

May 2013

AMENDMENT NO. 3

SUPPLEMENT 404 TO AMS MASTER SOLICITATION

**PURCHASE OF FROZEN COOKED BEEF AND PORK PRODUCTS
FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CHILD NUTRITION AND OTHER
FEDERAL FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

This Amendment is issued in order to update Supplement 404 as follows:

- 1) Update Section I, Instructions to Potential Bidders to add sub-section G, CN Labeling, effective for solicitations issued on or after **October 2013**.

I. INSTRUCTIONS TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS

G. CN Labeling

The CN Labeling Program is run by FNS directly with commercial food processing firms and in cooperation with AMS and FSIS and other Federal agencies. The Program requires an evaluation of a product's formulation by FNS to determine its contribution toward meal patterns requirements. To carry a CN label, the eligible product's formulation must be evaluated by FNS to verify its contribution toward meal pattern requirements using yields in the USDA [Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs](#). The manufacturer must have an approved QC Program in order to participate, and products must be produced under Federal inspection.

Products requiring CN Labels are identified in Exhibit A. For information on the CN Labeling Program, see the section on Food Manufacturers/Industry on the FNS website www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/cnlabeling and contact the following:

Child Nutrition Labeling Program Operations Office
USDA, AMS, FV, PPB Stop 0247, Room 0710-S
1400 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20250
Email: CNLabeling@ams.usda.gov
Phone Number: 202-720-9939
Fax Number: 202-690-3824

Note: This advance notice provides sufficient time for suppliers to evaluate the new requirement, obtain approved CN Labeling, and maintain uninterrupted eligibility in AMS Commodity Purchase Programs.

- 2) Replace Exhibit A with the attached Checklist and References to Applicable Bid and Contract Provisions dated May 2013.
- 3) Replace Attachment IV with the attached Technical Requirements Schedule- Animal Handling and Welfare 2013 (TRS-AHW-2013), effective **July 2013**.

Note: TRS-AHW-2013 does not become effective until **July 2013**. The following information will clarify how the new requirements relate to contractor /supplier eligibility in AMS Commodity Procurement Programs (solicitations and contract awards):

- a. Approved suppliers will remain eligible to participate in AMS Commodity Procurement Programs under TRS-AHW-2010 on any solicitation issued on or before June 30, 2013.
- b. Meanwhile, approved suppliers (and, likewise, any supplier currently in the process of becoming approved) may address the animal welfare portion of their technical programs according to the updated TRS-AHW-2013, have it reviewed by LPS Program's Food Safety and Commodity Specification (FSCS) Division, and approved pending a successful onsite capability assessment conducted by the LPS Program's Grading and Verification Division (GVD). This will have no effect on their eligibility to bid during this period of time.
- c. **Approved suppliers must revise their technical programs according to the updated TRS-AHW-2013 and be re-approved before July 1, 2013, to be eligible to bid on any solicitations issued on or after that date.**

All other terms and conditions remained unchanged.

Attachments

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**CHECKLIST AND REFERENCES TO APPLICABLE BID AND CONTRACT PROVISIONS
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 For
 FROZEN COOKED BEEF AND PORK PRODUCTS**

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION					OFFER/CONTRACT PROVISIONS			
WBSM Material Description	Specifications Listed in Priority Order	WBSM Material Number	Packaging and Packing	Minimum Offer Unit Size/Shipping Unit	Tolerance Section	Delivery Period	Federal/State Plants, Section I.D.	Competition (See Solicitation)
PORK SLOPPY JOE MIX CKD PKG-4/10 LB	Item Description and Checklist of Requirements (IDCR) for Cooked Pork Items, dated May 2012	100148	10 lb., 8 lb., 5 lb., or 2 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container	40,000 lbs.; 1,000 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open
PORK TACO FILLING CKD PKG-4/10 LB		100150	10 lb., 8 lb., 5 lb., or 2 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container	40,000 lbs.; 1,000 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open
PORK PATTY BRD CKD PKG-4/10 LB		100149	10 lb., 8 lb., 5 lb., or 2 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container	38,000 lbs.; 950 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open

