

PRODUCT COMMODITY AWARD

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USDA SHELL EGG PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase shell eggs for domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers will be invited pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements dated April 2011 for shell eggs in the following form:

U.S. Grade AA or A, Large or Medium Eggs (15 dozen case) (100936) - Shell eggs must be of current production from domestic chickens. The eggs must be packaged in one dozen cartons and packed in fiberboard cases with 15 dozen per case. A purchase unit will total 1,500 cases.

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 first Solicitation will be issued in the near future for deliveries from July 1 through September 30, 2011. Offers will be due by 1:00 pm, Central Time, Monday, June 6. **Vendors are highly 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.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, June 8. Subsequent Solicitations will be issued on a quarterly basis.

There are some important changes to this year's program as Commodity Specifications were reviewed and revised and with the implementation of WBSCM. The Specifications for commodity products have been revised to include the new WBSCM terminology and procedures for bidding on Solicitations, shipment and delivery, and invoicing.

Under the food defense requirements, all non-conformances listed in the audit report must be addressed in writing to the Contracting Officer and Auditor within 14 calendar days of the audit. If the auditor receives an unacceptable corrective action response, the company will have an additional 7 days to respond to the non-conformance. Plans must have been audited on or after March 1, 2011.

With the implementation of WBSCM, 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 Shell Eggs dated May 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 Product Commodity Award 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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