

ADDENDUM to FAR 52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS

Provisions that are incorporated by reference (by Citation Number, Title, and Date), have the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available.

The following provisions are incorporated into 52.212-1 as an addendum to this solicitation:

Instructions for Proposal Submission

- 1) Proposals may be delivered to Department of Veterans Affairs, National Acquisition Center, National Contract Service (003A4C), 1st Avenue, 1 Block North of Cermak Road, Building 37, Hines, IL 60141. Proposals will also be accepted in Microsoft Word or PDF form via e-mail to Bonita Smith at bonita.smith@va.gov with either a scanned (pdf) copy of the signed SF1449 or a digitally signed copy of the SF1449. Offerors are required to submit an original, hard copy of the SF1449 (only) with an original signature no later than 10 days after the posted due date and time. Please note that faxed proposals are not acceptable and will be rejected. Reference FAR 52.212-1(f) regarding timeliness of submission of offers.
- 2) Offerors shall include its DUNS number and CAGE code in block 17a of the Standard Form 1449.
- 3) Offerors shall provide a separate and distinct eleven-digit National Drug Code (NDC) Number and/or UPC number for each item offered, unique to the offeror as outlined in the Scope of Contract (paragraph 8.1).
- 4) Offerors shall meet the product categories specifications as outlined in Scope of Contract (paragraph 5.0 and Examples).
- 5) For any Nutritional/Dietary Supplements being offered, documentation of clinical studies that were performed on the offered products pertaining to the therapeutic treatment of patients may be required as a quality assurance measure upon request.
- 6) All product pricing shall be submitted using Attachment “E” and shall be provided on an electronic format such as a CD (compact disc). Offered prices must include .50% Cost Recovery Fee as outlined in the Scope of Contract (paragraph 10).
- 7) In addition, two copies of current product literature (i.e. including every product line item and flavor) **shall** be submitted with all product samples. The literature must be cross-referenced and labeled accordingly to the applicable solicitation product group and line item number.
- 8) Contractors shall submit product samples as reflected in Attachments A, B, C, and D on or before the solicitation due date. Offerors shall provide samples for enough 4 people. All samples must

be identified and cross referenced to the applicable solicitation product group and line item number. Please ensure that the cross reference labeling does not cover pertinent product label information. Offeror must certify that all products proposed for Category IV meet the viscosity (Honey, Nectar, and Pudding like) measures as Recommended by the National Dysphasia Diet Task Force. All samples must be received in packaging as proposed, be commercially sealed and be appropriately labeled for product contents and must have a minimum shelf life of 90 days. Any samples received in other than commercially sealed packaging will be rejected. Product samples received after the solicitation due date will not be accepted and will be rejected.

Samples are to be sent or brought to:

Bonita Smith
Department of Veterans Affairs
National Acquisition Center (003A4C4), Bldg. 37
1st Ave, One Block North of 22nd Street
Hines, IL 60141

Product samples shall be submitted at no expense to the Government. Please be advised that samples will not be returned to the offeror(s).

