PURCHASE ANNOUNCEMENT

United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service

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USDA ANNOUNCES PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR FROZEN CATFISH:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase frozen catfish for the Federal food nutrition assistance program. Offers will be invited pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements dated April 2013, for the following items:

Material #	Material Description
100201	CATFISH STRIPS BRD OVN RDY PKG-4/10 LB

Please review Amendment 2 to Supplement 506 to the Master Solicitation (with updated IDCR, dated April 2013) for important changes to the product specifications and program requirements.

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.

Solicitations will be issued for deliveries August 16, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Offers to sell this product must be received no later than the date specified on the Solicitations.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of the AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements dated April 2013; the Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors Selling Commodities to USDA dated September 2012; Supplement 506 to the AMS Master Solicitation, as amended; and the applicable Solicitation.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-4517 or addressing the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS Commodity Procurement Staff; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 3522-S, Mail Stop 0239; Washington, DC 20250-0239. An electronic version of this Program 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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