

PURCHASE ANNOUNCEMENT

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USDA STANDARD YIELD BULK PACK CHICKEN AND TURKEY PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

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

Bulk Pack Chicken, Small (100100) - Bulk packed for further processing, chilled ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens without necks and giblets. Frozen may be specified in the Solicitation/Invitation. The weight range for an individual chicken is 2.50 to 3.75 pounds (1.13 to 1.70 kg), without neck and giblets. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required within this Specification. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Bulk Pack Chicken, Large (100103) - Bulk packed for further processing, chilled ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens, without necks and giblets. Frozen may be specified in the Solicitation/Invitation. The individual chicken weight range must be 3.75 pounds (1.70 kg) and over per carcass, without neck and giblets. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required within this Specification. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Chicken Legs, Bulk Parts (100113) - Chilled chicken legs, bulk packed for further processing. Legs must weigh between 5 and 19.0 ounces (141.75 and 538.64 g) each, or be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens that weigh 2.50 to 7 pounds (1.13 to 3.18 kg) per whole carcass, without necks and giblets. "Large legs" may be specified in the Solicitation/Invitation and must weigh more than 13.6 ounces (385.55 g) each. Frozen may be specified in the Solicitation/Invitation. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required within this Specification. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Chicken Thighs, Bulk Parts (100114) - Chilled chicken thighs (without back portion), bulk packed for further processing. Thighs must weigh 2.50 to 10.50 ounces (70.87 to 297.66 g) each, or be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens that weigh 2.50 to 7 pounds (1.13 to 3.18 kg) per whole carcass, without neck and giblets. Frozen may be specified in the Solicitation/Invitation. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required within this Specification. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Bulk Pack Turkey (100124) - Bulk packed for further processing, chilled young turkeys without necks and giblets, non-basted. Frozen may be specified in the Invitation. The individual turkey weight range must be 18 pounds (8.16 kg) and higher per carcass weighed without neck and giblets. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required herein. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg). Alternately, under Substitution Regulations, bulk pack turkeys may be delivered in compliance with the Standard Yield Program.

Bulk Pack Boneless Skinless Turkey Thighs (100883) - Bulk packed for further processing, chilled boneless skinless turkey thighs produced from ready-to-cook young turkeys (AMS 70.202). Frozen may be specified in the Solicitation/Invitation. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required in this Specification. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

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 July 31, 2011. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Solicitation. **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. These Solicitations will be for Standard Yield “No Tolerance” loads only.** Subsequent Solicitations will be issued on a biweekly 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 Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts dated May 2011; Commodity Specification for Turkey and Turkey Products dated May 2011; Commodity Specification for Bulk Pack Boneless Skinless Turkey Thighs dated June 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 Purchase 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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