Cat I	Therapeutic Oral Nutritional Products			Calories		Protein		Fats		Carbs		Fiber					
Item #	Product Description and Requirements: #1-12 Shelf Stable Products #13-18 Frozen Products			CAL/ ml	CAL/ Unit	PRO g / Unit	% Cal / Unit	FAT g / Unit	FAT % Cal / Unit	CHO g / Unit	CHO % Cal / Unit	Total g / Unit	Na mg / Unit	K mg / Unit	Other	Specific Nutrients	
I-5	Basic Nutritional Drink Mix; Powder, Ready-to-Mix, Flavored, Good Taste, Bulk Pack																
	Required Nutrients:	For 8 oz portion size		0.5 -2.0	>130	7.0-9.0	12-16 %	0.5 -10	25-35%	>25	45-60 %	0	150-200	350-420	None		
	Specifications:	Powder product must provide nutrients when mixed. Must be easy to reconstitute. Should have good flavor and taste. Shelf Stable															
	Flavors:	Minimum: Vanilla and Other flavors if available.															
	Pack sizes:	390-460 g container w/ measured scoop															
	Packaging:	Commercial packaging and label required. Easy open, resealable can or container (separate plastic cover for closing after opening is acceptable) w/ measured scoop. Each container must be marked with "Use By" or production date.															
	Special Note:	Must be complete when mixed with water, no milk needed. Must pass taste and ease of mixing evaluation.															
	Required Samples & Nutrition Information:	Quantity: 2 - containers of each flavor. 2 - Complete sets of Nutritional information for all products. All samples must be in actual packaging being offered with nutrition label. Mark each sample with line number I -5.															
I-8	Very Low Calorie Ready to Drink Shake																
	Required Nutrients:	For 8 oz portion size		.4 - .7	100-160	10 to 18	35 - 55%	0.5 - 5	<20%	10 - 20	45-55%	0 - 10	190-270	400-600	None		
	Specifications:	Shelf- Stable															
	Flavors:	Minimum: 2 Must include Vanilla, Chocolate and Other flavors as available.															
	Pack sizes:	Single Serve Packet, Can, Brik or Bottle															
	Packaging:	Commercial packaging and label required. Must be easy. Each carton must be marked with "Use By" or production date.															
	Special Note:	Must pass taste evaluation.															
	Required Samples & Nutrition Information:	Quantity: 2 - containers of each flavor. 2 - Complete sets of Nutritional information for all products. All samples must be in actual packaging being offered with nutrition label. Mark each sample with line number I -8.															
I-11	Oral Liquid or Gelatin Protein Supplement, Indiv Portions, Sugar free																
	Required Nutrients:	For 4 oz gelatin or 60-80 ml liquid		X	90 -100	20	X	X	X	<2							
	Specifications:	Sugar free, Shelf- Stable															
	Flavors:	Flavored															

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	Pack sizes:	4 oz container or 60-80ml container															
	Packaging:	Commercial packaging and label required. Must be easily opened resealable bottle or pull top container. Each container must be marked with "Use By" or production date.															
	Special Note:	Must pass taste evaluation.															
	Required Samples & Nutrition Information:	Quantity: 2 - containers of each flavor. 2 - Complete sets of Nutritional information for all products. All samples must be in actual packaging being offered with nutrition label. Mark each sample with line number I -11															
I-12	Juice with Fiber, Ready to Serve, good taste, Individual Cartons and/or Bulk		per srvg								15-25	100%	3-5g	5 - 30mg		Juice preferred and 60 mg vit C / serving	
	Specifications:	Must have added fiber, ready to serve and good tasting product. Must contain 60 mg Vitamin C in a single serving. Shelf- Stable															
	Flavors:	Minimum: 2 Any available flavor															
	Pack sizes:	4 - 9 oz cup or brik pack or 32 - 48 oz resealable, pourable brik pack or plastic bottle. If available, both.															
	Packaging:	Commercial packaging and label required. Must be in sealed cup, brik pack, or if bulk pack in resealable pourable brik pack or plastic bottle with cap. Each container must be marked with "Use By" or production date.															
	Special Note:	Must pass taste evaluation.															
	Required Samples & Nutrition Information:	Quantity: 2 - containers of each flavor and / or 1 - container of bulk product per flavor i. 2 - Complete sets of Nutritional information for all products. All samples must be in actual packaging being offered with nutrition label. Mark each sample with line number I -12.															
I-14	Nutritional Shake (1.5-1.7 Cal), Frozen, No Sugar added, Ready-to-Serve, Flavored, Good Taste, Individual Cartons and Bulk, if available																
	Required Nutrients:	Minimum for 4 oz portion size.				1.5 - 1.7	200 - 250	6.0 - 8.0	X	4.0 - 15.0	X	19 - 36	X	0	60 - 130		None
	Specifications:	Frozen product must be Sugar free, have shake-like consistency when thawed with good taste appropriate to flavor.															
	Flavors:	Minimum: 2 Must include Vanilla and Other flavors as available.															
	Pack sizes:	4 oz and if available 6 oz and 32 oz co															
	Packaging:	Commercial packaging for frozen product and label required. Must be easy open carton. Each container must be marked with "Use By" or production date.															
	Special Note:	Must pass taste evaluation.															
	Required Samples & Nutrition Information:	Quantity: 2 - containers of each flavor and individual pack size. 1 - container of bulk product per flavor if available. 8 - Complete sets of Nutritional information for all products. All samples must be in actual packaging being offered with nutrition label. Mark each sample with line number I -14.															

