

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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USDA CANNED WHITE TURKEY MEAT PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase canned white turkey meat for use in domestic food nutrition assistance programs.

Offers will be invited from the trade for canned white turkey meat in 29-ounce (822 g) cans, packed 24 cans to a shipping container with 43.5 pounds (19.73 kg) net weight in purchase units of 36,540 pounds (16,574 kg) net weight.

Invitation No. 1, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Aug. 15, is being issued in the near future. Acceptances will be announced by midnight Friday, Aug. 19, for delivery from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

There are some important changes to this year's program. All contractors and subcontractors must have a documented and operational food security plan that provides for the security of a plant's production processes. Vendors must certify in their Appendix-1 that they have a food security plan. Additionally, all offeror's must be registered in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). ORCA can be accessed at www.bpn.gov. Offerors must have an active registration in the Central Contractor Registration to access ORCA. All other certifications that apply strictly to Poultry Programs will still be made annually and are contained in Appendix-1. The certifications will be made one time only for all Poultry Program Announcements for the program year. All certifications, in ORCA and Appendix-1, must be completed prior to submitting a bid.

Although most other provisions of the program are similar to the program operated last year, offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended; Announcement PY-301; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specifications for Canned White Turkey Meat dated July 2005, which will be distributed to the trade in the near future; and Invitation No. 1.

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Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch; STOP 0260; 1400 Independence Ave. SW; Washington, DC 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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