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Request For Quotes
Marine Cargo Discharge-Delivery Survey(s)

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Section A Instructions to Offerors

A.1. Issued By

International Procurement Division
USDA-Farm Service Agency
Beacon Facility-Stop 8738
P.O. Box 419205
Kansas City, Mo. 64141-6205

A.2. Method of Solicitation

Request for Quotes (RFQ)

A.3. Offer Due Date/Local Time

March 23, 2009
7:00 a.m. Kansas City time

A.4. For Solicitation Information

Tony Holland, Contracting Officer
Email: tony.holland@kcc.usda.gov

A.5. Submission of Offers

Offerors shall submit the quotation by e-mail to the e-mail address shown in A.4. Price should be quoted on a per container basis (specific number of containers currently available for only the first two vessels). Offeror shall also include, as a separate figure, price to conduct survey(s) at customs locations.

A.6. Submit Reports and Invoice to:

(Express mail address)

International Procurement Division
USDA-Farm Service Agency
Beacon Facility, Mail Stop 8738
9240 Troost Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64131-3055

Section B Shipment Information

Req. No.: CR-08-00865

Forwarder Ref. No.: 191010

Vessel Name: Dubai Express V528

Discharge Location: Port Qasim

Discharge ETA: April 2, 2009

Delivery Location: Kabul

Delivery ETA: April 9, 2009

Commodity/Quantity: Vegetable Oil/30,576 6/4 Plastic Bottles/1,485,994 Nt. Lbs./
674.042 Mt.

Type of Survey: Container Discharge/Delivery/Destuffing

Destination Country: Afghanistan

Other: 52 Containers; Customs Inspections Likely; Destuffing at Kabul

Req. No.: CR-08-00865
Forwarder Ref. No.: 191012
Vessel Name: President Polk V207
Discharge Location: Karachi
Discharge ETA: April 10, 2009
Delivery Location: Kabul
Delivery ETA: April 19, 2009
Commodity/Quantity: Vegetable Oil/36,743 6/4 Plastic Bottles/1,785,710 Nt. Lbs./
809.993 Mt.
Type of Survey: Container Discharge/Delivery/Destuffing
Destination Country: Afghanistan
Other: 63 Containers; Customs Inspections Likely; Destuffing at Kabul

Req. No.: TBD
Forwarder Ref. No.: TBD
Vessel Name: Kobe V532
Discharge Location: Port Qasim
Discharge ETA: April 16, 2009
Delivery Location: Kabul
Delivery ETA: April 30, 2009
Commodity/Quantity: 690 Mts.
Type of Survey: Container Discharge/Delivery/Destuffing
Destination Country: Afghanistan
Other: Containers; Customs Inspections Likely; Destuffing at Kabul

Req. No.: TBD
Forwarder Ref. No.: TBD
Vessel Name: President Jackson V206
Discharge Location: Karachi
Discharge ETA: April 24, 2009
Delivery Location: Kabul
Delivery ETA: May 9, 2009
Commodity/Quantity: 820 Mts.
Type of Survey: Container Discharge/Delivery/Destuffing
Destination Country: Afghanistan
Other: Containers; Customs Inspections Likely; Destuffing at Kabul

The above information is what we currently have available. Quantities and dates are approximate. We believe all cargo will be containerized vegetable oil, and that the remainder of the cargo will be in either plastic bottles or round metal cans. Price offered should cover the entire 3,000 metric tons.

Section C Evaluation

The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers:

1. Price
2. Past performance
3. Staff experience-specific information about the personnel to be assigned to perform this contracted work, including experience in conducting food aid surveys

Section D FAR Solicitation Provisions

52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors – Commercial Items (June 2008)

Addenda

(b) Submission of Offers.

Offerors shall also provide an e-mail address for contact purposes.

(j) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number.

Foreign firms are exempted from the requirement to obtain and provide a DUNS number with their offer.

(k) Central Contractor Registration.

Foreign firms are exempted from the requirement to register in the Central Contractor Registration database unless contract payments are made within the United States.

