

INVITATION TO BID

State of Ohio
Department of Administrative Services
General Services Division
Office of State Purchasing

The Original Signed Bid must be submitted to the Office of State Purchasing to receive consideration for award.		FEDERAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN)	
BID NUMBER OT901513	OPENING DATE (12:00 Noon) AUGUST 3, 2012	BIDDER NAME	
General Services Division Office of State Purchasing 4200 Surface Road Columbus, OH 43228-1395 ATTN: BID DESK		STREET ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> Check if remit address is different and list on separate sheet	
		CITY	STATE ZIP
		TELEPHONE NO. ()	TOLL FREE NO. 1 - ()
REQ./INDEX NO. EDU004	BID NOTICE DATE JULY 24, 2012	CONTACT PERSON	FAX NO. ()
CONTRACTOR'S E-MAIL ADDRESS		IT/MIS CONTACT PERSON	IT/MIS TELEPHONE NO. ()

In addition to the standard terms for payment, the payment terms for state agency(ies) will be 2%, 10 Days, Net 30 Days unless otherwise stated in the following space. If no discount is offered, bidder should circle "Net 30 Days". _____%, _____ Days, Net 30 Days

PARTICIPATING AGENCY(IES): DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CHILD NUTRITION 25 SOUTH FRONT STREET, COLUMBUS, OH 43215

THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING, IS SOLICITING BIDS FOR:

GRILLED EGG PATTIES; EGG, CHEESE, AND TURKEY SAUSAGE FRITTATA OR OMELET; EGG, CHEESE AND TURKEY SAUSAGE IN WHOLE GRAIN TORTILLA WRAP; AND EGG AND CHEESE IN WHOLE GRAIN WRAP USING USDA COMMODITY LIQUID WHOLE EGGS

TERM OF CONTRACT: This Invitation to Bid is to establish a requirements contract to procure the described supplies or services on behalf of the above participating agency(ies). The agency(ies) may place orders against the Contract beginning 08/15/12 or upon the date when DAS signs the Contract, whichever is later in time. The Contract will expire 08/14/15 unless DAS terminates the Contract based upon reasons set forth in Article I-C of the Standard Contract Terms and Conditions. No agencies may place purchase orders against the Contract beyond the expiration date unless DAS renews the Contract by amendment. The contractor may begin performance under the Contract only upon receipt of a valid order from a participating state agency.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS AND CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS, Revised 03-14-05, are a part of this Invitation to Bid. Copies may be downloaded by clicking on this link: [Instructions: Terms and Conditions for Bidding, Standard Contract Terms and Conditions, and Supplemental Contract Terms and Conditions](#). All prior versions of Instructions to Bidders, Contract Terms and Conditions are null and void.

By submitting this Invitation to Bid, the Contractor certifies that Contractor has truthfully disclosed the location(s) where all services are to be performed; the location(s) where all applicable state contract data is to be maintained or made available; and the principal location of business for the Contractor and all subcontractors. The Contractor further certifies and acknowledges that contractor will not change the country of the location(s) where services are performed and will not change the country of the location(s) where data is maintained or made available without prior written consent of the state.

Any questions or clarifications regarding this Invitation to Bid should be directed to the Office of State Purchasing through the Internet at www.ohio.gov/procure. All questions should be submitted a minimum of five (5) working days prior to the bid opening date.

PRINTED/TYPED SIGNATURE	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (ORIGINAL SIGNATURE ONLY) (Please sign in blue ink)	DATE
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The ORIGINAL signed Bid must be submitted to the Office of State Purchasing by 12:00 o'clock, noon on the above listed opening date to receive consideration for award. It is requested that the Bidder NOT sign their bid in BLACK ink. BIDDER CERTIFIES, by signature affixed to its bid, that the information provided by it in its bid including the certified statements, is accurate and complete. Bidder declares to have read and understood and agrees to be bound by all of the instructions, terms, conditions and specifications of this Invitation to Bid and agrees to fulfill the requirements of any awarded contract at the prices bid. ADM3214 (Rev. 03-14-05)

