QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions have been submitted concerning RFP#180502, Food Processing: USDA Commodities. Question#2 indicated a need to amend the RFP document. Therefore, Amendment No.#1, RFP#180502 has been issued. All questions received have been answered and are stated verbatim from what was received:

BIDDER QUESTION#1: What is meant by copy of business license? Page 8, #8.

The District is requesting a copy of your license from an issuing state/county agency which allows your business to operate within their jurisdiction.

BIDDER QUESTION#2: On line item 48 – Cheese Filled Bread Sticks, you have Tasty Brands item code 62002 listed as an approved brand but that is a larger item and meets a 1 M/MA + 2 B/G the correct code for the 1 M/MA + 1 B/G should be 62001 which is what they have always bid in the past. Please confirm that samples do not have to be submitted for this item.

No samples will be required. Tasty Brands product #62001 has been tested and approved. Amendment #1 has been issued to amend the specification.

BIDDER QUESTION#3: Conagra has two items approved on your line item #48 Cheese – Filled Breadsticks. One is a MaxStix branded product and the other is a Gilardi brand item. I believe we submitted both items last year, and there was a bit of confusion about which item/price applied to which product. In order to avoid any mis-step this time, since the response page is a single page for that item, would it work if we submitted a second copy of that item page, one for each product and mark one ALTERNATE? Or would there be another way you prefer us to proceed?

Yes, a second copy of the page marked as an alternate is acceptable.

<u>BIDDER QUESTION#4:</u> Line item 26 – Pepperoni, Turkey Sliced, the specs currently read "Product not to exceed 200mg sodium per (1) oz serving." Jennie-O Item 213008 has had a slight increase in sodium this year, would it be possible to increase the sodium to 230 mg so that Jennie-O can bid this?

No, the sodium requirement will remain unchanged. We do accept products within a ten (10) mg range of the written specification.