

**WHEAT FLOUR (WF16) and BAKERY FLOUR PRODUCTS (BF13) 2000006297**

Acquisition Method: Sealed Bids (Invitation for Bid)  
Description: 12-3J14-19-B-0531  
Issued date: July 18, 2019, 1300 Central Time  
Offers due: July 30, 2019, 0900 Central Time  
Award Notification: August 1, 2019, 1600 Central Time  
Public Release of Award: August 2, 2019, 1500 Central Time

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“Due to the recent changes in SAM.gov policy regarding the appointment of an authorized Entity Administrator, USDA/AMS may allow bidders to be considered for award pending SAM.gov processing of the notarized letter. This exception is considered for new/expired SAM registrations impacted by notarized letter processing delays only. In order to be considered for an exception, the vendor must have submitted the required notarized letter to SAM.gov (per the directions provided in the link below) and must submit a copy of the notarized letter to the cognizant contracting officer via email at or before the bid due date. If an offeror’s SAM.gov registration is not expired, this section is not applicable.

[https://www.fsd.gov/answer.do?sysparm\\_kbid=d2e67885db0d5f00b3257d321f96194b&sysparm\\_search=kb0013183](https://www.fsd.gov/answer.do?sysparm_kbid=d2e67885db0d5f00b3257d321f96194b&sysparm_search=kb0013183)

Note that all other terms associated with requirements of Sam.gov registration, including those that impact payment, remain in full force and affect. See MSCP dated March 25, 2019, clause 52.212-1(k)

(k) System for Award Management. Unless exempted by an addendum to this solicitation, by submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee shall be registered in the SAM database prior to award, during performance and through final payment of any contract resulting from this solicitation.”

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VENDOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING A CONTAINER FOR BAGGED FLOUR TRUCKLOADS

**TRUCK UNLOAD APPOINTMENT – At least 72 hours in advance of delivery**, contact a responsible representative at the applicable WBSCM Purchase Order Item’s Ship-to-Address for an unload appointment. Reference the WBSCM Purchase Order Number, Item Number and when provided, the Sales Order Number and item Number that a particular appointment is being made for.

Master Solicitation has been updated. Review version dated March 25, 2019

Offshore Shipments: Please reference provision 4K52.214-0001 Electronic Submission of Bids (E) Offshore Items

See Section 6. Submission of Offers: E. Offshore Items.

See Section 10. FAR and Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Provisions and Clauses: B. Additional FAR Clauses: 47.303-8 F.a.s. vessel, port of shipment.

**1. Solicitation Information Contact:**

Name: Clyde King  
Telephone Number: 816-926-2610  
E-mail: clyde.king@ams.usda.gov

**2. Internet Address:** <http://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food>

**3. This Acquisition is:**

/x / Unrestricted

/x/ Set-Aside for:

/x/ Small Business Set-Aside in accordance with FAR 19.502-2. Any concern proposing to furnish a product that it did not itself manufacture must furnish the product of a small business manufacturer (Wheat Flour 2,029,420 lbs and Bakery Flour 390,960 lbs).

// 8(a) Program noncompetitive letter RFP only

// Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business SDVOSB

Noncompetitive, letter RFP only

Offers will be evaluated in the following order of precedence: 1. Bids. 2. Proposals.

**NOTICE OF PARTIAL SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE**

If specified in the solicitation, certain quantities are set aside exclusively for small business firms under the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631, et seq.).

Bids received for these set-aside quantities from firms who are not small business concerns will not be considered. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible small business concern(s) for the set-aside quantities, the Government may award the quantities to other than small business concerns.

**NOTICE OF 8(a) ACQUISITION**

If specified in the solicitation, the Government may reserve up to ten (10) percent of the solicitation quantity for 8(a) firms certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Part 19. The Government may increase the reserve to adjust quantities in the event of multiple awards to eligible 8(a) firms. In no event shall the Government offer for award a quantity in excess of an eligible 8(a) firm maximum quantity, if so established by the Government. If the 8(a) small business firm is a nonmanufacturer, it shall meet the definition and requirements outlined in FAR Part 19. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible 8(a) firm for the reserved quantity, the Government may award the quantities to other than 8(a) firms.

**NOTICE OF SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ACQUISITION**

If specified in the solicitation, the Government may reserve up to three (3) percent of the solicitation quantity for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned (SDVO) Small Business concerns as specified in FAR Clause 52.219.27. In the event the Government is unsuccessful in contracting with an eligible SDVO concern for the reserve quantity, the Government may award the quantities to other than SDVO concerns. If the SDVO concern is a nonmanufacturer, it shall meet the definition and requirements outlined in FAR Part 19.

**4. NAICS Codes/Size Standards:** See Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP) at: See attached Clauses and Provisions.

