



November 30, 2001

NOTICE TO THE TRADE
FROZEN GROUND BEEF SUPPLIERS
BIDDING ON MULTIPLE INVITATIONS

AMS Invitation LS82/021 and **Reprocurement Invitations 604 and 605** under Announcement LS-82 invite bids for coarse ground and fine ground beef, respectively, on Friday, December 7, 2001, and Monday, December 10, 2001. As the Announcement provides, offerors may submit bids for each of these invitations and may quote a maximum by type and maximum overall on each separate bid.

To allow firms the opportunity to receive awards up to their maximum capacity, firms bidding on multiple invitations may also quote a maximum quantity to be awarded over the three invitations.

However, if offerors are bidding across the three invitations as indicated in this Notice to the Trade, offerors may either fax in their bids or if submitting their bids electronically, offerors may submit their signed constraints in by fax.

AMS will analyze bids and make award determinations in the following order: coarse ground (Invitation 021); coarse ground beef (Invitation 604); and fine ground beef (Invitation 605).

If offeror is bidding on Invitations 021, 604, and 605 and elects to quote a maximum over all three invitations:

- (1) Add the following to Item 4 of the coarse bid under Invitation 021: "overall maximum quantity to be awarded under Invitations 021, 604, and 605 combined is # units." By submitting a bid with this overall maximum, offeror agrees that offer units not accepted under Invitation 021 will become the balance for its bids on Invitations 604 and 605.

Quantity remaining under the overall maximum after award determinations under Invitation 021 will be entered as the maximum quantity to be awarded for coarse ground beef under Invitation 604. OFFEROR SHOULD NOT QUOTE A MAXIMUM TO BE AWARDED FOR COARSE GROUND BEEF.

Quantity remaining under the overall maximum after award determinations under Invitation 604 will be entered as the maximum quantity to be awarded for fine ground beef under Invitation 605. OFFEROR SHOULD NOT QUOTE A MAXIMUM TO BE AWARDED FOR THE FINE GROUND BEEF UNDER INVITATION NO. 605.

(2) Item 4 of bids for Invitations 604 and 605 should reference the overall maximum offered on bid for Invitation 021.

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Attachment

EXAMPLE

Optional constraint example if offering units over all three Invitations 021, 604, and 605.

	MAX	LS-82 INV. 021 COARSE	LS-82 INV 604 COARSE	LS-82 INV 605 FINE
OVERALL MAXIMUM INVITATIONS 021,604, 605,	70			
Sample company X BIDS		70	NO MAX	NO MAX
AMS analyzes coarse ground (inv. 021) and awards		40		
AMS enters balance from overall maximum as maximum for coarse ground beef	70 <u>-40</u> (Inv. 021) 30 Balance Left		30	
AMS analyzes coarse ground (inv. 604) and awards			10	
AMS enters balance from overall maximum as maximum for coarse ground beef	30 <u>-10</u> (Inv. 604) 20 Balance Left			20
AMS analyzes fine ground (inv. 605) and awards				10
TOTAL AWARDED		40	10	10