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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

Removal of a Partial Small Business Set Aside for Fresh Boneless Beef Combo

The Commodity Procurement Staff of the Agricultural Marketing Service would like to inform the industry that the partial small business set aside has been removed for material number 100155, Fresh Boneless Beef Combo- 20/2000 lb. In accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 19.502-2(b) "The contracting officer shall set aside any acquisition over \$150,000 for small business participation when there is a reasonable expectation that (1) offers will be obtained from at least two responsible small business concerns offering the products of different small business concerns; and (2) award will be made at fair market prices." Recent findings have revealed that there are not at least two small businesses that can supply the product; therefore, the product will be procured on a full and open basis in the future.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Dianna Price via email at <u>Dianna.Price@ams.usda.gov</u> or by phone at (202) 720-4237.

Thank you for your interest in AMS Commodity Purchase Programs.

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