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| SOLICITATION ADDENDUM THREE  QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS,  UPDATED SECTION V. AND UPDATED COST SHEET |

Date: February 10, 2025

To: All Bidders

From: Clinton Paul,

Procurement Contracts Officer

RE: Addendum for 120585 OR

to be opened February 17, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. CST

#### Questions and Answers

1. Following are the questions submitted, and answers provided for the above-mentioned solicitation. The questions and answers are to be considered as part of the solicitation. It is the responsibility of bidders to check the State Purchasing Bureau website for all addenda or amendments.

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| Question Number | ITB  Section  Reference | ITB  Page Number | Question | State Response |
| 1. | 120585 OR |  | Are the orders placed enough to fill up an entire truck (22 tons)? If not is there a minimum order size you will place to include freight in the price? | 20 tons minimum order, but we will aim for a full truck load every time. |
| 2. | 120585 OR |  | Do the hatcheries have a pallet jack and forklift to unload? | Yes, all facilities have the necessary equipment to unload the feed pallets. |
| 3. | 120585 OR | Page 18 | The bid states the prices need to be fixed for 2 years but the contract is only valid for (1) year. Can the prices be changed to be valid for (1) year? | Prices shall remain fixed for two (2) years. The initial term year and the first optional renewal year. |
| 4. | 120585 OR | Page 25-27 & Cost Sheet | On the Cost Sheet attachment, many of the formulas seem repetitive or similar and there seem to be some new diets that do not have formulation specs on the Invitation To Bid For Commodities Contract attachment. Can this be cleaned up to reflect the products specified on the Invitation To Bid For Commodities Contract, section V Subsection: D A through C? | The cost sheet has been updated to reduce some of the overlap in diet formulas and to simplify and decrease repetition. Refer to the updated Cost Sheet 1.1. We kept the ITB Section V, Subsection: D, A, through C the same, but section V. has been updated to correct duplication of subsection references.  Per the updated section V., The Bidders should reference Section V., Subsections E-G. |

1. 120585 OR Cost Sheet, is deleted and replaced with 120585 OR Cost Sheet 1.1 as referenced in question 4 above.
2. Section V. is updated as follows to correct duplication of Subsection references:

**V. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

* 1. **VENDOR INSTRUCTIONS**

Vendor must respond to each of the following statements. Specifications listed are minimum conditions that must be met in order for a Vendor to qualify for the award.

“YES” response means the Vendor guarantees they can meet this condition.

“NO” response means the Vendor cannot meet this condition and will not be considered.

“NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE” responses should be used only with a narrative response in the NOTES/COMMENTS section explaining in detail any deviation from the Vendor’s ability to meet the condition, and an explanation of how this would be determined to be an acceptable alternative to meeting the condition. Alternatives must be detailed in such a way that allows such deviations to be fully evaluated. The State shall determine at its sole discretion whether or not the Vendor’s alternative is an acceptable alternative.

Vendor should provide list of feed sizes, steamed and extruded, for each item as applicable.

* 1. **NON-COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Read these specifications carefully. Any and all exceptions to these specifications must be written on or attached to solicitation response. Any noncompliance may void your solicitation response. Non-compliance to any single specification can void your solicitation response.

It is the responsibility of Vendors to obtain information and clarifications as provided below. The State is not responsible for any erroneous or incomplete understandings or wrongful interpretations of this solicitation by any Vendor.

* 1. **TITLE/DESCRIPTION OF GOODS** **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION: Fish Feed General Requirements**

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| **YES** | **NO** | **NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE** |  |
|  |  |  | 1. The manufacturer’s best quality feed will be the only product accepted. |
|  |  |  | 1. No bid will be considered unless the feed is processed solely by the contracted vendor, (i.e., no sub-contracting), in a mill with facilities for quality control, designed for the manufacture of fish feeds and guaranteeing the elimination of the danger of cross contamination with other feeds or drugs and chemicals used in other feeds. Any evidence of cross-contamination shall allow the hatchery manager to refuse the delivery. |
| **NOTES/COMMENTS:** | | | |

* 1. **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION: Fish Feed – Feed Requirements**

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| **YES** | **NO** | **NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE** |  |
|  |  |  | 1. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission may order steamed feeds, cooking extruded slow sinking feeds and cooking extruded floating feeds separately or as a combined order. |
|  |  |  | 1. Trout and catfish diets may be ordered as steamed feeds, cooking extruded slow sinking feeds and cooking extruded floating feeds. |
|  |  |  | 1. In order to maintain all species and strains of trout and catfish in a healthy condition, all fish feed supplied must be completely formulated and meet the complete nutritional requirements of trout, salmon, or catfish without the need of any supplemental feeding. |
|  |  |  | 1. Cottonseed meal will not be used in any size or formula of feed. |
|  |  |  | 1. Some hatcheries and rearing units may require an increase in the standard vitamin content of the manufacturer’s food. Should it become necessary to medicate or increase the vitamin content of the food, the vendor will make desired modifications at negotiated direction and expense. |
|  |  |  | 1. Without exception, all cooking extruding feeds (slow sinking and floating) shall contain stabilized vitamin C (monophosphate ascorbic acid). |
| **NOTES/COMMENTS:** | | | |

