

USDA News

USDA FRESH FLUID MILK PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced plans to purchase Fresh Fluid Milk for distribution to various food nutrition assistance programs, targeting certain orders for milk in half-gallons that were not fulfilled under the contracts that were awarded by USDA on September 26, 2018. The purchase will be made under the authority of Section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, with the purpose to encourage the continued domestic consumption of these products by diverting them from the normal channels of trade and commerce.

Solicitations will be issued in the near future, and will be available electronically through the Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) system. A hard copy of the solicitation will not be available. Public WBSCM information is available without an account on the WBSCM Public Procurement Page. All future information regarding this acquisition, including solicitation amendments and award notices, will be published through WBSCM, and on the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) website. Interested parties shall be responsible for ensuring that they have the most up-to-date information about this acquisition. The contract type is anticipated to be firm-fixed price. Deliveries are expected to be to various locations in the United States on an FOB destination basis.

Offerors are urged to review all documents as they pertain to this program, including the latest—

- AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP), April 12, 2017;
- Applicable commodity specification(s) identified in the subsequent solicitation(s); and
- Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors Selling Commodities to USDA, March 1, 2017.

These documents are available on the [AMS Commodity Procurement](#) website.

To be eligible to submit offers, potential contractors must meet the AMS vendor qualification requirements. The AMS point of contact for new vendors is Andrea Lang who can be reached by phone at (202) 720-4517 or by email to NewVendor@ams.usda.gov. Details of these requirements are available online at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/becoming-approved>. Once qualification requirements have been met, access to WBSCM will be provided. Bids, modifications, withdrawals of bids, and price adjustments shall be submitted using this system. Submission of the above by any means other than WBSCM will be determined nonresponsive.

To receive e-mail notification of the issuance of AMS solicitations, contract awards, and other information, subscribe online by visiting: “Stay up to date on USDA Food Purchases” available on the [AMS Commodity Procurement website](#). 🐮

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