

PURCHASE ANNOUNCEMENT

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USDA CANNED PINK SALMON PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase canned pink salmon for use in National school lunch and domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers will be invited pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements, dated April 2011. Please review Supplement 507 to the AMS Master Solicitation, dated July 2011, for further description.

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 September 1 through December 31, 2011. Offers to sell these products must be received no 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.** Subsequent Solicitations will be issued as necessary.

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

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; Supplement 507 to the AMS Master Solicitation, dated July 2011; and the entire Solicitation.

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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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