

2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0004	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 12/23/2011	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	5. PROJECT NO. <i>(if applicable)</i>
6. ISSUED BY CODE DLA TROOP SUPPORT 700 ROBBINS AVENUE PHILADELPHIA, PA 19111 Craig Gravitz/FTAS/215-737-9223		7. ADMINISTERED BY <i>(if other than Item 6)</i> CODE Same as Block 6	

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR <i>(No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)</i>	(X)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. SPM300-12-R-0013
	(X)	9B. DATED <i>(SEE ITEM 11)</i> 11/21/2011
	()	10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
	()	10B. DATED <i>(SEE ITEM 13)</i>
CODE	FACILITY CODE	

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 your 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 ONLY APPLIES TO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS.
IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.**

CHECK ONE	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: <i>(Specify authority)</i> THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
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()	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES <i>(such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.)</i> SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
()	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
()	D. OTHER <i>(Specify type of modification and authority)</i>

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.)*

SUBSISTENCE PRIME VENDOR SUPPORT FOR SAN ANTONIO, TX AND RELATED AREAS

SUBJECT SOLICITATION IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER <i>(Type or print)</i>	16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER <i>(Type or print)</i> DEBBIE HOLMAN		
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	16C. DATE SIGNED
<i>(Signature of person authorized to sign)</i>		<i>(Signature of Contracting Officer)</i>	

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This amendment contains two sections, Section I contains actual revisions (add/changes/deletions) to solicitation requirements. Section II contains questions, submitted via e-mail and at the pre proposal conference, and the corresponding answers.

Section I

1. Solicitation Page 5, remove the sentence "THE REVERSE AUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE UNIT PRICE FOR APPROXIMATELY 240 LINE ITEMS OF THE SCHEDULE OF ITEMS."
2. Solicitation Page 50, 4. CATALOG & SCHEDULE OF ITEMS, add the following paragraph:
 - F. The Contractor shall be responsible for supplying items under the contract that meet the item descriptions and have the required level of quality. The Contractor may be required to provide additional information, such as nutritional information. These items shall be supplied at the most economical pricing available to the Contractor for the authorized customer.

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Section II

1	Since price adjustments will be determined by an index, when will the vendor receive the catalog and what is the process involved?	Soon after BLS publishes an index value, DLA Troop Support will prepare a modification and send it to the vendor. The modification will contain all price changes and the math involved. The vendor will then transmit the prices via an 832 transmission back to the government. This process is to ensure that all parties agree the price changes were done properly and so that the vendor has the information in its system to properly invoice. (More details will be in the updated EPA clause, when it is distributed via a future amendment).
2	What happens when BLS updates an index value from the 'preliminary' value?	After 4 months, preliminary index values can change slightly and this will be published by BLS. However, these changes are minimal and to avoid difficult billing issues, this contract will only take the first published index value into account. In other words, final indices will have no bearing on prices. (More details will be in the updated EPA clause, when it is distributed via a future amendment).
3	When does BLS publish the latest PPIs?	The schedule for publishing the PPI indexes can be found at http://www.bls.gov/schedule/news_release/ppi.htm
4	How will the government deal with pack size changes?	The government will determine the Unit of Measure (UOM) price for the item, at time of award, and adjust accordingly. For example, the "per ounce" price shall not change for any given item except for those changes that derive from the index. The vendor shall bear the expense if, for instance, the manufacturer's price stays the same whereas the pack size decreases. We don't anticipate this to be a regular occurrence. See solicitation pg. 94.
5	Does DLA require nutritional information?	Offerors must submit spec sheets items, solicitation, pg. 62. This does not include nutritional information. However, the government could request this information occasionally throughout the contract. See solicitation pg. 50 with amended language (amendment 4).

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6	When will adds be placed on the catalog?	Once the contracting officer signs off on a new catalog add, which will show the price and appropriate index, a special STORES transmission shall occur to place that item on the catalog. Specifically, adds will not have to wait until the monthly transmission takes place. See solicitation pg. 82-83; 94.
7	Will Mandatory Items and Non Foods items have an assigned PPI code?	No. The price for mandatory items is set by law. Vendors will be permitted to offer a flat handling fee (with option pricing after the base year). All mandatory items will have the same fee. Similarly, vendors will offer a flat fee for each nonfood item in the schedule of items. Vendors will be allowed to offer option price for these nonfood items. See Amendment 3.
8	How will the government deal with freight and overhead?	Offerors must forecast freight and build it into the offered pricing. Once the contract begins, the sole compensation shall be the unit prices adjusted by the PPI in the case of PPI items. The sole compensation for mandatory items shall be the handling fee. The sole compensation for the nonfoods items shall be the fixed price.
9	Will the government conduct food audits?	Yes. An audit is planned within the first six months. See solicitation, pg 71.
10	Will there be a reverse auction? How will it work?	Reverse auction may be used as a negotiation tool. Vendors will be trained on reverse auction if the government uses the tool. See solicitation pg 5; 145-147,
11	In reverse auctions, will vendors see each other's pricing?	No. Each vendor will only see its own price and the lowest price. See solicitation pg. 146, paragraph (d)
12	How long does a reverse auction take?	That depends on the number of items. The government does not plan on using more than 240 items. With that number, it would take about a week. See solicitation pg. 5; 145-147.