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PORK SEASND PATTY 1.2 OZ CKD PKG-4/10 LB		100146	10 lb., 8 lb., 5 lb., or 2 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container	38,000 lbs.; 950 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open
PORK SEASND PATTY 2.7 OZ CKD PKG-4/10 LB		100145	10 lb., 8 lb., 5 lb., or 2 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container. CN Labeled	38,000 lbs.; 950 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open
PORK CRUMBLES W/ SPP PKG-4/10 LB		100144	10 lb., 8 lb., 5 lb., or 2 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container. CN Labeled	40,000 lbs.; 1,000 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open
PORK LINK 1-OZ CKD PKG-4/10 LB		100143	10 lb., 8 lb., 5 lb., or 2 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container	40,000 lbs.; 1,000 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open

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BEEF BRD PATTY CKD PKG-4/10 LB	IDCR for Cooked Beef Items, dated January 2013	100132	10 lb., 8 lb., or 5 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container	40,000 lbs.; 1,000 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open
BEEF SLOPPY JOE MIX CKD PKG-4/10 LB		100133	10 lb., 8 lb., or 5 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container	40,000 lbs.; 1,000 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open
BEEF TACO FILLING CKD PKG-4/10 LB		100131	10 lb., 8 lb., or 5 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container	40,000 lbs.; 1,000 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open
BEEF SPP PATTY HOMESTYLE CKD CTN-40 LB		100130	10 lb., 8 lb., or 5 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container. CN Labeled	38,000 lbs.; 950 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open
BEEF SPP PTY HSTYLE CKD 1.5MMA CTN-40 LB		110321	10 lb., 8 lb., or 5 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container. CN Labeled	10 lb., 8 lb., or 5 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open

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BEEF SPP PTY HSTYLE CKD 2.0MMA CTN-40 LB		110322	10 lb., 8 lb., or 5 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container. CN Labeled	10 lb., 8 lb., or 5 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open
BEEF CRUMBLES W/SPP PKG-4/10 LB		100134	10 lb., 8 lb., or 5 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container. CN Labeled	40,000 lbs.; 1,000 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open
BEEF CRUMBLES W/SPP LFT OPT PKG-4/10 LB		110264	10 lb., 8 lb., or 5 lb. packages, packed 40 lbs. net weight (18.1 kg) per shipping container. CN Labeled	40,000 lbs.; 1,000 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open
BEEF ROAST CKD SLC FRZ PKG-20/2 LB	IDCR for Fully Cooked, Boneless, Thinly Sliced Roast Beef, dated June 2012	110098	Packed in 2-pound package packed to 40 lbs. net weight per shipping container	40,000 lbs.; 1,000 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open
BEEF ROAST CKD SLC FRZ PKG-8/5 LB		110096	Packed in 5-pound package packed to 40 lbs. net weight per shipping container	40,000 lbs.; 1,000 cases	NONE	First Half/Last Half of month	Federal Plants Only	Full & Open



**TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS
SCHEDULE – ANIMAL HANDLING AND
WELFARE 2013 (TRS-AHW-2013)**

APPROVED

Contracting Officer Technical Representative (COTR)
Livestock, Poultry and Seed Program
Food Safety and Commodity Specification Division
Room 2608 S-Bldg, Phone: (202) 260-8295

Effective: July 2013

100 GENERAL

101 This document is for use by the Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Livestock, Poultry and Seed (LPS) Program to ensure that the animal handling and welfare requirements for Federal nutrition assistance programs reflect industry best practices.

110 PROGRAM APPROACH

111 All animal harvest facilities that supply raw materials from bovine, porcine and ovine species for the production of AMS destined finished products must develop and implement a written program that is consistent with a systematic approach to humane animal handling and welfare as outlined in 69 FR 54625. The program will ensure proper animal handling and welfare techniques are conducted from the time the transportation conveyance enters the facility's premises through the stunning and exsanguination of the animal.

120 PROGRAM SUBMISSION

121 The program will be submitted as a supporting document to the organization's approved technical proposal and must address the requirements outlined in **Section 200 – PROGRAM COMPONENTS**.

200 PROGRAM COMPONENTS

201 The contractor must ensure that any facility that harvests animals has a:

210 MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT

211 Steering Committee (internal) which is ultimately accountable for animal handling and welfare initiatives within the organization.

212 Mission Statement on animal handling and welfare that is distributed to all employees and conspicuously displayed at the premises.

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220 TRAINING PROGRAM

221 Training program on Animal Handling and Welfare that:

221.1 is provided to all employees interacting with animals;

221.2 covers the AMI *Recommended Animal Handling Guidelines and Audit Guide 2012 Edition*;

221.3 is facilitated by an employee that has earned and maintained a certification of animal handling and welfare training, such as that offered through the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO) or an equivalent.

