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Agricultural Marketing Service
Commodity Procurement Program
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Washington, DC 20250-0239

Information

Description: **12-1NFP-25-B-0018**
Bid invitation number: **2000010932**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Intl Packaged**

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Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone:	Central Time
Start Date:	08/07/2025 10:00:00
Offer Due Date :	08/19/2025 09:00:00
Opening date:	08/19/2025 09:00:00
Invitation Type :	Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :
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Please see Section 10, Other Requirements

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Acquisition Method: Sealed Bids (IFB)

Reference Invitation: 2000010933

Also known as: Commodity Invitation 0825

Award Notification Date: On or before August 21, 2025, 12:00 p.m.
Public Release of Award Date: On or before August 21, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

1. Solicitation Information Contact:

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2. Internet Address:

   https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/international-procurement/packaged-commodities

3. This Acquisition is:

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

SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE:

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Lentils - 320 MT
Vegetable Oil - 20 MT
Fortified Rice - 360 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 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 car lot 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) small business 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:

https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/master_solicitation.pdf

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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 may increase the reserve to adjust quantities to car lot increments in the event of multiple awards to eligible Service-Disabled veteran firms. 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-Disable Veteran-Owned firm for the set-aside quantity, it may award the quantities to other than Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned firms.

JAVITS, WAGNER, O'DAY ACT (AbilityOne)(41 U.S.C. 46-48c)

10 MT of Vegetable Oil is reserved for mandatory procurement from the Government's approved AbilityOne participating non-profit agency in accordance with the Javits, Wagner, O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48C) and FAR Subpart 8.7. In the event the Government does not award the full reserved quantity to the AbilityOne participating agency, the Government may award the balance under full and open competition.

4. NAICS Codes/Size Standards:

See Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements at:

https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/master_solicitation.pdf

5. Delivery Type:

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

* Attention suppliers offering intermodal plant bids: The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has amended the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) to require, as a condition for loading a packed container onto a ship for export, that the container has a verified weight (VGM # Verified Gross Mass). This requirement is global and will become legally effective on July 1, 2016. A detailed explanation can be found at the following site:

https://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Safety/Pages/Verification-of-the-gross-mass.aspx

The Government shall consider bids for commodities delivered only to those potential delivery locations

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listed in the documents titled Approved Ports/Terminals and KC-362 Standard Abbreviations found at:

https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/international-procurement/port-terminal-information

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:

https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/wbscm

7. Programs:

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

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

8. Invoicing:

The new Electronic Invoicing (eINV) process applies to all purchase orders (awards) issued on or after August 1, 2019.

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:

September 16 to September 30, 2025 and/or
October 1 to October 15, 2025

Shipping periods for plants located at port:

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October 1 to October 15, 2025 and/or
October 16 to October 31, 2025

Shipping periods, VO16 only, are as follows:

Shipping periods for all plants:

October 1 to October 15, 2025 and/or
October 16 to October 31, 2025

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

Shipping period for inland plants:

September 16 to October 7, 2025

Shipping period for plants located at the port:

October 8 to October 30, 2025

Shipping periods, MR27 only, are as follows:

Shipping periods for inland plants:

October 1 to October 15, 2025 and/or
October 16 to October 31, 2025

Shipping periods for at port plants:

October 16 to October 31, 2025 and/or
November 1 to November 15, 2025

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 Clause 4A52.211-70, Delivery Instructions) 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:

For all pulses and whole grains:

Suppliers of whole grains and pulses that are transloaded through Chicago shall request an official Form FGIS 921-2 and coordinate with the freight forwarder(s) for the purposes of obtaining a phytosanitary certificate when required

For commodity requirements BWSF16, CM6, CPS1, CSBP5, DDI2, DEB7, DPP9, EFP2, FPBS1, HEB1, ICSB1, KCBG11, MR27, PL6, PP1, RUF2, RUSF1, RUTF2, SCP1, SF LNS 1, SFCM4, SFSG13, VASP4, VO16, WFBF7 and WSB15:

PO and PO line item number are required on all primary and secondary packaging.

Some means of commodity protection or dunnage is required inside the doors of railcars for all bagged commodities. This should include, at a minimum, 2 in. thick corrugated cardboard that is at least 4 ft. high and spans the entire door opening. This is to be secured inside both sliding doors of a railroad boxcar

For commodity requirements CM6, CSBP5, ICSB1, SFCM4, SFSG13, VASP4 and WSB15:

The contractor shall perform periodic seal peel tests on the filling end of 25 kg multiwall bags to determine whether the plies are adequately adhered. The seal peel test shall be performed at every start up and a minimum of every hour during commodity packing operations. The seal peel test shall demonstrate tear of paper fiber (fiber tear) for all paper plies. The contractor shall maintain records of seal peel test results for review by the Government.

For commodity requirements BWSF16, CM6, CSBP5, DEB7, KCBG11, MR27, PL6, SFCM4, WFBF7, RUF2 and SF LNS 1:

Best Used By Dates are required, in MMYYYY format, on all primary and secondary packaging, unless otherwise specified under bid invitation item details. Best Used By Dates required 18 months from the date of manufacture/production for BWSF16, CM6, CSBP5, SFCM4, and WFBF7. Best Used By Dates required 24 months from the date of manufacture/production for DEB7, KCBG11, MR27, PL6, RUF2, and SF LNS 1.