Cat III	Therapeutic Specialty & Modular, Oral & Tube Feeding Products	Requirmnts		Protein		Fats			Carbs			Fiber					Other			Vitamin & Minerals
Item #	Product Description and Requirements:	CAL/ ml	CAL/ Unit	PRO g / Unit	PRO % Cal / Unit	FAT g / Unit	FAT % Cal / Unit	MCT: LCT	CHO g / Unit	CHO % Cal / Unit	Osmo- lality	Total g / Unit	Insol g / Unit	Na mg / Unit	K mg / Unit	Phos mg / Unit	Specific Nutrients	Vit D IU / Unit	100% U.S. DRI's in X # of ml	
III-9	Therapeutic Protein Modular Plus Amino Acid Dose - Arginine with/or without Glutamine; Oral or Tube Feeding Product, Liquid or Powder, Flavored or Unflavored, Acceptable Taste																			
	Required Nutrients:	For single unit serving.	0.2 - 4.0	30 - 140	5 - 21	60 - 98%	0	X	X	2 - 11	1- 50%	X	0	0	20 - 70	10 - 55	0-35	3.2 - 7 g L-Arginine per serving, PDCAAS 32-100%	X	X
	Specifications:	Liquid or powder protein plus Amino Acid dose. Acceptable Taste. Shelf Stable																		
	Flavors:	Mild Flavor or Unflavored.																		
	Pack sizes:	Single serve packet or bottle and if available bulk that is resealable.																		
	Packaging:	Commercial packaging and label required. Must be in single serving powder packet or single serving liquid container and bulk liuuid container if available. Each container must be marked with "Use By" or production date.																		
	Special Note:	Must pass evaluation for taste and ease of mixing.																		
	Required Samples & Nutrition Information:	Quantity: 3 - single serving containers per flavor. 1- Bulk containers per flavor. 2 - Complete sets of Nutritional information for all products. All samples must be in actual packaging being offered with nutrition label. Mark each sample with line number III-9.																		
III - 12	Guar or pectin Based Product - Flavored, Individual Packets																			
	Required Nutrients:	For single serving	0	15 - 40	<1	X	0	X	X	4 - 10	X	X	2 - 5	X	X	5-150	0-10	NONE	X	X
	Specifications:	Liquid or powder. Shelf Stable																		
	Flavors:	Unflavored or flavored																		
	Pack sizes:	Individual packet or container																		
	Packaging:	Commercial packing and labeling required. Must be individual serving in liquid or powder. If powder must be easily dissolved in water. Shelf Stable. Each container must be marked with "Use By" or production date.																		
	Special Note:	Must pass evaluation for taste and ease of mixing.																		
	Required Samples & Nutrition Information:	Quantity: 2 - individual packets or containers. 2 - Complete sets of Nutritional information for all products. All samples must be in actual packaging being offered with nutrition label. Mark each sample with line number III-12.																		

