

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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Marketing
Service

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USDA GROUND TURKEY FOR COOKING ONLY IN A USDA-APPROVED FACILITY:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase ground turkey for cooking only in a USDA-approved facility for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs.

Offers will be invited from the trade for ground turkey packed for further processing. The commodity will be packed in commercial containers as required by the Commodity Specification. A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Invitation No. 1 is being issued in the near future and will provide details on bid offer and acceptance dates.

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.

All certifications that apply strictly to Poultry Programs will 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 the Online Representations and Certification Application and Appendix-1, must be completed prior to submitting a bid.

Information regarding these requirements is contained in Announcement PY-317, which is being distributed to the trade. Offerors are urged to review the bid format and product specifications and are cautioned to only offer quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver during the contracted delivery period. Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended, Announcement PY-317, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Ground Turkey for Cooking Only in a USDA-Approved Facility dated October 2006, and Invitation No. 1.

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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