For traceability purposes, contract number, manufacturer#s lot code and supplier name shall appear on all packaging. Supplier names on 50 kg bags shall adhere to the other traceability printing requirements, printed as small as possible, yet legible and shall be applied directly under the lot

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number. Supplier names on 25 kg bags can be applied in the same manner as the lot number. All SMR-1 50 kg bags require the crop year in YYYY format. All SMR-2 50 kg bags require the crop year in YYYY format.

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.

All Fortified Rice requires testing for Arsenic, Aflatoxin and Yeasts and Molds per Table 2 (Limit of Microorganisms and Contaminants in Fortified Rice) in Section 1.3(D) of the CRD. Testing standards are included in the table. Yeasts and Molds require reporting of 5 test results, with no more than 2 test results between 1,000 cfu/g and 10,000 cfu/g allowed, and none above 10,000 cfu/g allowed.

Commodity requirements are available at:

https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/international-procurement/commodity-requirements

For commodity requirement KCBG11:

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.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

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Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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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 the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP) in effect as of the date of this solicitation and can be found at:

https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/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:

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For Commodity Requirements Document CM6 and SFCM4 the following is applicable:

In addition to any maximum contaminant requirement established in the commodity specification, the Government is requiring compliance for maximum Deoxynivalenol (DON) levels of 1 mg/kg (on a dry matter basis) using a validated HPLC analytical method for mycotoxin such as AOAC 986.17 or EN 15891:2010; or any other equivalent validated effective method.

For Commodity Requirements Documents CSBP, CM, CSM, SFCM, SFSG, and WSB suppliers of commodities in 25 kg bags may only use WHITE bags of the type and construction detailed in the attachment (25 KG Hybrid Packaging).

For Commodity Requirements Documents CM, CSBP, CSM, SFCM, SFSG, WSB, and WSM using multiwall bags--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 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 markings shall be printed in black ink.

For Commodity Requirements Document MR27, using coated woven polypropylene bags, commodity contractors may use preprinted bags or utilize laser printing to print the contract number, line item number, manufacturer's lot code, month of manufacture (if required), and best-used-by date. If laser printing is used, the text shall be as small as possible, yet legible, and shall not overlap any other bag markings. The laser printed markings shall be printed in black ink.

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

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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.]

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Quantity
10		***PEAS/LENTILS-PKGD***	
20	100560	LENTILS BAG-50 KG	MT 460.000

Tendering text - Item : Supplier name, Contract (PO) number, including Contract (PO) Line Item number, and Lot number shall appear on all packaging. Crop Year required in YYYY format. Production Date required in MMYYYY format. Best Used By Date required in MMYYYY format (24 months from the date of bagging).

Contractor shall provide an additional 2 percent empty bags without contract numbers, lot numbers, Production Dates or Best Used by Date

Non-GMO Letter required.

Photographs of the bag markings, clearly showing all the required elements, need to be provided and approved prior printing and prior to the commodity being bagged.

Total Quantity for PEAS/LENTILS-PKGD **MT 460.000**

30		***OIL PRODUCTS-PKGD***	
40	100566	OIL, VEGETABLE CAN-6/4 L	MT 50.000

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity
		Tendering text - Item : Palletization and Stretch Wrapping required	
		Total Quantity for OIL PRODUCTS-PKGD	**MT** 50.000
50		***RICE, MILLED-PKGD***	
60	**110493**	**RICE, 5/20 LG, W-MLD, FORT BAG-50 KG**	**MT** 1,200.000
		Tendering text - Item : Commodity suppliers are required to print supplier name on all packaging. Crop year is required in YYYY format. Production and Best Used by Dates are required in MMYYYY (24 months from bagging date) format. Lot number and contract number with the line item are required on all packaging. Contractor shall provide an additional 2% empty bags without contract numbers, lot numbers, Production Dates or Best Used By Dates In addition to the CRD requirements, the Rice Certificate of Analysis necessitates further testing. Please refer to the attached #Fortified Milled Rice for Sri Lanka# document for specific details. Fumigation must occur after the milling process and no more than ten (10) days prior to packaging the milled rice and fortified milled rice. The milled rice shall be fumigated in a quantity and manner which will affect a kill in all stages of weevil or other insect infestation.	
		Total Quantity for RICE, MILLED-PKGD	**MT** 1,200.000
70		***SALMON-PKGD***	
80	**100619**	**SALMON, PINK CAN-24/14.75 OZ**	**MT** 100.000
		Tendering text - Item : The salmon shall be from the current crop year, 100 percent harvested, processed and packed in the United States. This shall consist of a statement from the supplier, on company letterhead, certifying that the salmon was 100 percent harvested, processed and packed in the United States. In addition to the CRD requirements, the Canned Salmon Certificate of Analysis necessitates further testing. Please refer to the attached "Canned Salmon for Sri Lanka" document for specific details. Commercial Markings are acceptable. Production and Best Used By Dates required in MMYYYY format (5 calendar years from date of production). Cans and cartons to be labeled "NOT FOR RETAIL SALES" via inkjet or applicable method.	
		Total Quantity for SALMON-PKGD	**MT**

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
			100.000	
90	***CORN-SOY BLEND-PKGD***			
100	**110200**	**CORN-SOY BLEND PLUS BAG-HP-25 KG**		**MT**
			100.000	

Tendering text - Item : Best Used By Dates required in MMYYYY format (18 months from the date of production). Supplier name,
Lot number and Contract number, including PO Line-Item number, shall appear on all packaging.

Total Quantity for CORN-SOY BLEND-PKGD **MT**
100.000

Total Quantity for Invitation **MT**
1,910.000

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