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**Agricultural Marketing Service**  
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## Information

Description: **AG-PCHX-S-15-0046-P0001**  
Bid invitation number: **2000003254**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS Poultry**

## SOLICITATION Master/Shortfall Invitation

### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 04/01/2015 14:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 04/20/2015 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 04/20/2015 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Master

### Additional requested information:

#### Amendment Text :

Amendment 01 Dated April 10, 2015

#### Tendering text - Header :

SHELF-STABLE CHICKEN, SOLICITATION NO: 2000003254

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests proposals to sell shelf-stable chicken pursuant to the attached Request for Proposals (RFP) document for use in the food and nutrition assistance programs.

Interested offerors shall carefully read applicable documents and instructions located in the RFP document concerning the content, format, and submission of proposals. Awards will be announced by midnight Friday, May 15, 2015.

Questions regarding the solicitation shall be submitted in writing to Greta.Samuel@ams.usda.gov no later than Wednesday, April 8, 2015, by 1:00 PM Central Time.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will host a telephone conference call on Thursday, Thursday, April 9, 2015, at 1:00 PM Central Time. During the call, AMS Commodity Procurement staff will explain the program requirements and field any questions industry may have.

To participate in the call, dial 1-888-844-9904. The participant code for the call is 1801764#.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred. Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver.

Offers must be submitted electronically via the Web-Based Supply Chain Management System (WBSCM). Offers submitted by any means other than WBSCM will be deemed nonresponsive. Offerors must be active in WBSCM and have the required bidder roles in order to submit offers under this Solicitation. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions or call (202) 720-4517 for assistance.

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**See attached documents:**

- 1 . Shelf Stable Solicitation
- 2 . Canned Boned Specification Dated April 2013
- 3 . Amendment 01 Dated April 10 2015

**Attributes :**

Offeror acknowledges receipt of the amendment(s) to the solicitation. Select N/A if no amendment was issued to the solicitation.

Permitted values:       - Yes  
                                   - No  
                                   - N/A

IS THE OFFEROR AN ENTITY THAT HAS FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IN ONE OF THE FIFTY STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR THE VARIOUS TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES? YOU MUST ANSWER THE NEXT 3 QUESTIONS IF THE ANSWER FOR THIS QUESTION IS YES.

HAS THE OFFEROR BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

HAS THE OFFEROR HAD ANY OFFICER OR AGENT OF OFFEROR CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION FOR ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF OFFEROR UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

DOES THE OFFEROR HAVE ANY UNPAID FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY ASSESSED, WHICH ALL JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED/LAPSED, THAT IS NOT BEING PAID IN A TIMELY MANNER PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING IT?

OFFEROR REQUESTS HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE. APPLIES ONLY TO FIRMS CERTIFIED IN THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S HUBZONE PROGRAM (FAR SUBPART 19.13). MUST BE THE MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER OF THE PRODUCT TO RECEIVE A PRICE PREFERENCE

OFFEROR CERTIFIES THAT THE OFFER IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE MASTER SOLICITATION; COMMODITY SUPPLEMENT AND/OR SPECIFICATION(S); THIS SOLICITATION; THE AGRICULTURE ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (AGAR) AND THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (FAR).

Timely performance: Offeror and any subcontractor have completed required performance of any USDA contract prior to this bid opening.

Permitted values:       - Have been delivered

