

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

1. CONTRACT ID CODE

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0002		3. EFFECTIVE DATE	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. See Block 14	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY DLA TROOP SUPPORT DIRECTORATE OF SUBSISTENCE 700 ROBBINS AVENUE PHILADELPHIA PA 19111-5096		CODE SPE300	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)			(X)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. SPE30023R0019
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 2023 SEP 29
			<input type="checkbox"/>	10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
				10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)
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 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 APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS.
IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.**

CHECK ONE	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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
<input type="checkbox"/>	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to issuing office.**14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)**

See Attached Continuation Sheet(s).

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

1.Revision to Surge and Sustainment/Contingency Plan language:

Solicitation SPE300-23-R-0019 is hereby amended as follows:

Page 220 on SOW:

"2. SURGE AND SUSTAINMENT/CONTINGENCY PLAN

An acceptable CAP must include a detailed plan stating how the offeror will meet the surge ceiling of 200% within 30 days. An acceptable offer will submit all requested information in accordance with the following language:"

2. Answers to questions received regarding the Statement of Work:

The answers in this section are provided for clarification purposes only and do not change the solicitation requirements, unless otherwise noted in this amendment. In the event of any discrepancy between the answers provided and the solicitation documents, the solicitation documents will take precedence.

The answers included in this section are in response to relevant questions submitted regarding this solicitation. Please note, some questions may have been revised to remove sensitive, misleading, irrelevant, or extraneous information.

QUESTION NO. 1:

Regarding items which include a current brand but are not mandatory source items, I understand that we are able to provide alternates. Can you please explain how alternates will be evaluated? I did not see any information regarding submission of samples.

DLA'S RESPONSE:

Page 219 on SOW:

"PRICE PROPOSAL EVALUATION

II. SUPPORTING PRODUCT INFORMATION

A. Manufacturers' Technical Descriptions

•The Government will examine all the offerors' manufacturer's product technical data sheets to compare against the solicitation line-item descriptions to determine whether proposed items meet the solicited requirements. Proposed item qualifications and substitutes will be shared and evaluated with the Government's customers to determine their acceptability.

•To ensure an objective price evaluation, the pricing of all offerors is to be based on the exact item in our Market Basket. When offerors qualify the salient characteristics of an item or items in the market basket and/or when the government detects (through a relative pricing review) that the pricing proposed is on an item which differs from the market basket description then the government reserves the right to employ remedies such as:

a. If a small number of items differ from the market basket descriptions, those small amount of items may be eliminated from the evaluation of all offerors;

b. Larger, generally case-size items, with pack-quantity differences may be evaluated on a per-pound or similar basis; or,

c. If a significant number of items differ from the market basket descriptions, the offeror may be eliminated from the competitive range or may be deemed ineligible for award."

QUESTION NO. 2:

Relatedly, may an offeror provide pricing of both the listed brand as well as an alternate brand so that in the event that an alternate is rejected, an offeror can resort to the main brand which you have requested?

DLA'S RESPONSE:

Page 200 on SOW:

•"All offered items should be an exact match to the solicited requirements. If the item you are offering is not an exact match, the alternate tab should be completed."

Page 201 on SOW:

•"Alternate brands/items may be offered; however, the Contracting Officer may choose not to accept the alternate item (s). Certain items such as items on the Mandatory Procurement List (MPL) must but the exact item offered per the market basket. If you are offering an alternate brand/item, leave fields E and F blank and enter the information on the 'ALTERNATE TAB.' "

QUESTION NO. 3:

In the event that an offeror cannot submit both alternate and brand pricing at the same time, will the proposal be rejected if an alternate submitted is rejected or will the offeror have an opportunity to cure?

DLA'S RESPONSE:

Page 201 on SOW:

•"Alternate brands/items may be offered; however, the Contracting Officer may choose not to accept the alternate item (s). Certain items such as items on the Mandatory Procurement List (MPL) must but the exact item offered per the market basket. If you are offering an alternate brand/item, leave fields E and F blank and enter the information on

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the 'ALTERNATE TAB.' "

Page 219 on SOW:

•"If a significant number of items differ from the market basket descriptions, the offeror may be eliminated from the competitive range or may be deemed ineligible for award."

QUESTION NO. 4:

Where the market basket spreadsheet includes multiple line items that have the same description (i.e. Richmond Peak Quality and Six Points, Inc. ground beef), does the government want to receive pricing on both of these items, or should an offeror provide pricing on only one item for each service requirement?

