

INVITATION TO BID

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

The Original Signed Bid must be submitted to the Office of Procurement Services to receive consideration for award.		BIDDER NAME	
BID NUMBER <u>OT902613</u>	OPENING DATE (1:00 p.m.) <u>OCTOBER 19, 2012</u>	STREET ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> Check if remit address is different and list on separate sheet	
General Services Division Office of Procurement Services 4200 Surface Road Columbus, OH 43228-1395 Attn: Bid Desk		CITY STATE ZIP	
		COUNTY	MBE/EDGE CERTIFICATE NUMBER
		TELEPHONE NO. ()	TOLL FREE NO. 1 - ()
		CONTACT PERSON	FAX NO. ()
REQ./INDEX NO. EDU009	BID NOTICE DATE OCTOBER 10, 2012	CONTRACTOR'S E-MAIL ADDRESS	

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E-Mail Fax

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 PROCUREMENT SERVICES, IS SOLICITING BIDS FOR:

PEARSAUCE USING USDA COMMODITY PEARS

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 11/01/12 or upon the date when DAS signs the Contract, whichever is later in time. The Contract will expire 06/30/15 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 09/2012, 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 Procurement Services through the Internet at www.procure.ohio.gov/. 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 Procurement Services by 1:00 o'clock p.m., 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.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATION FOR BIDDING

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"]

- 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)
- 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 Section B-1) No (Go to Section A-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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Origin)

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):

- The products/services being offered are raised, grown, produced, mined or manufactured in Ohio.
 Yes (Go to C) No (Go to B-2)
- Bidder has significant economic presence within the state of Ohio.
 Yes (Answer a, b, c, d below) No (Go to B-3)
 - Bidder has paid the required taxes due the state of Ohio Yes No
 - Bidder is registered with the Ohio Secretary of State
 Yes (Charter/Registration No.: _____) No
Questions regarding registration should be directed to (614) 466-3910 or visit their web site at:
<http://www.sos.state.oh.us/>
 - Bidder has ten or more employees based in Ohio or border state. Yes No (Go to B-2d)
 - Bidder has seventy-five percent or more employees based in Ohio or border state.
 Yes No (Go to B-3)
- Border state bidder:
 Yes (Specify which state then go to B-2c): KY MI NY PA IN No (Go to B-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.das.ohio.gov/Divisions/EqualOpportunity/tabid/80/Default.aspx>

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 the 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>
Cincinnati, Ohio	SYSCO Food Storage	25%
Cleveland, Ohio	SYSCO Foodservice	25%
Columbus, Ohio	A T Xpress	25%
Dayton, Ohio	Terminal Cold Storage	25%

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 10 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.

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.

Documentation listed above that is designated to be submitted with the bid response may also be requested during bid evaluation. Documents will be requested during evaluation and a deadline of seven (7) calendar days provided for submission. Failure to provide documents requested by the deadline provided will deem the bid not responsive.

PRODUCT SAMPLES: A sample of product offered is required. A sample shall consist of two (2) cases of Pearsauce and must include instructions for preparation or serving. 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.

Samples must be submitted prior to 1:00 pm on Wednesday October 17, 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 A T Xpress
3035 Charter Street
Columbus, Ohio 43228
Telephone: (614) 449-1801
Attn: Ron Ciccarelli/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. Failure to meet all specifications in this bid 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.

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 Diced Pears, Material Code 100225 (A434) for the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), Office for Child Nutrition (OCN) Commodity Distribution Program. It is anticipated that about 300,000 lbs. of USDA pears will be made available by the USDA to the state of Ohio annually to be processed under the ensuing contract. Quantities of raw products specified are based on anticipated product availability from the USDA. The State of Ohio is not obligated to request processing in these or any other quantity. The commodity items to be processed shall be delivered to the contractor by the USDA and the contractor shall process and deliver finished products to the three (3) cold storage facilities specified herein, or to 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 products. The term of any ensuing contract shall be for approximately three (3) years, from November 01, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

B. End Product Classification

Pearsauce cups, Shelf-stable.

