

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 1		3. EFFECTIVE DATE 02/11/02	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. AMLSXXXX-0009-2	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY USDA, APHIS, MRP-BS, Contracting Butler Square, 5th Floor 100 North Sixth Street Minneapolis, MN 55403		CODE 6395	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. 30-M-APHIS-02
	X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 12/07/01
		10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
		10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)

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 _____ 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: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
	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).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

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.)

A. The purpose of this amendment is to provide the government's responses to the following two questions regarding the solicitation:

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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 (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED

**Amendment 1
Dated 02/11/02
Solicitation 30-M-APHIS-02**

Question 1: What are the standards, restrictions, and time-line for release of data to individual companies participating in the trial (i.e., cooperating equipment manufacturers and packing plants)?

Response: It is understood that cooperating equipment manufacturers and packing companies have both a desire and a vested interest in having access to the information generated by their equipment or within their plant (as applicable). In obtaining cooperation from such companies for the accomplishment of this study, it is a reasonable expectation on the part of these companies to be provided with such information.

Therefore, the Contractor shall provide data to these two groups as follows:

1. Equipment Manufacturers: The Contractor shall provide an individual cooperating equipment manufacturer with data collected using only that company's equipment. The Contractor shall assure that such data does not indicate in any way the plant at which such data were collected, nor shall any data from any equipment other than that manufacturer's equipment be provided in any format.

2. Packing Plants: The Contractor shall provide an individual cooperating packing plant with only data collected in its plant, and only from equipment owned/leased by that plant on the premises. In addition, data collected using the unit provided by AMS for this study (the government-provided Fat-O-Meat'er) shall be provided; however, only data collected on the same carcasses on which data are collected for this study using that plant's owned/leased equipment in that facility shall be provided.

The provision of data and/or study results to any other party in any format is not permitted without the prior written consent of the Contracting Officer in accordance with the data rights clauses of the contract.

Question 2: Will standardized equations be developed from this data set that will become mandatory across the industry (e.g., will every plant that uses a specific type of equipment for carcass grading, such as the Fat-O-Meat'er, be required to use only the equation(s) provided by this work)?

Response: The objective of this study, as presented in the Statement of Work, is, "...to provide AMS with a statistically-based method of standardizing data from specified pork carcass assessment equipment at a common end point, thereby facilitating the consolidation and reporting of pork pricing data." It is not the intent of AMS to dictate to an individual user how to utilize specific equipment in the course of their normal business practices. These equations will not change the reporting requirements of packers.

B. There is no further change to the solicitation.

C. The date, time and place for the receipt of proposals remains unchanged.

END OF AMENDMENT