

2. Amendment/Modification No. A01	3. Effective Date 04/10/2015	4. Requisition/Purchase Reg. No. N/A	5. Project No. (if applicable) N/A
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6. Issued By United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service, Commodity Procurement Staff 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Room 3522-S, STOP 0239 Washington, D.C. 20250-0239	7. Administered By (If other than Item 6) See block 6
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8. Name and Address of Contractor (No., Street, County, and Zip Code)	(X)	9A. Amendment of Solicitation No. 2000003254
	X	9B. Date (See Item 11) 4/1/2015
		10A. Modification of Contract/Order No.
		10B. Date (See Item 13)

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11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. Accounting and Appropriation Data (if required)
N/A

**13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACT/ORDERS.
IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.**

(x)	A. This change order is issued pursuant to: (Specify authority) The changes set forth in item 14 are made in the Contract Order No. in item 10A.
	B. The above numbered Contract/Order is modified to reflect the administrative changes (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.)
	C. This supplemental agreement is entered into pursuant to authority of:
	D. Other (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return 1 copies to the issuing office.

14. Description of Amendment/Modification (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The purpose of this amendment is to answer the questions submitted in response to the above referenced solicitation and make changes to the solicitation as follows:

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. Name and Title of Signer (Type or Print)	16A. Name and title of Contracting Officer (Type or Print)		
	James D. Sprandel Contracting Officer		
15B. Contractor/Offeror	15C. Date Signed	16B. United States of America	16C. Date Signed
_____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)		_____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)	

A. Answers to Questions:

1. **Question:** Can the size requirement be reduced from 1.25 inch to 1 inch on page 28?
Answer: Yes, the dice size can be reduced from the minimum of 1.25 inch to 1 inch.
2. **Question:** Please confirm the word “commodity” on Page 28, under MEAT COMPONENT, section a., is referring to the finished good and not the commodity of raw chicken that we purchase as it relates to the 30 days.
Answer: Commodity means the finished product. NOT THE RAW CHICKEN
3. **Question:** Can the requirement of “not processed more than 30 calendar days prior to the delivery order” be change to 90 days prior to the delivery order
Answer: Yes, 90 days is permitted versus the 30 days.
4. **Question:** What are the procedures for shipping product that may be processed more than 30 calendar days ahead of a delivery order? Would this be a waiver requested to the contracting officer? Is this something that would normally be approved since our shelf life is extended based on the shelf stable pouch?
Answer: See answer 3.
5. **Question:** Our company has been approved to sell to the USDA and we have already completed all of the requirements in Exhibit 7. How do I know if we were placed on a qualified products list, qualified manufacturers list, or qualified bidders list?
Answer: Contact the contract specialist, Greta Samuel to confirm.
6. **Question:** Part 3 of the Technical Proposal asks that we provide 3 written past performance references for similar contract/orders completed within the last 3 years. Does this pertain to any customer contracts/orders or only USDA bids?
Answer: You may submit past performance references for any contract; however priority should be given to government contracts for the same or similar items.
7. **Question:** I did not see any changes to the corrected RFP that was sent out this morning. Were there changes made?
Answer: Yes, the text of the email was corrected to reflect the industry conference call time change from 12:00 p.m. CST to 1:00 p.m. CST.

B. Changes to the Solicitation:

1. The first sentence of Exhibit 1 – Item Description and Requirements (IDR) For Shelf-Stable Chicken, Paragraph B.1.a, is changed to:

“The commodity must not be processed more than 90 calendar days prior to the date of the delivery order.”
2. Exhibit 1 – Item Description and Requirements (IDR) For Shelf-Stable Chicken, Paragraph B.1.c is changed to:

“The larger pieces of meat, to include breast portions and thigh portions, must be cut into chunks/cubes which are a minimum of 1 inch (2.54 cm) in size.”