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AMENDMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

RFP 005-2024
Food Commodities
AMENDMENT 3

September 19, 2024

Please review the attached document (All Notice/Amendments can be reviewed on our website). Please sign this acknowledgement page and only return this page, attention to TRICIA ROSARIO via email to trosario@gdoe.net.

I, _____, an authorized representative of the company named below, acknowledge receipt of AMENDMENT 3, for RFP 005-2024 Food Commodities. Number of pages: 4 (including this coversheet).

Company Name (Print)

Print Name

Signature

Time and Date



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Prospective Offerors:

Please refer to our Request for Proposal No. 005-2024 Food Commodities, a copy of which was obtained by your company for consideration.

Please see written questions submitted by Potential Offer(s), with GDOE response below:

1. Will initial demand monthly demand data per item be provided by GDOE in order for the contractor to develop pricing proposal for submission?

GDOE Response: A Product projection is given to vendor on a 6 month to a year based on Menu for that School Year.

2. Will a pricing template that we need to follow be provided by GDOE?

GDOE Response: No

3. Buy American, Page 4

- a. Please clarify what is considered significantly higher cost? 10,15, 20% etc?

GDOE Response: GDOE is requesting for a product such as bananas and the vendor is unable to source a US Banana product then an exemption may be made. If GDOE is requesting for a product and the US version of that product is 20% more costly than a product of a different country then a exemption may be made at the discretion of GDOE

4. Ordering Procedures, page 5 and 6

- a. If the contractor is required to reserve the stock based on orders received, please confirm that GDOE is committed to purchasing the stock.

GDOE Response: GDOE will work closely with the vendor to avoid this, but will not be liable to purchase overstock.

- b. Supply chain lead times to Guam are long sometimes in excess of 8 weeks. If an allocation/demand for the school year is provided by GDOE and the contractor stocks the items in the Guam warehouse to meet the allocation, please confirm GDOE is committed to purchasing the stock.

GDOE Response: GDOE will work closely with the vendor to avoid this, but will not be liable to purchase overstock.

5. Inventory and Warehouse Management

- a. If the contractor is required to maintain 60 DOS of each item, please confirm that GDOE is committed to purchasing the 60 DOS that is stocked.

GDOE Response: GDOE will work closely with the vendor to avoid this, but will not be liable to purchase overstock.

- b. Please clarify if this applies to all food items or only to items that have a shelf life greater than 365 days. Requiring 60 DOS of highly perishable items like FFV would result in spoilage.

GDOE Response: Items pertaining to longer shelf life.

c. Please confirm that GDOE is paying for the cost to airlift items in the event it is requested by GDOE

GDOE Response: No, GDOE will provide the projection to vendor and if vendor has to airlift GDOE will not be liable to pay

6. Emergency Disaster Page 8

a. Will there be a separate pricing line item for temporary storage?

GDOE Response: No

b. Who performs the pick up and redelivery and how do we bill for it?

GDOE Response: GDOE will work with vendor

7. GDOE Responsibilities, Purchasing, Page 8

a. If the contractor is required to stock and reserve 60 DOS based on the projections provided by GDOE how is GDOE not obligated to purchase the stock? The contractors will need to price in potential expiration and spoilage which will only raise the overall cost to GDOE. Please consider committing to purchase the 60 DOS stocking level.

GDOE Response: GDOE provides a product projection for at least 6 months and will work with vendor to avoid this issue.

b. Please clarify what are the acceptable packing requirements for locally purchase FFV

GDOE Response: Cleaned and processed (No dirt or debris) on product

c. Please clarify what fish items would be purchased locally and who would be responsible for food safety and cold chain requirements for locally caught fish prior to contractor purchase?

GDOE Response: This is in the contract for when we do utilize, but at this moment GDOE will not use this option but will keep in contract.

8. Payment, Page 9

a. Please specify the timeline in number of days for contractor invoice approval

GDOE Response: From the time the vendor submits their invoices and GDOE vets those the timeframe is usually 10-15 business days

9. Contact Term, Page 14

a. Offeror will be reimbursed for unamortized, reasonably incurred, non-recurring costs. Please confirm this includes inventory stocked based on the GDOE provided projections.

GDOE Response: GDOE works closely with the vendor to ensure the product projections are adjusted as needed.

10. Method of Payment

a. Please clarify if payment is made based on 30 days after invoice approval from Page Payment reference on Page 9 or installments and if the latter please advise what time increments.

GDOE Response: Once the vendor submits their invoice and GDOE vets those invoices the 30 days starts once GDOE submits to Accounts Payable.

11. Please confirm the applicability of the Service Contract Wage determination included with the RFP. The contractor is supplying food commodities to GDOE not a service. Please refer to the link below and to excerpts from the link. Please clarify if there is local statute that supersedes the below guidance:

a. <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/prevailing-wage-resource-book/coverage-sca-pca-flsa>

- i. The SCA applies to most contracts entered into by the United States or the District of Columbia whose principal purpose is the furnishing of services through the use of service employees.
- ii. SCA applies only to federal contracts, not to federally "assisted" contracts.
- iii. Examples of contracts not covered by SCA. 29 CFR 4.134.
 1. Any contract whose principal purpose is something other than the procuring of services through the use of service employees – for example, a construction, supply or manufacturing contract.

GDOE Response: The Wage Determination Declaration is a mandatory requirement for entering into an agreement with a Government of Guam agency. Interested Vendors must comply with this declaration or they will be rejected as non-responsive and non-responsive pursuant to the specifications of the Request for Proposal.

12. Food Commodity Listing

a. You have two Cucumber pack sizes listed please confirm you want us to quote both pack sizes or is this a duplicate listing.

GDOE Response: The Commodity listing has same product but packaged differently such as cucumbers, which shows it in 2 different case weight.

b. You have two identical Ham listings with two difference sizes, 1.5 and 2 lbs. Do we to source both?

GDOE Response: Vendor may source what's available

c. You have two identical granulated onion listings with two different sizes, 14 and 20 oz. Do we source both?

GDOE Response: Vendor may source what's available

d. Is the Hydroponic lettuce sourced from CONUS? This used to be available locally but is no longer available. Please confirm where this is to be sourced.

GDOE Response: Vendor may see about locally procuring this item possibly through farmers coop.

e. Please specify what types of local vegetables and fruits you are referring to.

GDOE Response: Cucumber, Eggplants, Long beans

f. Please confirm the "Size" column refers to the count of the UOM column; meaning lbs, oz, ct.

GDOE Response: For Local produce such as eggplants and cucumbers should be a reasonable size comparable to US produce version.

13. The new contract specifies service for only 3 schools, compared to the 4 schools covered under the previous contract. Could you please provide the total value of this new contract?

GDOE Response: Unfortunately, we are unable to disclose this information. Offeror(s) must submit cost based on market value projections.

14. Previously, GDOE used 'Entitlement Funds' to procure products through an alternate vendor, which reduced the value of the primary contract. Does GDOE anticipate using entitlement funds in this current contract? If so, how would this impact the contract value?

GDOE Response: GDOE will have access to Entitlement Funds as that is part of the USDA subsidies, this will not impact the contract value.

15. Due to the short time frame of the bid submittal we would like to request an extension of two (2) weeks to allow ample time for bid preparation. Our request is to help prepare an extensive bid package and also to offer the best prices available.

GDOE Response: Unfortunately, due to time constraints pertaining to this RFP, GDOE is unable to extend the submission date.

All else remains the same.

Sincerely,


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