOY BLEND BAG-HP-25 KG Tendering text - Item : First shipping period. Best Used By Dates required	130	MT
Total Quantity for CORN-SOY BLEND-PKGD			2,950	MT
180 PEAS/LENTILS-PKGD				
190	100555	PEAS, YELLOW, SPLIT BAG-50 KG Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required	5,160	MT
200	100556	PEAS, GREEN, SPLIT BAG-50 KG	160	MT
210	100555	PEAS, YELLOW, SPLIT BAG-50 KG Tendering text - Item : Commercial markings required. Best Used By Dates required. Standard World Food Program markings in both Arabic and English	6,210	MT
220	100555	PEAS, YELLOW, SPLIT BAG-50 KG Tendering text - Item : FGIS to provide documentation certifying: "The U.S. pulse industry generally commingles and rotates peas to ensure good condition and quality. While there is no viable method to determine the crop year, an official grade, based on an official FGIS inspection, has been established for peas to ensure that the desired quality will be shipped. This type and grade of pea is sold, processed, and consumed in the United States." with handwritten Blue Ink signature, seal, and lot number	650	MT
360	100560	LENTILS BAG-50 KG Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required	210	MT
Total Quantity for PEAS/LENTILS-PKGD			12,390	MT
230 CORNMEAL-PKGD				
240	100609	CORNMEAL BAG-HP-25 KG Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required	1,050	MT
Total Quantity for CORNMEAL-PKGD			1,050	MT
250 EMERGENCY PRODS-PKGD				
260	110452	EMERGENCY FD, RUSF POUCH-150/100 G Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required	150	MT
Total Quantity for EMERGENCY PRODS-PKGD			150	MT
270 GRAIN PRODUCTS-PKGD				
280	100581	WHEAT, HARD RED WINTER BAG-50 KG Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required	110	MT
Total Quantity for GRAIN PRODUCTS-PKGD			110	MT
290 RICE, MILLED-PKGD				
300	100977	RICE, 5/20 MG, W-MLD BAG-50 KG Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required	240	MT
370	110487	RICE, 2/7 LG, W-MLD, FORT BAG-50 KG	1,710	MT

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		Tendering text - Item : Shipping period for inland plants: March 1 - March 15, 2016. Shipping period for plants located at the port: March 16 - 31, 2016. All fortified rice commodities shall have "Fortified Milled Rice" printed on all packaging. Only extruded kernels, as rice-premix, will be procured		
380	110493	RICE, 5/20 LG, W-MLD, FORT BAG-50 KG	3,780	MT
		Tendering text - Item : Shipping periods for inland plants: March 1 - March 15, 2016 and/or March 16 - March 31, 2016. Shipping periods for plants located at the port: March 16 - 31, 2016 and/or April 1 - April 15, 2016. All fortified rice commodities shall have "Fortified Milled Rice" printed on all packaging. FGIS to provide documentation certifying: "The U.S. rice industry generally commingles and rotates rice to ensure good condition and quality. While there is no viable method to determine the crop year, an official grade, based on an official FGIS inspection, has been established for rice to ensure that the desired quality will be shipped. This type and grade of rice is sold, processed, and consumed in the United States." Only extruded kernels, as rice-premix, will be procured		
390	110493	RICE, 5/20 LG, W-MLD, FORT BAG-50 KG	1,000	MT
		Tendering text - Item : Shipping periods for inland plants: March 1 - March 15, 2016 and/or March 16 - March 31, 2016. Shipping periods for plants located at the port: March 16 - 31, 2016 and/or April 1 - April 15, 2016. All fortified rice commodities shall have "Fortified Milled Rice" printed on all packaging. Best Used By Dates required. Handwritten Blue ink signature, seal, and lot number required. Only extruded kernels, as rice-premix, will be procured		
		Total Quantity for RICE, MILLED-PKGD	6,730	MT
310		WHEAT-SOY BLEND-PKGD		
320	100540	WHEAT-SOY BLEND BAG-HP-25 KG	1,150	MT
		Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required		
		Total Quantity for WHEAT-SOY BLEND-PKGD	1,150	MT
330		BEANS, DRY-PKGD		
340	100547	BEANS, SMALL RED BAG-50 KG	160	MT
		Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required		
350	100551	BEANS, PINTO BAG-50 KG	450	MT
		Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required. FGIS to provide documentation certifying: "The U.S. pulse industry generally commingles and rotates beans to ensure good condition and quality. While there is no viable method to determine the crop year, an official grade, based on an official FGIS inspection, has been established for beans to ensure that the desired quality will be shipped. This type and grade of bean is sold, processed, and consumed in the United States."		
		Total Quantity for BEANS, DRY-PKGD	610	MT
		Total Quantity for Invitation	27,480	MT

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