

PURCHASE ANNOUNCEMENT

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USDA FROZEN VEGETABLES PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase frozen vegetables for the National School Lunch Program. Offers will be invited pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements dated April 2011, for frozen vegetables in the following forms: Green Beans 30 (100351), Carrots 30 (100352), Corn 30 (100348), and Corn Cob (100349). Please reference the Commodity Specification for Frozen Vegetables dated April 2011 for further descriptions.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) website at <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=WBSCM>. Offers submitted by any means other than WBSCM will be considered nonresponsive.

The Solicitation will be issued for deliveries August 16 through November 15, 2011, in the near future. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Solicitation. **Vendors are strongly encouraged to login to the WBSCM system as early as possible to place their bid as this process has changed significantly with the new system.** Subsequent Solicitations will be issued as necessary.

No major changes were made to the Frozen Vegetable Specification from the previous March 2009 Specification.

The implementation of WBSCM brings about new terminology and procedures for bidding on Solicitations, shipment and delivery, and invoicing. Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of the AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements dated April 2011; the Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors Selling Commodities to USDA dated March 2011; Commodity Specification for Frozen Vegetables dated April 2011; and the entire Solicitation.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-4517 or addressing the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS Commodity Procurement Division; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 3932-S, Mail Stop 0256; Washington, DC 20250-0256. An electronic version of this Purchase Announcement can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/commoditypurchasing>.

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