

Contracting with USDA 1006 Cooperators

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Agenda

- Introduction
- USDA Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP) Overview
- How Federal Contracting Works
- What USDA Buys
- Contracting with USDA Resources



USDA OFFICE OF CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT (OCP) OVERVIEW



What is OCP?

The Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP), an organization under Departmental Administration (DA) within USDA, serves the Secretary and USDA mission areas by providing oversight, policy, guidance and coordination of acquisition planning, contracting and execution.





What Does OCP Do?

- Oversees over \$11 billion in annual obligations.
- Provides leadership, policy, guidance, and services in the areas of contracting, procurement, category management, procurement systems, and strategic sourcing.
- Serves as the procuring office for the Office of the Secretary, DA staff offices, and USDA agencies, as requested.



OCP Leadership and Structure



Leadership

Donald Baker, Jr.
Senior Procurement Executive
Director, Office of Contracting and Procurement

3 Divisions of OCP

Procurement
Operations
Division (POD)

 Acquisition leadership, support and guidance on Department-wide acquisition Procurement
Policy
Division (PPD)

- USDA-wide procurement policy and regulations
- Acquisition Workforce management and contracting-related reporting

Procurement Systems Division (PSD)

- Solutions, products, and services in support of USDA's acquisition community
- Oversight, guidance, and program assistance to the USDA Purchase Card communities



HOW FEDERAL CONTRACTING WORKS



Federal Contracting Basics

- Federal Government buys all types of products and services and is required by law to provide opportunities for small businesses.
- Acquisition rules are dictated by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).
- Common rules:
 - <u>Size standards</u> vary by industry and determine whether or not a business qualifies as small.
 - Legal requirements like the Buy American Act and the Trade Agreements Act must be considered (FAR Part 25).
 - Limits to subcontracting must be considered (FAR 19.505).
 - Rules for non-manufacturers / Government prime contractors (13 CFR 121.406)





How Agencies Buy – Purchase Card

Multiple ways that Federal agencies such as USDA buy products and services:

- Typically, requirements up to \$10K for supplies, \$2.5K for services, and \$2K for construction
- Thresholds may vary by organization





How Agencies Buy – Various Contract Types

- Requirements from \$10K to \$25K competition amongst minimum of 3 sources, unless otherwise justified.
- Above \$25K posted on SAM.gov and/or use established contract vehicles (Government-wide contract vehicles, Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) vehicles, Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs), etc.)
- Up to \$250K automatic small business set-aside (unless no small business is capable); usage of simplified acquisition procedures
- \$250K and above competitive process or may use small business set-aside





WHAT USDA BUYS



What USDA Buys - Scope

- USDA buys a lot more than agriculture commodities!
- A wide variety of products and services, ranging from agricultural products and research supplies to information technology and professional services.
- Please visit the "What does USDA typically buy?" section on the newly revamped "Contracting with USDA" webpage for more details on what USDA typically buys.















CONTRACTING WITH USDA RESOURCES



Contracting With USDA – Revamped Webpage!

- A new and improved webpage!
- Key information on:
 - Why contract with USDA
 - What USDA typically buys
 - Most common ways USDA buys
 - Finding current opportunities to contract with USDA
 - New to Government contracting resources
 - Large and small business resources
 - Contracting policies and procedures
 - Vendor qualification requirements
 - Contracting points of contact