II. REQUIREMENTS

A. Raw Product Description

USDA Commodity Bartlett Dice Pears, Canned, 6/#10 cans per case, 912 cases per truckload, Material Code, 100225 (A434).

B. End Product Description

Pearsauce, Shelf-stable, 4 fl. oz. cups, 100% Vitamin C, No High Fructose Corn Syrup.

a. Formulation

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
USDA Commodity Pears	96.00% minimum
Sugar, Water, other ingredients	4.00% maximum

- b. USDA commodity pears shall be run through a triple pass steam-jacketed cooker, where they shall be cooked to 205° F. - 210° F.
- c. The cooked pears shall pass through a finisher (sieve) to produce pearsauce.
- d. The pearsauce shall be pumped into mixing tanks where a blend of sugar, fructose, and erythorbic/ascorbic acid shall be added.
- e. Water and/or pear juice concentrate shall be added.
- f. Hot pearsauce shall be pumped to the filling line and deposited into plastic cups. Cups shall immediately be sealed with a foil label.
- g. Hot cups (185° F. - 190° F) shall pass through a spray water cooler to cool them down to 100° F. - 110° F.
- h. Cups shall be packed into a cardboard box with layer dividers.
- i. Finished product shall provide a minimum of one-half (1/2) cup of fruit per four (4) fluid ounce serving for the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs. Product shall meet 100% RDA for Vitamin C, contain no high fructose corn syrup, and contain no more than 13g sugar per serving.

SPECIFICATION (Cont'd.)

- j. Product shall have appealing lid that will be acceptable to consumers.
- k. Individual cups shall have a minimum shelf life of eighteen (18) months under normal dry storage conditions.

C. Preparation and Processing

All preparation and processing described herein shall occur subsequent to the date of award. The product shall be produced, processed, and stored in plants regularly operating under the supervision of the contractor.

- D. Packaging: Product shall be packed in individual foil sealed shelf stable cups, layer packed. Product shall be packed 72 – 120 cups per case. No alternate packaging will be acceptable. Product shall be packed in shipping cartons with clear plastic liners. Case weight shall be 15 - 40 lbs., with all case weights being uniform. Please indicate case weight offered on bid pricing page

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.

E. 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).

- 7. Upon award of the contract to a successful bidder, the processor shall furnish the Ohio Department of Education a "Fact Sheet" and "Ingredient Statement" of the product for display at the Ohio Department of Education website. The documents shall include the Ohio Department of Education assigned commodity codes.

SPECIFICATION (Cont'd.)

F. 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.

Pallet exchange is satisfactory with all warehouses.

G. 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 shall be predicated upon the formulation specified herein.

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.

PEARSAUCE

NIGP CODE NUMBER	PRODUCT (PROCESSED AS SPECIFIED)	CASE PACK OFFERED	RAW COMMODITY WEIGHT (PER TRUCKLOAD)	*MINIMUM YIELD OF FINISHED PRODUCT PER 36,024 LBS. OF COMMODITY	FEE FOR PROCESSING (PER LB. OF FINISHED PRODUCT)
	USDA Diced Pears	lbs.	36,024 lbs.	lbs.	\$ per lb.

Servings per case _____

Product packaging contains recycled material**: Yes No (Please circle response), if yes, _____ %

* Minimum yield under this contract is the weight of finished product returned to the state on every 42,000 lbs. of raw commodity product.

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

I certify that the above meat product(s): (1) will be produced in compliance with the attached specifications; (2) will be produced under Option 2 and supervision of a representative of the USDA, AMS, Livestock & Seed Division and copies of certification forms issued by USDA, AMS, Livestock & Seed Division graders on the commodity meat processed shall be provided to the State Agency; (3) minimum finished product specified is guaranteed. Total production is to be returned to the Ohio Department of Education regardless of the amount; (4) that the product will be delivered to specified locations in Ohio; and (5) the processing fee reflected above represents the total cost to the Ohio Department of Education for the finished product(s) delivered.

PROCESSOR: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

DISCLOSURE OF SUBCONTRACTORS / JOINT VENTURES (See Instructions to Bidders, Article I-20): 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.

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

Form AD-10-48 (11/97)