

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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USDA ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase all purpose egg mix for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers will be invited from the trade for all purpose egg mix in one or more of the following forms:

Pouches (076048) – All purpose egg mix packaged in plastic laminated foil pouches, 6 ounces (170 g) to each pouch, and packed 48 6-ounce (170-g) pouches per fiberboard shipping container with 18 pounds (8.16 kg) net weight. A purchase unit will consist of 2,000 shipping containers totaling 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg) net weight.

Polyethylene Bags (076010) – All purpose egg mix packaged in polyethylene bags, 10 pounds (4.54 kg) to each bag, and packed four 10-pounds (4.54-kg) polyethylene bags per fiberboard shipping container with 40 pounds (18.14 kg) net weight. A purchase unit will consist of 1,000 shipping containers (totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg) net weight).

Invitation No. 1 inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Tuesday, Jan.16 (due to the holiday on Monday for Federal employees), is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Jan.19, for delivery from Mar. 1 to Mar. 15, 2007.

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.

There are some important changes to this year's program. All contractors and subcontractors must have a documented and operational food security plan that provides for the security of a plant's production processes. Vendors must certify in their Appendix-1 that they have a food security plan. Additionally, all offeror's must be registered in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). ORCA can be accessed at www.bpn.gov. Offerors must have an active registration in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) to access ORCA. All other certifications that apply strictly to Poultry Programs will still 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 ORCA and Appendix-1, must be completed prior to submitting a bid.

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Although most other provisions of the program are similar to the program operated last year, offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended; Announcement PY-320; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for All Purpose Egg Mix dated Sept. 2006, which will be distributed to the trade in the near future; 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; 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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