USDA Procurement Forecast



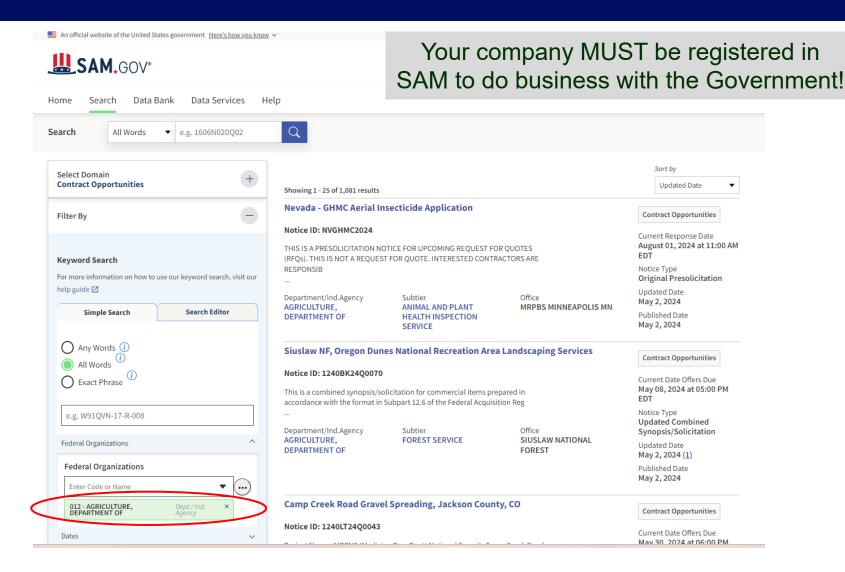
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ID↓=	Product/Service Description	NAICS	Organization	Price Range	Anticipated FY	Anticipated Qtr	Pre-Decisional Acquisition Method	Contract New Or Expiring	Expiring Contract Number	E V
0534	Vessel Loading Observation (Domestic)	488390	AMS	\$4,500,001 – \$7,500,000	FY24	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	TBD	New		
0533	CSB SUPER CEREAL PLUS BOX-10/1.5 KG	311211	AMS	\$4,500,001 – \$7,500,000	FY24	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Small Business set-aside	New		
10532	EMERGNCY FD, LNS-MQ POUCH-300/50 G	311999	AMS	\$4,500,001 – \$7,500,000	FY24	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	TBD	New		
10531	EMERGNCY FD, SF-LNS POUCH-300/50 G	311999	AMS	\$4,500,001 – \$7,500,000	FY24	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	TBD	New		
10530	OIL, VEGETABLE PAIL-20 L	311225	AMS	\$4,500,001 – \$7,500,000	FY24	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Small Business set-aside	New		
10529	OIL, VEGETABLE BOTTLE, PLS-6/4 L 670-719	311225	AMS	\$4,500,001 – \$7,500,000	FY24	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Small Business set-aside	New		
10528	OIL, VEGETABLE CAN-6/4 L	311225	AMS	\$4,500,001 – \$7,500,000	FY24	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Small Business set-aside	New		
10527	CORNMEAL, SOY-FORT BAG-HP-25 KG	311211	AMS	\$4,500,001 – \$7,500,000	FY24	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Small Business set-aside	New		
10526	LENTILS BAG-50 KG	311999	AMS	\$4,500,001 – \$7,500,000	FY24	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Small Business set-aside	New		
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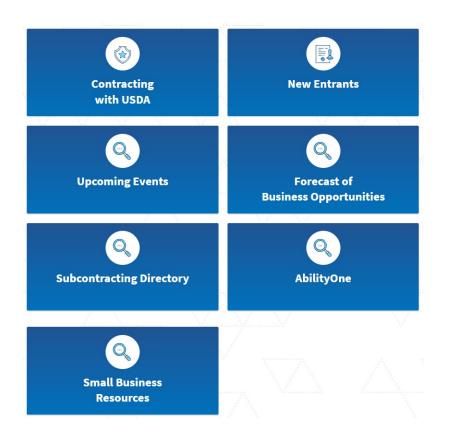
SAM.gov Contract Opportunities





Small Business Resources

Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) | USDA



Quick OSDBU Links:

Small Business Specialists | USDA

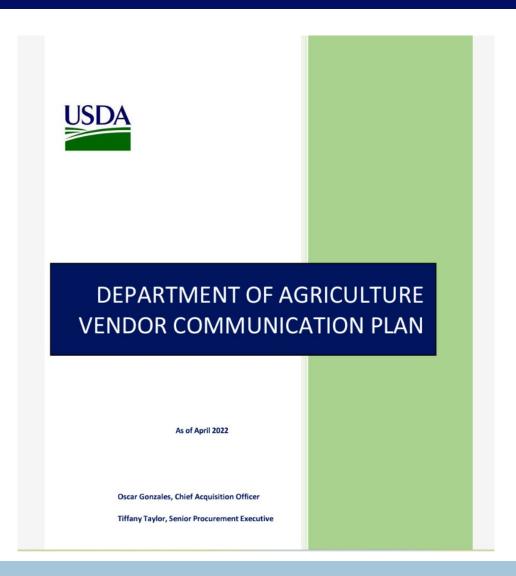
Vendor Capability Submission Portal USDA

Other Links:

Forest Service VIPR



Vendor Communication Plan



<u>USDA Vendor</u> <u>Communication Plan</u>



Q&A