CERTIFICATE FOR DOMESTIC AND OHIO PREFERENCE

Those bidders claiming preference for Domestic Source End Products and/or the Ohio preference, pursuant to Revised Code Sections 125.09 and 125.11 and Administrative Code Section 123:5-1-06 must complete the following information. Bidders who qualify as an "Ohio" bidder (offer an Ohio product or who have significant Ohio economic presence) or who qualify as a Border State bidder are eligible to receive a five percent (5%) preference over non-Ohio/Border state bidders. The state reserves the right to clarify any information during the evaluation process. **BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE THIS CERTIFICATION TO RECEIVE THE PREFERENCE.**

A. DOMESTIC PREFERENCE (BUY AMERICA): [Not applicable to "Excepted Products"]

1. Where is each product/services being offered mined, raised, grown, produced or manufactured?

United States: ____ (State) Canada Mexico (Go to B-1)

Other: (Specify Country) _____ (Go to A-2)

2. End product is manufactured outside the United States and at least 50% of the cost of its components are produced, mined, raised, grown or manufactured within the United States. The cost of components may include transportation costs to the place of manufacture and, in the case of components of foreign origin, duty whether or not a duty free entry certificate is issued.

Yes (Go to B-1) No (Go to A-3)

3. The Bidder hereby certifies that each end product, except the products listed below, is a domestic source end product as defined in the Buy America Act and that components of unknown origin have been considered to have been mined, produced, grown or manufactured outside the United States.

_____ (Item) _____ (Country of Origin)

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A domestic end source product is deemed to be excessively priced if it exceeds the cost of the foreign product by more than 6%. Pursuant to FAR, Part 25, the state of Ohio does not acquire supplies or services that cannot be imported lawfully into the United States. The contractor, their subcontractor(s) and any agent of the contractor or subcontractor must not acquire any supplies or services originating from sources within, or that were located in or transported from or through Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan Territory of Afghanistan controlled by the Taliban, or Serbia (excluding the territory of Kosovo).

B. OHIO PREFERENCE (BUY OHIO):

1. The products/services being offered are raised, grown, produced, mined or manufactured in Ohio.

Yes (Go to C) No (Go to B-2)

2. Bidder has significant economic presence within the State of Ohio. Yes (Answer a, b, c, below) No (Go to B.3.)

a) Type of facilities: Sales Offices Sales Outlet(s) Division(s) Manufacturing Warehouse

Other: _____ (Specify)

b) Bidder has paid the required taxes due the State of Ohio. Yes No

c) Bidder is registered with the Ohio Secretary of State.

Yes (Charter/Registration No.: _____) (Go to C) No

Questions regarding registration should be directed to (614) 466-3910 or visit their web site at:
www.state.oh.us/sos/business_services_information.htm

3. Border state bidder: Yes (Specify: KY MI NY PA) No (Go to B.4.)

4. Border state bidder: mined products mined in respective border state Yes No Not Applicable

C. E.D.G.E. DESIGNATION

Bidder is certified E.D.G.E. business Yes No

For information on E.D.G.E. designation, please visit the DAS Equal Opportunity Division website at:
<http://www.state.oh.us/das/Eod/edge/Index.htm>

AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The following Amendments to the Contract Terms and Conditions do hereby become a part hereof. In the event that an amendment conflicts with the Contract Terms and Conditions, the Amendment will prevail.

DELIVERY AND ACCEPTANCE: Purchase orders for any item(s) listed in a contract awarded pursuant to this bid will be placed directly with the successful contractor by the using agency. Product will be processed and delivered within one (1) month of receipt of commodity order, or as mutually agreed by the contractor and the Department of Education and, in accordance with Article S-2, S8, S9 and S10 of the Supplemental Contract Terms and Conditions. Deliveries shall be made to the following Ohio sites. The delivery location will be noted on the purchase order issued by the participating agency. All shipments are to be in accordance with the quantities ordered. Quantities ordered may be to the nearest whole pallet, or as mutually agreed by the contractor and the Department of Education. Unloading of ordered product shall be by appointment only. The contractor shall contact the cold storage facilities to make an appointment for unloading prior to loading for shipment. The percentage of total product to be delivered to each location is also provided. The state reserves the right to add, delete, or change distribution centers and/or percentage of usage during the term of the contract. Acceptance (transfer of title) will occur upon the inspection and written confirmation by the ordering agency that the supplies delivered conform to the requirements set forth in the Contract. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract, acceptance shall be conclusive except as regards to latent defects, fraud, or such gross mistakes as amount to fraud.