* 1. **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION: Fish Feed - All Formulations**

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| **YES** | **NO** | **NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE** |  |
|  |  |  | 1. Starter, No. 0, No. 1 Granule and No. 2 Granule (Closed formula)   Crude Protein, not less than -- 50%  Crude Fat, not less than – 14%  Crude Fiber, not more than – 3%  Ash, not more than – 12%  Moisture – not more than 10%  Fish meal shall contain no more than 5% salt. |
|  |  |  | 1. #3 & #4 Granule or 1.0mm-2.6mm Extruded (Closed formula)   Crude Protein, not less than -- 45%  Crude Fat, not less than – 12%  Crude Fiber, not more than – 3%  Ash, not more than – 12%  Moisture – not more than 10%  Fish meal shall contain no more than 5% salt.  Cooking extruded sinking sizes: 1.6mm & 2.4mm, pellets.  Cooking extruded floating sizes: 1.6mm & 2.4mm, pellets |
| **NOTES/COMMENTS:** | | | |

* 1. **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION: Fish Feed - Trout Formulations**

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| **YES** | **NO** | **NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE** |  |
|  |  |  | 1. Trout Growth Diet: 3.0mm to 5mm Extruded (Closed formula)   Crude Protein, not less than -- 43%  Crude Fat, not less than – 16%  Crude Fiber, not more than – 3%  Ash, not more than – 12%  Moisture – not more than 10%  Fish Protein, not less than – 20%  Fish meal shall contain no more than 5% salt. |
| **NOTES/COMMENTS:** | | | |

* 1. **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION: Fish Feed - Catfish Formulations**

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| **YES** | **NO** | **NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE** |  |
|  |  |  | 1. 3.0 mm up to 5.0mm extruded (Closed formula)   Crude Protein, not less than -- 36%  Crude Fat, not more than – 6%  Crude Fiber, not more than – 7%  Ash, not more than – 15%  Fish meal used in this diet shall be composed of Canadian or Alaskan Herring Meal or Anchovy Meal from the immediate past fishing season. The fish meal must have a minimum protein content of 65%, maximum fat 12%, maximum salt (NaCl) 5%, maximum moisture 10% and pepsin digestibility not less than 92.5%. Must be factory stabilized with an antioxidant such as ethoxyquin. Fish meal must provide a minimum of 23.5% crude protein per hundred pounds of finished product (470 protein units per ton of food). |
| **NOTES/COMMENTS:** | | | |

* 1. **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION: Fish Feed – Vitamin Pack Formulation for Open-Formula Diets**

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| **YES** | **NO** | **NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE** |  |
|  |  |  | 1. 8 pounds premix 30/Ton   3.5 pounds 50% choline chloride/ton  1.5pounds ascorbic acid/ton  Specifications for Vitamins Premix No. 30  Vitamin Guaranteed potency per kilogram  d-Pantothenic Acid (calcium d-Pantothenic) 26.5 grams  Pyridoxine (B6) (pyridoxine HCL) 7.7 grams  Riboflavin (B2) 13.2 grams  Niacin (B3) (Niacinamide) 55.1 grams  Folic Acid 2.2 grams  Thiamine (B1) 8.8 grams  d-Biotin 88.2 mg  Vitamin B12 5.5 mg  Menadione sodium bisulfite complex 2.76 grams  Vitamin E (d or di alpha-tocopherol acetate) 88,200 IU  Vitamin D, stabilized 110,250 IU  Vitamin A (vitamin A palmitate or acetate), stabilized 1,653,750 IU  Choline chloride, ascorbic acid, and the vitamin premix No. 30 are to be stored separately and never mixed one with the other before being added to the feed mixture.  The certified vitamin premix is to be supplied by a recognized manufacturer and must show the date of preparation. The vitamin premix to be used is not to be held in storage longer than 4 months after date of preparation.  The vitamin premix must pass 100% through a No. 60 screen (Tyler equivalent 60 mesh, 250 µm openings), and is to be made with a wheat base. Rice hulls, soy base or oat feed are not acceptable.  An additional 8 pounds of premix 30 per ton may be requested periodically to satisfy special feeding regimes. This cost would be added on as needed basis. |
| **NOTES/COMMENTS:** | | | |

* 1. **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION: Fish Feed – Manufacturing Plant and Methods**

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| **YES** | **NO** | **NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE** |  |
|  |  |  | 1. Good Manufacturing Practices: The contractor’s mill, equipment, and manufacturing equipment must comply with the FDA’s “Good Manufacturing Practices” prepared by Robert A. Wilcox, Grain Science and Industry, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. |
|  |  |  | 1. Vitamin Premix Equipment: Premix equipment should include adequate scales to weigh micro-ingredients in gram amounts. The mixer should be the batch type with complete clean out features. |
|  |  |  | 1. Grinding: Ingredients are to be carefully and thoroughly mixed and pulverized. Starter, No. 1, and No. 2 mixture to pass 100% through a U.S. screen size 16 and 90% through a U.S. screen size 20. All other mixtures to pass 100% through a U.S. screen size 16 and 90% through a U.S. screen size 20. |
|  |  |  | 1. Mixing and Weighing Equipment: The food mixer may be continuous or batch system with proper calibration features including check scales, inspection facilities, sampling device while mixing, and provide production records as follows:    1. Diet formulation or identifying code for the food.    2. Identification and weight of each ingredient used in each mix.    3. The total expected weight of each mix.    4. The date of mixing. |
| **NOTES/COMMENTS:** | | | |

