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## NOTICE TO USDA CANNED MEAT SUPPLIERS

In the near future, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) in conjunction with the Food and Nutrition Services will conduct a test purchase of new canned meat items (beef in tomato sauce, pork in tomato sauce, and beef chili without beans) under Announcement LS-5. The products will be distributed to participants in Federal food and nutrition programs.

Announcement LS-5--Purchase of Canned Meats for Distribution to Eligible Outlets, provides for the purchase of canned meat items from eligible suppliers. To become an eligible supplier, a firm must meet the requirements provided for in Announcement LS-5. The announcement and all required documents can be accessed on the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/cp/beef/beefannounce.htm>

Technical proposals and sample prototypes must be submitted by **April 29, 2004**, to allow sufficient time to evaluate the product and technical proposal. Once the technical proposal and sample have been approved, an on-site pre-award supplier assessment audit will be conducted.

Please forward the complete technical proposal package and samples of canned meat items to the attention of: Contracting Officer; Livestock and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Mail Stop 0253; 2610-South Building; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20250-0253. It is recommended that the required materials and samples be forwarded by express or courier service to ensure timely delivery.

If information is needed or questions arise related to technical proposal or specification requirements, please contact Thavann Un or Steve Olson of the Standardization Branch on (202) 720-4486. If information is needed or questions arise related to contractual requirements, please contact Ondray James of the Commodity Procurement Branch on (202) 720-2650.

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