<u>CITY</u>	<u>WAREHOUSE</u>	<u>OF PRODUCT</u>
Dayton, Ohio	Terminal Cold Storage	50%
Cincinnati, Ohio	SYSCO Food Storage	12%
Cleveland, Ohio	SYSCO Foodservice	38%

TRANSPORTATION CHARGES: Any item(s) ordered from a contract awarded pursuant to this bid shall be shipped F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid to the three (3) cold storage facilities listed above or any other cold storage facilities that ODE designates in the state of Ohio. Commodity shall be delivered to the contractor by the USDA, F.O.B. Destination.

PAYMENT: Shall be in accordance with Article III.B. of Contract Terms and Conditions with the following exception: payments will be due on the 90th calendar day rather than the 30th calendar day. If payment terms are listed on the invoice of the Ohio Department of Education, it must be consistent with the terms of the contract.

DOCUMENTATION:

1. The bidder shall submit a narrative of their processing and fabrication procedures as part of the bid response for all products to be produced under this contract. The processing and fabrication procedures are to describe the product and the exact method of processing.
2. Commodity Food Processing Agreement: The successful contractor shall complete and sign an Ohio processing agreement prior to the inception date of any ensuing contract. The processing agreement will be provided by the Department of Education (ODE), Office for Child Nutrition (OCN) and is the authority to process USDA commodity foods and adherence to its contents is mandatory. Failure to complete and return this document prior to inception date of any ensuing contract may result in immediate cancellation from contract.

Attachment A to the bid, which is Page 12 of the processing agreement is 'Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions' (Form AD-10-48 [11/97]). This page of the agreement only should be submitted as part of the bid response.

Processor shall furnish to Department of Education a surety bond obtained only from a surety company listed in the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570, "Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds", an irrevocable letter of credit, or an escrow account. Such bond, letter of credit, or escrow account shall be made payable to the Department of Education. The bond shall guarantee that the processor shall faithfully account for, return, or pay for all of the Commodity Food received or carried forward, in accordance with the processing agreement.

Inventory protection is required by the Department of Education prior to the delivery of commodity food to the processor. The minimum amount of the bond, letter or credit or escrow account, shall be determined by: value of the commodity food on order minus anticipated usage rate during the processing Agreement period. The bond shall remain in effect until all commodity food is properly accounted for, paid for or returned in accordance with the processing agreement. Liability for loss is provided in Article 18 of the processing agreement.

3. Quality Control/Total Quality Control: Prior to contract inception, the contractor shall submit to the ODE, OCN a narrative of the quality control or total quality control program at the processing plant. The narrative of the quality control or total quality control program is not to be submitted as part of the bid response.
4. Nutritional Analysis: As part of the bid response, the bidder may be required to submit a nutritional analysis for all finished products proposed to be processed for the Department of Education, Office for Child Nutrition.

PRODUCT SAMPLES: Samples of finished products are required. Samples shall consist of two (2) cases of each of the following four products: Grilled egg patties; Egg, cheese and turkey sausage frittata or omelet; Egg, cheese and turkey sausage in whole grain rich tortilla wrap; and Egg and cheese in whole grain rich wrap. The products must include instructions for cooking or preparation. Product samples shall meet all requirements as specified herein and shall bear required labeling and markings. Samples shall be certified by the processor's quality control department as meeting the specifications contained herein. Certification shall be in form of a letter on company letterhead, signed by authorized company representative. Reheating and preparation instructions shall be included with the samples.

Samples must be submitted prior to 1:00 pm on Friday August 3, 2012 to the address shown below. Failure to submit samples as specified will result in the bidder being deemed as not responsive.

Ohio Department of Education
Office for Child Nutrition
c/o Terminal Cold Storage
20-60 Eaker Road
Dayton, Ohio 45402
Telephone: (937) 223-3138 ext. 10
Attn: Cindy Watkins/Oji Ohajuruka

One case of the samples shall be used for bid evaluation . Samples will be evaluated on appearance, color, texture, taste and overall acceptability. The other case of samples shall be used to verify the consistency with the actual processed product received during the contract period. The samples shall not be returned to processor.

EVALUATION: Bids will be evaluated in accordance with Article I-17 of the "Instructions, Terms, and Conditions for Bidding". In addition, the bid will be evaluated according to the fee per pound for processing the specified finished product. There will be a taste test of the samples submitted to determine acceptability. There will be, at a minimum, a ten (10) member panel composed of members of the Office for Child Nutrition staff, members of the ODE Commodity Advisory Board and/or students in Ohio. Samples will be evaluated as earlier described. If the product is deemed unacceptable as a result of the taste test, no further consideration for award shall be given. If the product sample submitted for the taste test exceeds the specifications as stated in the bid and is presented as being the end product for the entire contract, then the sample shall be the standard for the entire contract with anticipated yields as projected and costs as stated.

