United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service
Commodity Procurement Program
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Washington, DC 20250-0239

Information

Description: **12-1NFP-26-B-0022**
Bid invitation number: **2000011541**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Intl Packaged**

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Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone:	Central Time
Start Date:	09/24/2026 11:00:00
Offer Due Date :	10/06/2026 09:00:00
Opening date:	10/06/2026 09:00:00
Invitation Type :	Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :
This is a combined presolicitation notice and solicitation in accordance with RFO Part 5.101(d).

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Please see Section 10, Other Requirements

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Acquisition Method: Sealed Bids (IFB)

Reference Invitation: 2000011542

Also known as: Commodity Invitation 1026

Award Notification Date: On or before October 8, 2026, 12:00 p.m.
Public Release of Award Date: On or before October 8, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

1. Solicitation Information Contact:

   Name: Melvin Smith
   Telephone Number: 816-926-6212
   Email: melvin.smith@usda.gov

2. Internet Address:

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

3. This Acquisition is:

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

SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE:

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Beans - 350 MT
Vegetable Oil - 50 MT
Fortified Rice - 420 MT

JAVITS, WAGNER, O'DAY ACT (AbilityOne)(41 USC 8501-8506)

30 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 USC 8501-8506) 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 Invitation for Bids for International Commodity Procurements (MIFB-I) at:

https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/MSCP-I_generic.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 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. 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)

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/ / 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

7. Shipment/Delivery Schedule:

Shipping periods for all commodities, except VO16, PL6 and DEB7, or where otherwise specified under bid invitation item details (MR27), are as follows:

Shipping periods for inland plants:

November 1 to November 15, 2026 and/or
November 16 to November 30, 2026

Shipping periods for plants located at port:

November 16 to November 30, 2026 and/or
December 1 to December 15 , 2026

Shipping periods, VO16 only, are as follows:

Shipping periods for all plants:

November 16 to November 30, 2026 and/or
December 1 to December 15 , 2026

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

Shipping period for inland plants:

November 1 to November 22, 2026

Shipping period for plants located at the port:

November 23 to December 14, 2026

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 MIFB Clause 452.211-74 - Delivery Instructions - Commodity Procurement) 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.

8. 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 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.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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9. 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.

10. 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/MSCP-I_111925.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

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and until the contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the contracting officer.

11. Unique Commodity Specifications Required for this Solicitation:

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

See attached documents:

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1 . 25 KG Hybrid Packaging
2 . High-Performance Multilayer Bag Heat-Sealing S.O.P.
3 . USDA_25KG-Bag_Template_SMR2
4 . USDA_50KG-Bag_Template_SMR2

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
10		***BEANS, DRY-PKGD***		
20	**100551**	**BEANS, PINTO BAG-50 KG**	**500.000**	**MT**

Tendering text - Item : Non-GMO Letter Required

Supplier shall provide an additional 3% empty bags without contract numbers, lot numbers, Production Dates or Best Used by Dates

Commodity suppliers are required to print supplier name on all packaging. Crop year is required in YYYY format. Production Dates 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.

USDA cannot provide official certification to attest the year of planting, farming or harvesting of grains, oilseeds or pulses procured. At the request of PVO/NGO's representative, contracted suppliers must provide documentation, based on company records, to meet importing country requirements, on their company letterhead, and be responsible for such documentation and content, to include the crop/harvest year from which the commodities to be provided will come.

Total Quantity for BEANS, DRY-PKGD **500.000** **MT**

50		***OIL PRODUCTS-PKGD***		
60		***SUB:OIL, VEGETABLE SUBSTITUTABLE-6/4 L***	**170.000**	**MT ***
70	**100566**	**OIL, VEGETABLE CAN-6/4 L**	**170.000**	

Tendering text - Item : Supplier shall provide an additional 3% extra empty boxes without contract numbers and without Best Used by dates.

Ocean containers must be floor loaded and properly blocked/braced.

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity
80	110131	**OIL, VEGETABLE BOTTLE, PLS-6/4 L**	
		720-799	**170.000**
		Tendering text - Item : Supplier shall provide an additional 3% extra empty boxes without contract numbers and without Best Used by dates.	
		Ocean containers must be floor loaded and properly blocked/braced.	
90	110122	**OIL, VEGETABLE BOTTLE, PLS-6/4 L**	
		800-899	**170.000**
		Tendering text - Item : Supplier shall provide an additional 3% extra empty boxes without contract numbers and without Best Used by dates.	
		Ocean containers must be floor loaded and properly blocked/braced.	
100	110130	**OIL, VEGETABLE BOTTLE, PLS-6/4 L**	
		670-719	**170.000**
		Tendering text - Item : Supplier shall provide an additional 3% extra empty boxes without contract numbers and without Best Used by dates.	
		Ocean containers must be floor loaded and properly blocked/braced.	
		Total Quantity for OIL PRODUCTS-PKGD	**MT** **170.000**
110		***RICE, MILLED-PKGD***	
120	110493	**RICE, 5/20 LG, W-MLD, FORT BAG-50 KG**	**MT** **1,410.000**
		Tendering text - Item : Contractor shall provide an additional 3% empty bags without contract numbers, lot numbers, Production Dates or Best Used By Dates	
		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.	
		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.	
		Shipping periods for inland plants: November 16, 2026 # November 30, 2026 and/or December 1, 2026 # December 15, 2026	
		Shipping periods for at port plants: December 1, 2026 # December 15, 2026	

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity
		and/or December 16, 2026 # December 31, 2026	
		Total Quantity for RICE, MILLED-PKGD	**MT** 1,410.000
130		***CORN-SOY BLEND-PKGD***	
140	**110179**	**CORN-SOY BLEND PLUS BAG-25 KG**	**MT** 60.000
		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** 60.000
		Total Quantity for Invitation	**MT** 2,140.000

*** Quantity listed for SUBST line item is the highest delivery unit size for the various substitutable items listed below. The actual delivery unit size is shown beside each item description below.**

Travis Cathey

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