221.4 is conducted no less frequently than once a year for each designated employee; and,

221.5 requires signed documentation from each employee and confirmation by signature of the designated, **certified** trainer upon successful completion of training.

230 QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

231 Written quality management plan (internal) which addresses **all** provisions of Chapter 3: Transportation Audit Guidelines, **7** Core Criteria and Chapter 4: Auditing Animal Handling and Stunning, **7** Core Criteria, of the AMI *Recommended Animal Handling Guidelines and Audit Guide 2012 Edition*, found at the following web site address:

231.1 <http://www.animalhandling.org/ht/d/sp/i/26752/pid/26752>

232 This internal quality management plan must also provide for routine assessment and monitoring of humane handling through the use of a numerical scoring system conducted by a trained employee.

240 NON-AMBULATORY AND U.S. SUSPECTS

241 CATTLE

242 Written protocol in-place and enforced that precludes the receipt of or having non-ambulatory, disabled cattle on the harvest facility premise. In the event that animals become non-ambulatory or disabled at any time while present at the harvest facility, the animal will be humanely euthanized and the carcass removed from the premise in a timely manner through contracted services or other means.

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243 HOGS AND SHEEP

244 Written protocol in-place and enforced that ensures all animals designated by FSIS as U.S. Suspects (9 CFR 301.2) that are slaughtered are appropriately segregated during the harvest and production processes and precluded from inclusion in any products purchased by AMS.

300 PROGRAM EVALUATION AND ELIGIBILITY

301 The program will be audited (external) by [AMS](#) or a firm accredited by AMS. The accreditation of the firm will be conducted by the [Grading and Verification Division \(GVD\)](#) through the **USDA ISO Guide 65 Program**. Alternatively, at the option of the organization, the audits can be performed by [GVD](#) auditors.

302 Audit findings thought to be in conflict with Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) regulations will be communicated to the establishment's FSIS Inspector in Charge (IIC) or designee.

310 AUDIT FORMAT

311 [AMS](#) or the AMS accredited auditing firm [will](#) conduct audits utilizing the following format:

312 TRANSPORTATION SEGMENT (CHAPTER 3: AMI RECOMMENDED ANIMAL HANDLING GUIDELINES AND AUDIT GUIDE 2012 EDITION)

312.1 Audited [organizations](#) must pass Core Criteria 1 [and 6](#) with a minimum scoring of [excellent](#), Core Criteria 2 through 5 with a minimum scoring of acceptable [and Core Criteria 7 must be adhered to with full compliance \(zero tolerance\)](#) each time an audit is performed.

313 ANIMAL HANDLING AND STUNNING SEGMENT (CHAPTER 4: AMI RECOMMENDED ANIMAL HANDLING GUIDELINES AND AUDIT GUIDE 2012 EDITION)

313.1 Audited firms must pass Core Criteria 1 through 5 with a minimum scoring of acceptable while Core Criteria 6 and 7 must be adhered to with full compliance (zero tolerance) each time an audit is performed.

320 INITIAL AUDIT

321 Initial audit must be performed prior to award of contracts.

330 AUDIT FAILURE

331 If an audit is failed for any of the Core Criteria, the organization is not eligible to provide product until such a time that corrective and preventative actions are approved by the [COTR](#), implemented and proven effective.

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340 AUDIT FREQUENCY AND STATUS

341 STANDARD - Until four (4) consecutive successfully passed audits are attained, an audit must be conducted within 3 months of the previous audit.

342 MONTHLY - If at any time an audit identifies any of the Core Criteria not meeting the pass requirements while in the STANDARD phase, auditing will be required to be conducted on a monthly basis once corrective and preventative actions have been approved by the **COTR**, implemented and proven effective. This schedule will be for a period of time until four (4) successive audits are found to meet the passing requirements noted in **SECTION 310 – AUDIT FORMAT**; at which time audits shall be conducted on the STANDARD basis.

343 If four successfully conducted audits are sequentially completed within a one year period while in STANDARD auditing phase, the facility may move to a SEMI-ANNUAL audit basis.

344 SEMI-ANNUAL - Semi-annual audits may continue until such time that a failed audit is reported or a period of greater than six months has elapsed without any audits being performed; at which time the audits must resume as described for STANDARD audits.

400 COTR

401 The **COTR** can declare an organization's Animal Handling and Welfare Program out of compliance at any time.