CONTRACT AWARD: The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting all bid specifications and requirements by low lot total. Low lot total will be determined by multiplying the unit price for each item by the minimum yield per truckload of raw commodity for that item and then multiplying that figure by the number of truckloads of raw commodity to be processed annually in order to obtain a line item extended price. The line item extended prices will be added to obtain a low lot total. Failure to bid on all items may result in the bidder being deemed non responsive.

USAGE REPORTS: Every six (6) months the contractor must submit a report (written or on disk) indicating sales generated by this contract. The report shall list usage by customer, by line item, showing the quantities/dollars generated by this contract. The report shall be forwarded to the Office of State Purchasing, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228-1395, Attention: Senthana Mahendrarasa.

FDA REGISTRATION: Pursuant to the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (the Bioterrorism Act) all domestic and foreign facilities that manufacture, process, pack or hold food for human or animal consumption in the United States are required to be registered with the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) no later than December 12, 2003. This registration includes owners, operators, or agents in charge of domestic or foreign facilities that manufacture/process, pack, or hold food for human or animal consumption in the United States. All domestic facilities, whether or not food enters interstate commerce, are required to register. Facilities may complete their registration with the FDA online at: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~furl/ovffreg.html>

When applicable, by signature affixed on Page 1, the bidder, or their supplier, certifies that they comply with this requirement.

Notice on the Use of Social Security Numbers as Federal Tax Identification Numbers

The Department of Administrative Services (Department) requires vendors and contractors wishing to do business with the State to provide their Federal Taxpayer Identification Number to the Department. The Department does this so that it can perform statutorily required "responsibility" analyses on those vendors and contractors doing business with the State and, under limited circumstances, for tax reporting purposes. If you are a vendor or contractor using your Social Security Number as your Federal Taxpayer Identification Number, please be aware that the information you submit is a public record, and the Department may be compelled by Ohio law to release Federal Taxpayer Identification Numbers as a public record. If you do not want to have your Social Security Number potentially disclosed as a Federal Taxpayer Identification Number, the Department encourages you to use a separate Employer Identification Number (EIN) obtained from the United States Internal Revenue Service's to serve as your Federal Taxpayer Identification Number.

DISCLOSURE OF SUBCONTRACTORS / JOINT VENTURES (See Standard Contract Terms and Conditions, Section (roman numeral) V. General Provisions:, Paragraph Q.):

List names of subcontractors who will be performing work under the Contract.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

By the signature affixed to Page 1 of this Bid, Bidder hereby certifies that the above information is true and accurate. The Bidder agrees that no changes will be made to this list of subcontractors or locations where work will be performed or data will be stored without prior written approval of DAS. Any attempt by the Bidder/Contractor to change or otherwise alter subcontractors or locations where work will be performed or locations where data will be stored, without prior written approval of DAS, will be deemed as a default. If a default should occur, DAS will seek all legal remedies as set forth in the Terms and Conditions which may include immediate cancellation of the Contract. Failure to complete this page may deem your bid not responsive.

Bid Automobile Liability Checklist:

Contractor will indicate, by checking the appropriate box(es) below, which mode of transportation will apply to this contract.

- Bidder/Broker ("The Contractor") or their Sub Contractor will make delivery or be performing services using a vehicle that is owned, leased or rented. Provide Certificate of Insurance documenting automobile liability with a Combined Single Limit of \$500,000.00.
- Goods/Services will be delivered via common carrier.
- No employee or representative of the contractor will have cause to be on state property to make deliveries or to perform services.