Cat IV	Beverage Thickeners and Pre-Thickened Nutritional Products			Protein	Fat	Carb	Fiber		* Special Note	
Item #	Product Description and Requirements:		CAL/ Unit	PRO g / Unit	FAT g / Unit	CHO g / Unit	FIB g / Unit	Na mg/ unit	VISCOSITY for Nectar and Honey Consistencies	Other Nutrients
IV-3	Instant Beverage Thickener, Gum Based Gel, Easily Dissolved, Bulk & Individual Portion Packs									
	Required Nutrients:	Per single serve packet to thicken 4 oz liquid to nectar or honey consistency.	0-5	0	0	< 2	< 1.5	< 35	Viscosity for Nectar & Honey	NONE
	Specifications:	Must provide separate individual packets that thicken 4 oz beverage to honey or nectar consistency and provide a bulk container with dispensing pump that provides measured doses of thickener for either nectar or honey consistency. Easily mixed with no taste or gritty texture. Shelf Stable								
	Flavors:	Unflavored								
	Pack sizes:	15-30 g Ind Pkt for 4 oz thickening, 120-240 g pkt for 32 oz thickening , and/or 64 oz measured dispensing container								
	Packaging:	Commercial label and sealed packaging required. Each container or packet must be marked with "Use By" or production date. Individually sealed packets must each measured separately to produce honey and nectar consistency. Bulk container must have pump capable of dispensing measured quantity for nectar & honey consistency.								
	* Special Note:	Viscosity: Must certify that resulting viscosity meets the National Dysphagia Diet Task Force Recommendations* for Nectar and Honey consistencies. Products must pass sensory evaluation for taste, texture, and ease of mixing.								
	Required Samples & Nutrition Information:	Quantity: 1 - 64 oz dispenser w/ pump, 2 -120-240 g pkt for Nectar & Honey, 2 pkts each for Nectar & Honey , 2 - Complete sets of Nutritional information for all products. All samples must be in actual packaging being offered with nutrition label. Mark each sample with line number IV-3.								
IV-4	Coffee Instant Beverage Thickened Powder (easily dissolved), Individual Portion Pack for Honey and Nectar Consistencies. Good Taste									
	Required Nutrients:	Per single serve packet to thicken 6 oz liquid to nectar or honey consistency.	< 50	0	0	< 15	0	≤ 40	Viscosity for Nectar & Honey	NONE
	Specifications:	Must be separate individual powder packets (that mix easily w/o lumps) measured to thicken 6 oz water to nectar and honey consistency. Must have good coffee taste. Shelf Stable								
	Flavors:	Coffee Reg and/or Decaf								
	Pack sizes:	Single Serve Packet to thicken 6 oz of liquid								
	Packaging:	Commercial packaging and label. Each packet must be marked with "Use By" or production date. Individually sealed packets must each be measured separately to produce honey and nectar consistency.								

* Special Note:	Viscosity: Must certify that resulting viscosity meets the National Dysphagia Diet Task Force Recommendations* for Nectar and Honey consistencies. Products must pass sensory evaluation for taste, texture, and ease of mixing.									
Required Samples & Nutrition Information:	Quantity: 2 pkts each of Nectar & Honey , 2 - Complete sets of Nutritional information for all products. All samples must be in actual packaging being offered with nutrition label. Mark each sample with line number IV-4.									
IV-5	Pre thickened Coffee, Ready-to-serve, Individual and/or Bulk Portion Pack for Honey and Nectar Consistencies. Good Taste									
Required Nutrients:	For 8oz thickened portion size	< 50	0	0	< 15	0-2	≤ 40	Viscosity for Nectar & Honey	NONE	
Specifications:	Must be individual 8 oz cup thickened liquid coffee and 64 oz resealable brik or bottle if available in both nectar and honey consistency. Must have good coffee taste. Shelf Stable									
Flavors:	Coffee Reg and/or Decaf									
Pack sizes:	4 - 8 oz cup and / or 64 oz pourable brik or bottle, if available.									
Packaging:	Commercial packaging and label. Each packet must be marked with "Use By" or production date. Individually sealed packets must each be measured separately to produce honey and nectar consistency.									
* Special Note:	Viscosity: Must certify that resulting viscosity meets the National Dysphagia Diet Task Force Recommendations* for Nectar and Honey consistencies. Products must pass sensory evaluation for taste, texture, and ease of mixing.									
Required Samples & Nutrition Information:	Quantity: 2- 4 -8 oz cups each of Nectar & Honey, 2 - bulk bottles of Nectar and Honey Consistency. 2 - Complete sets of Nutritional information for all products All samples must be in actual packaging being offered with nutrition label. Mark each sample with line number IV-5.									
IV-6	Pre-thickened Tea, Ready-to-Serve, Bulk and / or Individual Portion Pack, Honey and Nectar consistencies, Good taste									
Required Nutrients:	For 4 oz thickened portion size	≤70	0	0	< 20	0	< 35	Viscosity for Nectar & Honey	NONE	