(End of addenda)

52.212-3 Offeror Representations and Certifications-Commercial Items. (June 2008)

52.252-1 Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference (Feb 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with 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 offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://www.acqnet.gov/far>

<http://www.usda.gov/procurement/policy/agar.html>

(End of clause)

Section E AGAR Solicitation Provisions

452.204-70 Inquiries (Feb 1988)

Inquiries and all correspondence concerning this solicitation should be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer. Offerors should contact only the Contracting Officer issuing the solicitation about any aspect of this requirement prior to contract award.

(End of provision)

Section F FAR Contract Clauses and Addenda

52.212- Contract Terms and Conditions-Commercial Items. (February 2007)

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Addenda

(b) *Assignment.*

USDA forms CCC-251 (Notice of Assignment) and CCC-252 (Instrument of Assignment) may be obtained at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=ic=pas> or the offeror may use its own forms provided the forms are essentially

consistent with CCC-251 and CCC-252 in content.

(e) *Definitions.*

- (1) "COTR" means Contracting Officer Technical Representative duly authorized by the Contracting Officer.
- (2) "Breakbulk Vessel" means loose, non-containerized cargo.
- (3) "LASH" means a maritime industry abbreviation for "Lighter Aboard Ship." A specially constructed vessel equipped with an overhead crane for lifting specially designed barges and stowing them into cellular slots in an athwart ship position.
- (4) "Major damage" means damage that in the estimation of the surveyor exceeds USD \$20,000.
- (5) "NGO" means non-governmental organization which receives the food aid to be surveyed.
- (6) "TBL" means through bill of lading.
- (7) "Third party lab" means a laboratory meeting international ISO testing standards that is not affiliated/associated with either the ocean carrier or receiver involved in the shipment.

(t) Central Contractor Registration (CCR).

Foreign firms are exempted from the requirement to be registered in the CCR.

(u) *Submission of deliverables.*

All survey reports and related survey documentation shall be submitted concurrently with the associated invoice pursuant to Section A.6. Deliverables and invoice may be submitted electronically to the COTR.

(End of addenda)

52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders-Commercial Items. (September 2008)

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

- (1) 52.233-3, Protest After Award (Aug 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).
- (2) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (Oct 2004) (Pub. L. 108-77, 108-78)

(b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

[Contracting Officer check as appropriate.]

X (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Sept 2006),

with Alternate I (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2402).

X (31) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (June 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

X (36) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Central Contractor Registration (Oct 2003) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

(Applicable for payments within the United States.)

(c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

[*Contracting Officer check as appropriate.*]

___ (1) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965 (November 2007) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

___ (2) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (May 1989) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

___ (3) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act—Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (Nov 2006) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

___ (4) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act—Price Adjustment (Feb 2002) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

(d) *Comptroller General Examination of Record.* The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records—Negotiation.

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR Subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(e)(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in paragraphs (i) through (vii) of this paragraph in a subcontract for commercial items. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause-

- (i) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (May 2004) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$550,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.
- (ii) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (March 2007) (E.O. 11246).
- (iii) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (Sept 2006) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (iv) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (June 1998) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- (v) 52.222-39, Notification of Employee Rights Concerning Payment of Union Dues or Fees (Dec 2004) (E.O. 13201).
- (vi) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965 (November 2007), (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
- (x) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. App. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

(2) While not required, the contractor may include in its subcontracts for commercial items a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

(End of clause)

52.247- Familiarization with Conditions (Apr 1984)

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52.252- Clauses Incorporated by Reference. (Feb 1998)

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<http://www.acqnet.gov/far>

<http://www.usda.gov/procurement/policy/agar.html>

(End of clause)

Section G AGAR Contract Clauses

452.246-70 Inspection and Acceptance (Feb 1988)

(a) The Contracting Officer or the Contracting Officer's duly authorized representative will inspect and accept the supplies and/or services to be provided under this contract.

(b) Inspection and acceptance will be performed at: United States Department of

Agriculture, Kansas City Commodity Office, 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, Missouri, 64133-4676.