SPECIFICATION

I. SCOPE AND CLASSIFICATION

A. Scope

The purpose of this bid is to obtain a contractor to process United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodity Liquid Whole Eggs, Material Code 100047 (A566) into fully cooked egg breakfast items – Grilled Egg Patties; Egg, Cheese and Turkey sausage in Whole grain wrap; Egg, Cheese and Turkey sausage in Tortilla wrap; and Egg and Cheese in Whole grain wrap for the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), Office for Child Nutrition (OCN). It is anticipated that approximately 144,000 lbs. of liquid eggs will be made available by the USDA to the State of Ohio annually and that the same amounts will be will be processed under any ensuing contract. Quantity specified above is based on anticipated product availability from the USDA and the State of Ohio is not obligated to request processing in these or any other quantity. Liquid eggs will be delivered to the contractor and the contractor shall process and deliver finished products to the three (3) cold storage facilities specified herein, or other facilities that ODE may enter into contract with for the provision of similar services. Bid pricing (fee for processing per pound of finished product) shall include all transportation charges for delivery of processed product to cold storage facilities, cost of USDA certification, and any other costs and charges associated with providing the specified product. The term of any ensuing contract shall be for three (3) years, from August 15, 2012 through August 14, 2015.

B. Classification

1. Grilled Egg Patties
2. Egg, Cheese and Turkey sausage Frittata or Omelet, Individually wrapped
3. Egg, Cheese and Turkey sausage in Whole Grain Rich Tortilla wrap, Individually wrapped
4. Egg and cheese in Whole Grain Rich wrap, Individually wrapped

II. REQUIREMENTS

A. Raw Product Description

1. USDA commodity Liquid Whole Eggs, Bulk tank, Material code 100047 (A566). Delivered in 48,000 pound truckloads per USDA specification.

B. End Product Description

1. Grilled Egg Patties

a. Formulation

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
USDA commodity liquid whole eggs	74.0% minimum
Dry whole milk, soybean oil, water	16.0% minimum
Seasoning, spices, etc.	6.0% maximum

- b. The patties shall be prepared from USDA commodity liquid whole eggs in accordance to the above formulation.
- c. Each patty shall be oven baked and shall have a lightly browned appearance. The finished product should be fully cooked and frozen.
- d. The finished product must be have a serving size of 1.25 oz. (+/- 0.1 oz.). It must contain no more than 3.5 grams of total fat and no more than 120 mg of sodium and shall contain a minimum of 1 meat/meat alternate per serving.
- e. The product must not contain monosodium glutamate.
- f. The product shall not have any foreign odors or flavors such as, but not limited to burnt, scorched, stale, rancid or moldy.
- g. Product shall have a shelf life of 12 months or more, if held frozen at 0^o F. or below.

2. Egg, Cheese and Turkey Sausage Frittata or Omelet, Individually wrapped.

a. Formulation

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
USDA commodity liquid whole eggs	72.0% minimum
Water, Milk, Soybean Oil	6.0 minimum
Cheese, Cooked Sausage	6.0 minimum
Seasoning, spices, etc.	13.0 maximum

b. The product shall be prepared from USDA commodity liquid whole eggs in accordance to the above formulation.

c. The egg, cheese and turkey sausage shall be incorporated and cooked into an approximately 5¹/₂ inches round portion similar to a frittata to bind the egg, cheese and turkey sausage.

d. Each wrap shall be oven baked and shall have a lightly browned appearance. The finished product should be fully cooked, individually wrapped in an ovenable bag, sealed without any metal clip or ties and frozen.

e. The finished product shall be 2.2 oz. +/- 0.2 and must contain no more than 8.0 grams of total fat and no more than 140 mg of sodium per oz. of serving and shall contain a minimum of 2 meat/meat alternate per serving.

f. The product must not contain monosodium glutamate.

e. The product shall not have any foreign odors or flavors such as, but not limited to burnt, scorched, stale, rancid or moldy.

f. Product shall have a shelf life of 12 months or more, if held frozen at 0⁰ F. or below.

3. Egg, Cheese and Turkey Sausage in Whole Grain Tortilla Wrap, Individually wrapped.

a. Formulation

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
USDA commodity liquid whole eggs	49.0% minimum
Water, Milk, Soybean Oil	6.0 minimum
Cheese, Cooked Sausage	6.0 minimum
Seasoning, spices, etc.	13.0 maximum
Whole grain Tortilla Flour	30.0 minimum

b. The product shall be prepared from USDA commodity liquid whole eggs in accordance to the above formulation.

c. The egg, cheese and turkey sausage shall be incorporated and cooked into an approximately 5¹/₂ inches round portion similar to a frittata to bind the egg, cheese and turkey sausage.

d. The whole grain flour tortilla shall be produced using whole grain flour as a first ingredient and must represent a minimum of 51% whole grain.

e. Each wrap shall be oven baked and shall have a lightly browned appearance. The finished product should be fully cooked, individually wrapped in an ovenable bag, sealed without any metal clip or ties and frozen.

f. The finished product shall be 3.2 oz. (+/- 0.2 oz.) and must contain no more than 8.0 grams of total fat and no more than 130 mg of sodium per oz. of serving and shall contain a minimum of 2 meat/meat alternate and one grain per serving.