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13	Will vendors need to change their 832 systems?	No. 832s will be conducted in the traditional manner except for the government calculating the prices and sending them to the vendors in a manner that can be input into the vendor's computer system. Some fields, which were previously optional, are now mandatory. These include brand names and other identifying information. See the solicitation 82-83).
14	Can I have an extension?	Please refer to the amendments to see the closing date. After the tailored EPA clause is approved, the government expects the solicitation to close. The government shall provide reasonable notice of the new closing date.
15	Buy American / Berry. How does it work? Must we comply?	You must fully comply with all domestic sourcing requirements. See Amendment Three attachment (Pre-Proposal slides), pg. 38-39. TRADE AGREEMENTS ACT (TAA); FAR 25.4 AND DFARS 252.225-7021; BERRY AMENDMENT; DFARS 225.7002 AND 252.225.7012
16	Can vendors suggest PPI category changes?	Yes, if the offeror believes the PPI category assigned by the government is incorrect. The government, however, reserves the right to make the final decision as to the correct code when disagreement exists. For administrative purposes, this acquisition shall not use codes beyond the 4-digit level, except if produce is added after award (which the government does not anticipate). (More details will be in the updated EPA clause, when it is distributed via a future amendment).
17	What happens if the government makes a mistake in calculating the PPI changes?	The government will promptly complete a mod to correct any errors. Vendors shall have a reasonable amount of time to look over the mod and find anything that needs to be changed.
18	Can vendors use the pricing for alternate offers for the government's item at the reverse auction?	No. All vendors shall give pricing on the same item.

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19	How does the EPA clause work?	The EPA clause originally included in the solicitation is NOT the tailored version. (Note: Any questions regarding the clause currently in the solicitation are not relevant to the acquisition at hand and will not be addressed.)
20	How many adjustments will the government make per year?	One adjustment per month. (More details will be in the updated EPA clause, when it is distributed via a future amendment).
21	How will DLA define "acceptable contractor business systems" and what standards will it apply?	See FAR 52.203-13 Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct.
22	What is meant by "mixes" in the statement "The Contractor shall furnish mechanically refrigerated dispensing machines....bag-in-the-box juices and drinks products and mixes?"	Mixes are defined as a combination of ingredients. For example, a powder likes Tang.
23	Why would DLA Troop Support need a report on executive compensation? What purpose does it serve?	In accordance with FAR 4.1403(a), clause 52.204-10 shall be inserted in all solicitations over \$25,000. Furthermore, this clause is required to implement the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act.
24	With regard to your labeling requirements, will the PV be required to have the "date of pack" on each individual case or will code breakers suffice?	Contractor must use date of pack/expiration date to manage shelf life for perishable items, NOT the date of receipt into the Contractor's facility. (See solicitation, pg.67). The date of pack should be on the case, if the item is sold by the case. The code breaker will be on the individual items in the case.
25	Will the PV have to pay for each rapid gate access pass? Are they transferrable to a new hire?	The contractor is responsible for the additional cost for RapidGate enrollment and must ensure that a RapidGate enrolled driver is available for all deliveries. It is not transferable. (See solicitation, pg.79-80). www.rapidgate.com

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26	Will pallet exchange programs be allowed? Will Prime Vendors really be required to offer hardwood pallets for a CONUS contract?	No pallet exchange programs will be available for the customers listed in this solicitation; Hardwood pallets are not required. (see solicitation, pg. 84)
27	How will discounts/rebates/allowances be treated under this new pricing arrangement?	The government receives NAPA and foodshow discounts only. Since the total unit price is fixed for the life of the contract (except as adjusted by the PPI) the contractor is not required to disclose the breakdown of each unit price.
28	The solicitation does not require the contractor to submit quotes or invoices backing up the price submitted? The contractor is only to submit a price and a technical description?	Yes and yes.
29	Will a contractor with no Prime Vendor experience be evaluated differently than a Prime Vendor with a past performance record with DLA-Troop Support?	All evaluation factors are described in detail in the solicitation. So long as an offeror is lowest price technically acceptable, it will receive the award. There are separate factors for experience and past performance; a Neutral rating is acceptable for past performance but not for experience. See solicitation 124.
30	Have the category lists been eliminated completely?	This acquisition eliminates distribution categories.
31	How will the pricing be calculated on new items added to the catalog after the award has been made?	All adds will be negotiated for new items. In determining adds fair and reasonable, in addition to other pricing comparisons, the contracting officer will determine reasonableness using the UOM pricing of similar items (the same category code) as a benchmark. See solicitation pg. 94.

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32	What if I need to change the units per purchase pack or other element of an item listed on the schedule?	If your item is not an exact match, you must make an alternative offer. The alternate offer tab allows the vendor to input all information. The government reserves the right to remove an offeror from the competitive range if too many items are not exact matches to the schedule. See solicitation pg. 122.
33	The price on commodity items can change dramatically within a short period of time. Will there be any provision in the contract to account for these drastic price changes?	All price changes shall be determined by changes in the PPI. The PPI is considered an accurate reflection of the marketplace.
34	Should vendors print their price proposals?	Please submit both an electronic copy and a printed copy. It is the vendor's responsibility to ensure that the printed copy is understandable.