The purpose of this amendment is to address questions submitted via e-mail. AMS’ answers to each of the questions are included below:
a. **Question:** Raw meat from other plants is allowed. Is it acceptable for the meat to be ground at the other plant?

**Answer:** Yes.

b. **Question:** Raw meat from other plants is allowed. What are the Grading & Food Defense requirements for that source plant?

**Answer:** The Grading & Food Defense requirements are the same as for the Contractor’s plant.

c. **Question:** Our sample from the 2014 bid was approved; if we use the identical formula, do we need to submit another sample for the 2015 bid?

**Answer:** Yes.

d. **Question:** We don’t see anything about light or dark meat proportions; are there any restrictions?

**Answer:** No.

e. **Question:** Formula states maximum 14% water. Some water is lost (evaporated) during cooking; can water weight be brought back to the original 14% of the formula?

**Answer:** No.

f. **Question:** On the call this morning you answered a question about Grading & Food Defense requirements for plants providing raw material turkey to the processing plant. Could you explain a little more please?

If we purchase turkey parts, what is specifically required from the source plant in the way of Food Defense audits, on-site grading, grading certificates, truck seals, etc (i.e. anything that would disqualify raw material for this product). And what are the requirements if we purchase turkey that is ground at the source plant?

**Answer:** All raw material must meet the requirements stated in the IDR B.1.a.-d. Prior to size reduction, USDA Graders will perform checks of each meat component for organoleptic requirements and defects to determine compliance with the requirements.

Processors equipment designed to extract and discharge bone, bone-like material, cartilage (gristle), cartilage-like material, or hard tendons or tendinous material, the grader shall verify bone removal based on the processor’s written control procedures.

Any facility producing raw material used must have an approved Food Defense Audit.

g. **Question:** Are we allowed to purchase ground turkey (ungraded) and then further grind out our facility with a grader present?

**Answer:** See Answer f.
h. **Question:** I could not find the serving size. Can you let me know what the serving size is?