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2. Amendment/Modification No. A01	3. Effective Date See block 16c.	4. Requisition/Purchase Req. No.	5. Project No. (if applicable) N/A
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6. Issued By United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Commodity Procurement Staff 1400 Independence Ave SW STOP 0239 Washington, D.C. 20250-0239	Code	7. Administered By (If other than Item 6) See Block 6	Code
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8. Name and Address of Contractor (No., Street, County, and Zip Code)	(X)	9A. Amendment of Solicitation No. 2000003370
	X	9B. Date (See Item 11) 05/29/2015
		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)

**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.) Set fourth item 14, pursuant to the authority of FAR 43.103 (b)
	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 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 distribute answers to questions received via email and during the conference call on Thursday June 4, 2015; and to adjust the materials in the attached Excel file entitled "Exhibit 2 – Estimates Based on Current Orders", as follows:

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)	

1. The spreadsheet entitled “Exhibit 2 – Estimates Based on Current Orders” is replaced with the spreadsheet attached in WBSCM entitled “Exhibit 2 – Estimates Based on Current Orders Amended” and is attached to the WBSCM Solicitation. Changes remove materials 100226- PEARS HALVES EX LT CAN-6/10, and 110237- PEARS DICED EX LT SUCROSE CAN-6/10 from Exhibit 2. The original spreadsheet entitled “Exhibit 2 – Estimates Based on Current Orders” has been removed from WBSCM.

2. Questions and Answers:

Q1: We noticed that on Exhibit 2 the ship dates reflect deliveries between January and March 2016 but the Part B schedule reflects the dates will be between January and September 2016. Can you tell us which one is more accurate?

A1: The period of performance for delivery will be from January 2016 through September 2016. However, if we receive enough orders to reach contract fulfillments [by March], orders will be issued earlier.

Q2: Will you be awarding by lowest price per state or an average price of all states? If neither, please explain how you intend to award.

A2: Price will be evaluated on a state basis and averaging will not be used. Award will be made by individual CLIN based on the best value using the trade-off process and taking into account the delivery constraints, per material and delivery period, identified by each offeror, in their proposal.

Q3: The Master/Shortfall solicitation has 4 Pear materials, and Exhibit 2 has 6 Pear materials. Are we only bidding on what’s listed on the RFP solicitation?

A3: Yes, the materials listed on the RFP document are what are solicited. There are four pear materials on the RFP solicitation.

Q4: Are we required to bid on each state or only the ones listed on Exhibit 2? Do we use exhibit #2 to estimate quantities and delivery dates?

A4: Offerors are required to enter a price for each and every State. See B.5 (page 6), Offerors will submit a unit price in WBSCM including all costs associated through final delivery for all CLIN (Contract Line Item Number) items by State, that they propose offering during the period of performance (See Part B – Schedule Jan 2016 – Sept 2016 for CLINs). Exhibit 2 - Estimates Based on Current Orders is the basis for estimate quantities and delivery dates of current orders (subject to change).

Q5: According to exhibit 2, most of the product that we are bidding on is to be delivered next season 2016 (July, Aug, Sept, etc). Are these firm delivery dates?

A5: The delivery dates in Exhibit 2 - Estimates Based on Current Orders, are based on current orders and indicate the destinations we intend to award. Exact destinations will not be certain until monthly purchase orders are issued.

Q6: Since we are required to submit a price for every state, is there any way we are able to regulate the total quantity being bid? One example might be: providing a limit per material on how much we can reasonable provide? Basically, if awarded, we want to be able to provide the product with no problems.

A6: (See B.4) Offerors may enter constraints, to include the total maximum number of truckloads for the life of the contract. Entering constraints per delivery period, as identified in paragraph B.10.c, will be at the discretion of the offeror. Offerors must indicate delivery periods in which shipments cannot be made by entering a constraint of zero, “0”, for that delivery period. If no constraints are entered, AMS will assume that there are no limits to vendor’s capacity to deliver up to their total awarded quantity in any delivery period.

Q7: Exhibit 2 currently has orders from FNS, which totals the estimated quantity on Part B-Schedule. Is it safe to assume the estimated quantity are firm totals?

A7: The estimated quantity is what AMS intends as the pack-to amount; however, this estimated quantity is subject to change delivery period and state, which are issued at the time of monthly purchase orders.

Q8: Are contract constraints entered in WBSCM or uploaded?

A8: Constraints are entered in WBSCM.

Q9: Last year AMS felt strongly that the maximum quantity would be awarded; do we project this for the current year?

A9: AMS strongly suggests that the *estimated quantity* will be awarded. The maximum quantity will only be awarded by mutual agreement between FNS and the offeror.

Q10: If the solicitation estimated quantity falls short, will AMS award more of another material?

A10: No answer at this time. This is not something we can predict will happen at this time.

Q11: Strawberry cup truckload quantity is double the amount of cases in Exhibit 2. Why?

A11: Please note that Exhibit 2 has three tabs [at the bottom of the exl. Document] Tab2-NSLP demand Jan-June and Tab3-NSLP demand July-Sept together total the amount of strawberry cups listed on Part B-Schedule.

Q12: Do we know when trucks will be ordered? The system does not tell us when trucks will be needed.

A12: Exhibit 2 gives more information on what orders are current in the system in terms of quantity, delivery period, and destination. These orders are subject to change, as schools have 45 days prior to delivery to make changes. Exact destinations and quantities will be issued at the time of monthly purchase orders.