* 1. **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION: Fish Feed – Steamed Feed Specifications and Conditions – Granules**

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| **YES** | **NO** | **NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE** |  |
|  |  |  | 1. Granules are to be manufactured by cracking pellets, then screening out to the sizes indicated. Starter, No. 1 and No. 2 granules are to be cracked from 1/8" diameter pellets. No. 3 and No. 4 granules are to be cracked from 3/16" diameter pellets. The crumble shall be sized to contain not more than 15% oversize and/or undersize granules as per the following size specifications: |
|  |  |  | 1. Pellets for Starter, No. 1 and No. 2 granules are to be pelleted, reground, and pelleted a second time before being cracked to the proper granule size. |
|  |  |  | 1. Starter, No. 1 and No. 2 granules are to be spray coated (top-dressed) with not less than 6% oil as defined in the FDA’s “Good Manufacturing Practices” prepared by Robert A. Wilcox, Grain Science and Industry, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. Prior to bagging, the feed must be rescreened through a coarse screen to remove lumps. |
|  |  |  | 1. The granules are to contain 85% correct sized granules prior to top-dressing with oil. |
|  |  |  | 1. See Below for Granules Size Chart. |
| **NOTES/COMMENTS:** | | | |

Granule Size Standard Granule Size U.S. Screen Size

Starter To pass through 595 microns 30

To pass over 420 microns 40

No. 1 Granules To pass through 841 microns 20

To pass over 595 microns 30

No. 2 Granules To pass through 1.19 mm 16

To pass over 841 microns 20

No. 3 Granules To pass through 2.00 mm 10

To pass over 1.19 mm 16

No. 4 Granules To pass through 3.36 mm 6

To pass over 2.00 mm 10

* 1. **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION: Fish Feed – Cooking Extruded Feed Specifications and Conditions**

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| **YES** | **NO** | **NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE** |  |
|  |  |  | 1. Cooking extruded slow sinking pellets shall be heavier than or equal to 29 pounds/cubic feet weight to volume. Cooking extruded floating pellets shall be lighter than or equal to 27 pounds/cubic feet weight to volume |
|  |  |  | 1. Extruded pellets shall contain no oversized particles and not more than 1% undersize particles or dust. Dust is defined as particles that would pass through a 595 micron screen. |
| **NOTES/COMMENTS:** | | | |

* 1. **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION: Fish Feed – Bagging and Loading**

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| **YES** | **NO** | **NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE** |  |
|  |  |  | 1. The pellets and granules are not to be bagged until cooled to 10 degrees above ambient temperature and dried to a moisture content of 10% or less. |
|  |  |  | 1. All feed, excluding cooking extruded floating feed, shall be bagged in 50 pound capacity bags. Cooking extruded floating feed shall be bagged in either 50 or 40 pound capacity bags. Starter, No. 1 and No. 2 granules are to be packed in special polyethylene or glassine lined bags to prevent leakage of oil. After being filled, the bags shall be sewn shut. |
|  |  |  | 1. Each sack shall be labeled with tags as specified below designating the pellet or granule size and properly marked with milling date of the feed, feed type, feed size and identify any specialized mix added. |
| **NOTES/COMMENTS:** | | | |

* 1. **ANNUAL USAGE, ESTIMATED**

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| **YES** | **NO** | **NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE** |  |
|  |  |  | 1. Annual usage figures provided are estimates and are not to be construed as either a minimum or maximum purchase quantity. The orders shall be for the actual quantities of each item ordered by or for any agency during the life of the contract. Vendor shall not impose minimum order requirements. |
|  |  |  | 1. Misc. Species Starter, #0, 1 & 2 Granular of Micro extruded Pellets: Sink, Closed Formula 6,000 lbs. |
|  |  |  | 1. Misc. Species #3 & #4, Granular or 1.0-2.4 MM; Extruded Sink Closed Formula 25,000 lbs. |
|  |  |  | 1. Trout 3.0-6.0mm Extruded or comparable Sink; Closed Formula 184,000 lbs. |
|  |  |  | 1. Catfish 3.0, 4.0, & 5.0 mm, Extruded or comparable; Sink Closed Formula 65,000 lbs. |
|  |  |  | 1. Double Vitamin with starter feed 1,000 lbs. |
|  |  |  | 1. Terramycin/Aquaflor added to any feed 500 lbs. |
|  |  |  | 1. Astaxanthin added to 5.0 mm, Trout 40,000 lbs. |
|  |  |  | 1. Provide list of feed sizes, steamed, and extruded for each line applicable. |
| **NOTES/COMMENTS:** | | | |

This addendum will be incorporated into the solicitation.