PURCHASE ANNOUNCEMENT

United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service

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USDA ANNOUNCES PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR LAMB PRODUCTS:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase up to \$10 million in a variety of lamb products for federal food nutrition assistance programs, including food banks. This purchase will help relieve pressure on American livestock producers during the drought, while helping bring the nation's meat supply in line with demand while providing high quality, nutritious foods to recipients of USDA's programs

Offers will be invited pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements dated April 2012 for frozen lamb products. Please review Supplement 602 to the AMS Master Solicitation, dated June 2012, and Amendment No. 1 to Supplement 602, dated August 2012 for further description of these materials.

A Solicitation will be issued in the near future. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Solicitation. All offers must be submitted 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.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of the AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements, dated April 2012, as amended; the Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors Selling Commodities to USDA, dated April 2012; Supplement 602, dated June 2012; Amendment No. 1 to Supplement 602, dated August 2012; and the entire Solicitation.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-4517 or addressing the Contracting Officer; United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Contracting Branch, 1400 Independence Ave SW, STOP 0256, Washington, DC 20250-0239. An electronic version of this Purchase Announcement can be obtained through the AMS Commodity Procurement website at: www.ams.usda.gov/commoditypurchasing.

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