DLA'S RESPONSE:

Page 207 on SOW:

•"ALL offered Delivered prices in the Price Proposal spreadsheet must be substantiated with either an invoice or a quote. Due to the commercial nature of the items being evaluated, the Government expects offerors to have many of the market basket items in stock as part of its regular business and to therefore submit invoices to substantiate Delivered Price. For each line item in the market basket, you are required to provide the manufacturer's/grower's/private label holder's or Redistributor's invoice for the last product received AND / OR a screen shot of the Delivered Price in your electronic purchasing system. If the item is not regularly stocked, provide a written quote from the manufacturer/grower/private label holder or redistributor."

QUESTION NO. 5:

Can you provide any additional information related to the average drop size of an order placed to each base?

DLA'S RESPONSE:

Page 111 of the SOW:

•"Individual customer annual estimates are listed on this page."

Page 76 of the SOW:

•"(a) Minimum order. When the Government requires supplies or services covered by this contract in an amount of less than \$50, the Government is not obligated to purchase, nor is the Contractor obligated to furnish, those supplies or services under the contract."

QUESTION NO. 6:

Can you provide any guidance as to what qualifies as a significant number of items with respect to items differing market basket descriptions? We are being mindful to ensure all items that we submit conform to the government's requirements, but it would be helpful to understand whether "significant" means a single item differing from a description as opposed to ten or twenty items.

DLA'S RESPONSE:

That determination is at the discretion of the Contracting Officer.

QUESTION NO. 7:

May an offeror submit multiple separate offers - one which fully includes the listed brand names and one which uses some or all alternate items (excepting mandatory source items) - to ensure that we are delivering the best value to the government?

DLA'S RESPONSE:

Page 189 of the SOW:

•"(e) Multiple offers. Offerors are encouraged to submit multiple offers presenting alternative terms and conditions, including alternative line items (provided that the alternative line items are consistent with FAR subpart 4.10), or alternative commercial products or commercial services for satisfying the requirements of this solicitation. Each offer submitted will be evaluated separately."

QUESTION NO. 8:

The RFP reads to a price hold of one week to market basket pricing yet also states "price changes shall be submitted bi-weekly" (pg. 40, (ii)). We are understanding this to mean the market basket price hold is the first week of award and thereafter price submissions are every two weeks. Is this correct?

DLA'S RESPONSE:

Yes.

VENDOR QUESTION NO. 9:

Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) is no longer a contractual requirement for Small Business Efforts. Is this

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correct?

DLA'S RESPONSE:

Yes.

QUESTION NO. 10:

Are electronic signatures approved for any aspect of this solicitation response?

DLA'S RESPONSE:

Yes, electronic signatures are acceptable.

QUESTION NO. 11:

Page 1 of the RFP states that email is the only acceptable form of response yet page 208 reads "Your submission of these documents through DIBBS..." relating to market basket vendor quotes. Please clarify.

DLA'S RESPONSE:

Please submit all documents/responses via e-mail.

QUESTION NO. 12:

Line 80 of the market basket references a non-food item, foam hinged container. Will this item remain on the market basket or be updated to a food item?

DLA'S RESPONSE:

This item will remain on the market basket.

QUESTION NO. 13:

Market basket lines 12 and 14 appear to have identical service requirement descriptions. Is an offeror able to quote the same item for both line items or is it required to submit two compliant options?

DLA'S RESPONSE:

- Line items 12 and 14 have identical service requirements, but the item description is different for each item. The item descriptions can be found in the "ITEM INFORMATION" tab of the Market Basket.
 - Line item 12: CKN BRST FLT, IQF, US GRA, 4.5-5.5 oz ea, 6/5 lb co, 1/30 lb cs
 - Line item 14: CKN BRST FLT, W/RM, RAW, FZN, ungrd, random sizes, 4/10 lb bg
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QUESTION NO. 14:

"SURGE AND SUSTAINMENT/CONTINGENCY PLAN

An acceptable CAP must include a detailed plan stating how the offeror will meet the surge ceiling of 30% within 30 days. An acceptable offer will submit all requested information in accordance with the following language:"
Please verify whether the 30% is accurate?

DLA'S RESPONSE:

Surge is revised to 200% as stated separately in this amendment.

All other terms and conditions of Solicitation SPE300-23-R-0019 remain unchanged.