- g. The product must not contain monosodium glutamate.
- h. The product shall not have any foreign odors or flavors such as, but not limited to burnt, scorched, stale, rancid or moldy.
- i. Product shall have a shelf life of 12 months or more, if held frozen at 0⁰ F. or below.

4. Egg and Cheese in Whole Grain Individual Wrap

a. Formulation

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
USDA commodity liquid whole eggs	49.0% minimum
Water, Milk, Soybean Oil	2.0 minimum
Cheese	5.0 minimum
Seasoning, spices, etc.	13.0 maximum
Whole Grain Tortilla Flour	30.0 minimum

- b. The product shall be prepared from USDA commodity liquid whole eggs in accordance to the above formulation.
- c. The egg and cheese shall be incorporated and cooked and wrapped in tortilla flour to bind the egg and cheese.
- d. Each individual wrap shall be oven baked and shall have a lightly browned appearance. The finished product should be fully cooked, individually wrapped in an ovenable bag, sealed without any metal clip or ties and frozen.
- e. The finished product shall be 3.0 oz. +/- 0.2 oz. It must contain no more than 10 grams of total fat, a minimum of 2 meat/meat alternate per serving and 1 whole grain rich ounce equivalence. It must also contain no more than 140 mg of sodium per oz. of serving.
- f. The product must not contain monosodium glutamate.
- g. The product shall not have any foreign odors or flavors such as, but not limited to burnt, scorched, stale, rancid or moldy.
- h. Product shall have a shelf life of 12 months or more, if held frozen at 0⁰ F. or below.

E. Packaging: Product shall be bulk packed in shipping cartons with clear plastic liners. Case weight shall be 20-40 lbs., with all case weights being uniform. Please indicate case weight offered on bid pricing page.

1. General

- a. All packaging and packing materials must be new and clean, and must not impart objectionable odors or flavors to the product.
- b. Bags shall be securely closed. Metal wire ties, metal clips, paper-coated wire ties, or staples shall not be used for sealing plastic-film bags.
- c. Staples shall not be used as a final case closure. Case closure shall be accomplished by taping, strapping, or gluing. All boxes within the delivery unit of an individual product shall be of a uniform size and weight.
- d. Boxes shall be one piece, die-cut, regular slotted container (RSC) design. Fiberboard shall be testing not less than 200 lbs. No holes in boxes are permitted. Shipping cartons shall have necessary interior support to prevent crushing of product while in transit or in storage.

SPECIFICATION (Cont'd.)

F. Labeling

1. The contribution value of a serving to the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) pattern, the nutritional analysis, and the reheating and serving size information shall be printed on the outside of the master case or may be included as an insert in each master case.
2. Product must have an approved CN label.
3. Each case shall bear the USDA contract compliance stamp and certificate number.
4. The shipping carton shall contain ingredient statement, name of product, and date of pack.
5. Printed, stamped, and stenciled labeling and marking information on shipping containers must be water-fast, non-smearing, of a contrasting color, clear and readable.
6. Labeling of products shall be in compliance with all guidelines as specified by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration regulations 21 CFR 101 and 9 CFR 317 Subpart B; The Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-282, Title II); and the State of Ohio Rule 3717-1-03.5(C), (the administrative rule adopted under Ohio Revised Code 3717.53).

Labeling of products containing the major food allergens - milk, egg, fish (e.g., bass, flounder, or cod), Crustacean shellfish (e.g., crab, lobster, or shrimp), tree nuts (e.g., almonds, pecans, or walnuts), wheat, peanuts, and soybeans - shall be in compliance with the Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-282, Title II) and the State of Ohio Rule 3717-1-03.5(C), (the administrative rule adopted under Ohio Revised Code 3717.53).

G. Palletizing

Shipments may be requested as palletized deliveries; and if requested, shall conform to the following:

1. Manufacturers standard 40" x 48" partial 4-way shipping pallets are acceptable.
2. Maximum height: 7'6" (including pallet).
3. Maximum weight: 3500 pounds (including pallet).
4. Pallets are to be securely banded or shrink wrapped.
5. The cost of palletizing must be included in the unit price.
6. Pallet exchange is satisfactory with all warehouses.