**5. Delivery Type: F.O.B. Destination**

**6. Submission of offers:**

A. Offers/quotes must be submitted electronically via the Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM). Submission of offers by any other means will result in the offer being deemed as nonresponsive. Bids for less than item quantity requested will not be accepted. WBSCM is available online at: <https://portal.wbscm.usda.gov>

## WBSCM Help Desk Information

To obtain assistance using WBSCM, please contact the WBSCM Level 1 Help desk at any of the following:

-telephone: 877-WBSCM-4U or 877-927-2648

-email: WBSCMhelp@ams.usda.gov

-Web form link on WBSCM Portal: <https://cacifedramp.service-now.com/wbscm/>

B. Only one bid price may be submitted for an item number.

### C. Kosher Requirement.

The kosher only commodity requirements have changed (see the Schedule of Supplies for web link) and offerors for kosher will be required to certify capability to meet requirements.

### D. Plant Location Requirement.

Plant location and the Place of Performance in Federal Acquisition Regulations provisions 52.214-14 (Apr 1985) and 52.215-6 (Oct 1997) shall match. Representations and Certifications are available online at the System for Award Management at website [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov).

### E. Offshore Items.

Items for delivery to offshore locations require the contractor to arrange and pay for ocean transportation in addition to the land transportation. Offshore examples are Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Offshore locations are identified by the cities and postal abbreviations shown at the level 3 Item data.

**Contractors offering on Items for the State of Hawaii can offer a delivered price to the Port in Los Angeles, California or a delivered price to the final destinations in the State of Hawaii. If the Contractor offers a price to the State of Hawaii, the Offeror should also indicate the price to the Port in Los Angeles, California.**

**In regard to offering on Hawaii items, contractors should access the attached Offshore Bidding Job Aid or contact the WBSCM Service Desk at [wbscm.servicedesk@caci.com](mailto:wbscm.servicedesk@caci.com).**

**In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulations 47.303-8 F.a.s. vessel, port of shipment, (a), (2) (i), (ii) contractors offering to deliver Hawaii items to the Port of Los Angeles are responsible for payment of West Coast Wharfage fees. Wharfage fees will be billed to the offeror who receives the contract award.**

**Ocean transportation questions should be directed to Karen Hayes, USDA/Farm Service Agency at 816 926 6176 or via email to [karen.hayes@kcc.usda.gov](mailto:karen.hayes@kcc.usda.gov)**

**7. Submit Invoices to:** The contractor shall use the invoicing function in WBSCM. More information can be found in the MSCP.

### **8. Shipment/Delivery Schedule:**

October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

See Schedule of Supplies for period of performance. A WBSCM Purchase Order will be available at least seven calendar days prior to the first day of each period of performance scheduled in the contract. Contractor shall comply with the instructions in the Purchase Order. If a WBSCM Purchase Order is available less than seven calendar days prior to the first day of the contracted period of performance, the performance period shall be extended by the number of days the WBSCM Purchase Order is available. Contractor shall not be entitled to any extension of the performance period unless it furnishes evidence satisfactory to the Government that it was prepared to perform during the contracted period of performance.

**9. Other Requirements:**

A. Bidders shall meet the Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors Selling Commodities to USDA provision at Part 2, Section A.1 (b) in the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP).

B. Contractor Past Performance evaluation is applicable for contracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold of \$150,000.

**C. Bread Flour Specification to be received by Rich Foods**

Ingredient Statement: Hard wheat flour enriched (niacin, ferrous sulfate, thiamine mononitrate, riboflavin, folic acid) enzyme

Product Description: Product milled from clean hard wheat of sound quality with no sprout damage. This product shall be food grade and in compliance with the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1938 as amended and applicable regulations there under.

Extraneous Matter: This product is in compliance with current regulatory requirements and does not exceed the defect action levels established by the US FDA.

Kosher Status: A copy of a current kosher certification must be sent prior to each delivery

Enzyme System: 1.90 Grams of Fungal Amylase per 100 pounds of flour Minimum

2.35 Grams of Fungal Amylase per 100 pounds of flour Maximum

Analytical Specification

Protein content 12.4 +/- 0.3%

Ash content 0.53 +/- 0.03%

Moisture content 14% Maximum

Starch damage 7% Maximum

Pesticides Must be at a minimum and meet all of the EPA and FDA standards and tolerances

Farinograph Specifications:

Water absorption 61 +/- 2%

Peak Time 7 +/- 2

Stability 12 minute Minimum

MTI 30 BU Maximum

-Flour must be delivered within 30 days of being milled (Mill date must appear on COA)

-Flour delivery truck must be clean and with no evidence of insects and/or rodents.

-Flour bags, and pallets must be clean and with no evidence of insects and/or rodents.

-All deliveries must be accompanied by a COA of the delivered flour.

-COA must contain Rich Products specific targets and range and the corresponding actual value of the flour being delivered.