Specifications:	Must be individual 4 oz cup thickened liquid tea and 46-48 oz resealable brik or bottle if available in both nectar and honey consistency. Good Tea taste. Shelf Stable	
Flavors:	Tea	
Pack sizes:	4 -8 oz cup and /or 46 - 48 oz pourable brik or bottle if available	
Packaging:	Commercial packaging and label. Each packet must be marked with "Use By" or production date. Individually sealed packets must each be measured separately to produce honey and nectar consistency.	
* Special Note:	Viscosity: Must certify that resulting viscosity meets the National Dysphagia Diet Task Force Recommendations* for Nectar and Honey consistencies. Products must pass sensory evaluation for taste, texture, and ease of mixing.	
Required Samples & Nutrition Information:	Quantity: 2 - 4 oz cups each of Nectar & Honey, 2 - bulk bottles of Nectar and Honey Consistency. 2 - Complete sets of Nutritional information for all products. All samples must be in actual packaging being offered with nutrition label. Mark each sample with line number IV-6	

IV-7	Tea Instant Beverage Thickened Powder, Easily Dissolved, Individual Portion Pack, Honey and Nectar Consistencies, Good Taste									
	Required Nutrients:	Per single serve packet to thicken 6 oz liquid to nectar or honey consistency.	≤ 70	0	0	< 20	0	< 35	Viscosity for Nectar & Honey	NONE
	Specifications:	Must be individual packets of dry mix to thicken 6 oz water to nectar and honey consistencies. Powder must mix easily without lumps. Good Tea taste. Shelf								
	Flavors:	Tea								
	Pack sizes:	Single Serve Packet to thicken 6 oz of liquid								
	Packaging:	Commercial packaging and label. Each packet must be marked with "Use By" or production date. Individually sealed packets must each be measured separately to produce honey and nectar consistency.								
	* Special Note:	Viscosity: Must certify that resulting viscosity meets the National Dysphagia Diet Task Force Recommendations* for Nectar and Honey consistencies. Products must pass sensory evaluation for taste, texture, and ease of mixing.								
	Required Samples & Nutrition Information:	Quantity: 2 pkts each of Nectar & Honey, 2 - Complete sets of Nutritional information for all products. All samples must be in actual packaging being offered with nutrition label. Mark each sample with line number IV-7.								

IV-8	Pre-thickened Water, Ready-to-Use, Bulk and Individual Portion Pack, Honey and Nectar Consistencies, Good Water Taste									
	Required Nutrients:	For 4 oz portion size	≤ 40	0	0	≤ 13	≤ 5	≤ 75	Viscosity for Nectar & Honey	NONE
	Specifications:	Must provide pre-thickened water in individual nectar and honey portions and bulk container if available. Good water taste. Shelf - Stable								
	Flavors:	Unflavored or Mild Flavored or Flavored								
	Pack sizes:	4 - 8 oz cup or pourable brik pack and 32 - 64 oz co if available								
	Packaging:	Commercial packaging and label. Each container must be marked with "Use By" or production date. Individually sealed pre-thickened cup or pourable brik pack and bulk packaging of pourable and resealable brik pack or bottle if available.								
	* Special Note:	Viscosity: Must certify that resulting viscosity meets the National Dysphagia Diet Task Force Recommendations* for Nectar and Honey consistencies. Products must pass sensory evaluation for taste, texture, and ease of mixing.								
	Required Samples & Nutrition Information:	Quantity: 2 - 4 or 8 oz containers of each Nectar & Honey consistency, 1 - bulk containers of each Nectar & Honey. 2 - Complete sets of Nutritional information for all products. All samples must be in actual packaging being offered with nutrition label. Mark each sample with line number IV-8.								