H. General Information

1. The delivered product shall comply with all applicable federal and state mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution and sales of the product within the commercial marketplace.
2. All commodities and services to be furnished hereunder shall conform to the specifications as noted herein. All product shall be processed in the United States.
3. If laboratory analysis is done in accordance with Article S-15 of Supplemental Terms and Conditions, the laboratory analysis will be predicated upon the formulation specified herein.
4. Guaranty: By the signature affixed on page 1 of this bid, contractor guarantees that, as of the date of delivery to the state or the state's agent, the product(s) offered is (are) not adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of the Federal Meat Inspection Act.

SPECIFICATION (Cont'd.)

III. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to those responsibilities specified above, the contractor shall be responsible for the following:

A. Receiving Information:

The contractor shall be responsible for

1. Completing and filing with the ODE, OCN overage, shortage, and damage reports.
2. Obtaining signed receipts (original bills of lading) from carriers of commodity foods.
3. Mailing all delivery receipts and receiving reports to the ODE, OCN no later than the following business day after receipt.

B. Prime Contractor Responsibilities: The prime contractor will be required to assume responsibility for all contractual activities offered in this agreement, whether or not that contractor performs them. Further, the state will consider the prime contractor to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the anticipated contract. If any part of the work is to be subcontracted, the contractor shall provide a list of subcontractors, including firm name and address, contact person, complete description of work to be subcontracted and descriptive information concerning subcontractor's organizational abilities. The state reserves the right to approve subcontractors and to require the primary contractor to replace subcontractors found to be unacceptable. The contractor is totally responsible for adherence by the subcontractor to all provisions of the contract. Any changes in subcontractors must be approved by the state, in writing, prior to such change.

C. Accounting Records: The contractor and all subcontractors shall maintain all pertinent financial and accounting records and evidence pertaining to the contract in accordance with generally accepted principles of accounting and other procedures specified by the state of Ohio. Financial and accounting records shall be made available upon request to the state of Ohio, its designees or the Ohio Auditor of State at any time during the contract period and any extension thereof, and for three (3) years from expiration date and final payment on the contract or extension thereof.

BID PRICE PAGE

YOUR BID:

Bidders shall not insert a unit cost more than 3 digits after the decimal point. Digit(s) beyond 3, after the decimal point, shall be dropped by State Purchasing and not used in the evaluation and any subsequent award.

NIGP CODE NUMBER	PRODUCT (PROCESSED AS SPECIFIED)	CASE PACK OFFERED	RAW COMMODITY WEIGHT (PER TRUCKLOAD)	*MINIMUM YIELD OF FINISHED PRODUCT PER 48,000 LBS. OF COMMODITY	FEE FOR PROCESSING (PER LB. OF FINISHED PRODUCT)
	Grilled Egg Patties	lbs.	48,000 lbs.	lbs.	\$ per lb.
	Egg, Cheese and Turkey Sausage Frittata or Omelet, Individually wrapped	lbs.	48,000 lbs.	lbs.	\$ per lb.
	Egg, Cheese and Turkey Sausage in Whole Grain Tortilla Wrap, Individually Wrapped	lbs.	48,000 lbs.	lbs.	\$ per lb.
	Egg and cheese in Whole Grain Wrap, Individually Wrapped	lbs.	48,000 lbs.	lbs.	\$ per lb.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Servings Per Pack</u>
Grilled Egg Patties	_____
Egg, Cheese and Turkey Sausage Frittata or Omelet	_____
Egg, Cheese and Turkey Sausage in W/G Tortilla Wrap	_____
Egg and Cheese in W/G Wrap	_____

** Product(s) packaging contains recycled material: Yes No; If yes, _____%

* Minimum yield under this contract is the weight of finished product returned to the state on every 48,000 lbs. of raw commodity product.

** Shall not be included in evaluation of this contract.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility
and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 7CFR Part 3017, Section 3017.510, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part IV of the January 30, 1989, Federal Register (pages 4722-1733). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency with which this transaction originated.

(BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE)

The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Organization PR/Award or Project Name

Name(s) and Title(s) of Authorized Representative(s)

Signature(s) Date

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