-Supplier must send MSDS sheets prior to delivery of flour.

-Bulk trucks and trailers must be sealed when loaded and seal numbers noted on the Bill of Lading and must match and be secure and checked by a Rich receiving associate prior to unloading begins.

-All loads will be set up with delivery dates a minimum of two weeks in advance between Rich Products and supplier.

- Supplier is responsible to call and set up delivery appointment time 48 hours in advance with Rich products receiving department. (Office Hours 7am to 3 pm Monday-Friday, 615-995-7398).

#### **D. High Gluten Flour Specification**

##### CHEMICAL

Moisture Content (%) 14.0 +/- 0.3%

Ash (%) .55 +/- 0.02%

Protein (%) 13.6 +/- 0.2%

Starch Damage 9.0 +/- 2.0%

##### PHYSICAL

Farinograph – Absorption (%) 64.5 +/- 3.0 %

Development Time (min) 5.5 +/- 3.0%

Stability (min) 12.0 +/- 3.0%

Time to Breakdown (min) 10.0 +/- 3.0%

FALLING NUMBER 260 +/- 30

Farinograph - MTI (FU's) 30.0 +/- 20.0

#### **E. AAFES Shipping Instructions**

1. **Container and Liners- FOR BULK LOADS ONLY.** Orders for Army, Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) and shall be shipped in either Maersk/Sealand Service Lines, 20-foot standard, export bulk containers. Contractor shall coordinate with AAFES which container service to order. A 20-foot bulk container with a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved liner no less than 7 mil plastic thickness shall be used. Contractor is responsible for obtaining the container liners and all costs associated with them. The quantity of flour for each container is 37,500 pounds. Please direct AAFES inquiries to:

**Connie Samaniego, AAFES, 214-312-3448, [samaniegoco@aafes.com](mailto:samaniegoco@aafes.com)**

2. Contractor is responsible for ordering, obtaining, and paying all costs associated with getting the empty containers to their plant and the product delivered in the containers to the destination port. Contractor shall

contact AAFES at least three (3) weeks in advance to coordinate delivery of the containers to the port. AAFES assigns booking numbers needed to get containers released from the container companies. The port currently loads three (3) containers a week. Please direct shipping and transportation inquiries to:

**Kennita Anderson, AAFES Logistics, 214-312-2213, [andersonkenni@aafes.com](mailto:andersonkenni@aafes.com)**

3. Contractor shall contact the following for empty containers for both bulk and bagged flour:

Maersk/Sealand Service Lines, Phone: 800-321-8807, [www.maersksealand.dk/](http://www.maersksealand.dk/)

Hapag-Lloyd, Toll Free: 1-800-834-6314, Direct Tel: 1-813-276-4613, <http://www.hapag-lloyd.com>

4. Available liner companies:

Insta-bulk, Inc. Phone: 713-673-6100, ext. 22 or Powertex, Inc. Phone: 518-297-4000, ext 103

**F. Whole Wheat Flour Specification to be received by AAFES**

Ingredient Statement: Whole wheat flour

Product Description: Product milled from cleaned wheat of sound quality. This product shall be food grade and in compliance with the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1938 as amended and applicable regulations thereunder. This is not a ready-to-eat product. Due to the nature of our products, we do not include microbial parameters as part of our Product Specification. As described in our Continuing Guaranty, we adhere to the U.S. Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as amended.

Extraneous Matter: This product is in compliance with current regulatory requirements and does not exceed the defect action levels established by the US FDA.

Analytical Specifications:      Sifting Specifications:

	Target	Min	Max		Min	Max
ASH	1.60	1.40	1.80	WIRE-18	0.0	0.2
MOISTURE	0.0	0.0	13.5	WIRE-30	0.0	2.5
PROTEIN@ 12%MOISTURE		14.00		WIRE-40	3.0	8.0
PROTEIN@ 14%MOISTURE		13.8		WIRE-70	17.0	34.0
				WIRE-100	17.0	34.0
				WIRE-PAN	38.0	55.0

Optimum Storage Conditions: Product should be kept in a clean, dry place that is well ventilated. Product should be used within six months and kept at 70 degrees F or less at low humidity.

**10. FAR and Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Provisions and Clauses:**

In the event of a conflict between WBSCM and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) terminology, FAR terminology shall take precedence.

A. This solicitation shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP) in effect as of the date of this solicitation. See attached MSCP. The FAR and AGAR provisions and clauses applicable to this solicitation are contained in the MSCP.

B. / / Applicable if checked. **FAR Clause 52.232-18, Availability of Funds** (Apr 1984). Funds are not presently available for this contract. The Government obligation under this contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the contracting officer for this contract and until the contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the contracting officer.

**11. Bid Invitation Item details:**

Bid invitation item details, attachments, and attributes are available at:

<https://portal.wbscm.usda.gov/>

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