(End of clause)

Section H Performance Work Statement

Part 1 Background

KCCO procures on behalf of its customer agencies, USDA-Foreign Agriculture Service and U.S. Agency for International Development, staple foods for use in foreign food aid distribution programs. The food is purchased in bulk and packaged form and transported overseas by ocean carriers to discharge port or foreign inland destination for delivery to NGOs or foreign governments. The Government's desire is that all food aid it has procured arrives at final destination without loss or damage. However, given the inherent nature of transporting bulk and packaged food long distances by sea and overland in foreign locales, there is a potential for loss or damage. To address this risk, the Government is seeking to hire marine cargo survey companies to attend at discharge, delivery, and other locations where containerized cargoes may be accessed in order to witness and examine cargoes, document the count and condition of these food aid shipments and activities related to disposition, and provide a written report. The survey reports issued by the Contractors will be used by the Government to fix responsibility for loss and damage to the food aid and pursue claims against ocean carriers.

Part 2 Scope Of Work

The surveyor is required to attend at the following locations:

1. Discharge port identified in Section B of this RFQ.
2. Delivery location, if so identified in Section B of this RFQ.
3. For containerized shipments, at customs locations outside of port where containers are opened.

In general, we are seeking experienced survey firms, appropriately licensed and having the requisite knowledge, experience, and staffing to perform the work.

Part 3 Applicable Documents

The following legal/regulatory documents are relevant to this acquisition:

- United States Carriage of Goods by Sea Act (COGSA);
- The Harter Act;
- 22 CFR 211—Transfer of Food Commodities for Food Use in Disaster Relief, Economic Development and Other Assistance;
- 7 CFR 1499—Foreign Donation Programs, Liability For Loss, Damage, Or Improper Distribution Of Commodities--Claims And Procedures;
- 7 CFR 1599—McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program

Part 4 Required Services

The Contractor shall provide all management, supervision, and personnel to provide the following under the contract:

1. A single point of contact, including phone number and e-mail, for all matters under the contract(s).

For each cargo shipment:

2. A cargo survey by qualified, experienced surveyors at vessel discharge and, if any, the port customs station.
3. If cargo moves to inland location, a cargo survey by qualified, experienced surveyors at the final delivery location. On through bills of lading, survey will include loading on conveyance at discharge location for delivery.
4. For any containerized cargoes, a survey at customs locations between discharge port and final destination where containers are opened.
5. Documentation and evidence of:
 - a. the quantity of cargo discharged/delivered
 - b. the condition of cargo discharged/delivered, including a complete description of the type and severity of the damage, and give probable cause of damage.
 - c. if containerized, the number and condition of containers discharge/delivered.
6. In the event of major loss, the Contracting Officer or COTR is notified immediately.
7. Evidence that written notice of loss was presented to carrier/carrier's representative within three days of discharge/delivery.
8. Observe, and provide documentation and evidence for the disposition of any damaged (including reconstituted) cargo.
9. The names, titles, and organizational affiliations of those present at discharge/customs inspection/delivery/destruction.
10. In the event of damaged cargo, obtain samples and, subject to separate authorization by the Contracting Officer or COTR, provide timely analysis of suspected unfit cargo by an independent third party lab, if local health official is not available.
11. Certifications signed by third parties (vessel personnel, NGO representatives, customs representatives) establishing attendance by the Contractor at each location attended.
12. Submission of the preliminary form KC-334 upon completion of discharge/delivery and submission of the final form KC-334 with the survey report.

Part 5 Deliverables

1. The Contractor shall liaise with the KCCO, the applicable vessel agent, and NGO in order to coordinate on-time attendance and the service to be provided.
2. The Contractor shall attend and observe at the locations stipulated in Part 4.

3. The Contractor shall provide a separate, written survey report and supporting documentation, in English or with translation, for each originating vessel's cargo and destination with sufficient detail and documentation so as to fix responsibility for losses occurring while cargo is under the care, custody, and control of the steamship company transporting the cargo. The report may be electronic or hard copy. A copy of the report should be sent to the receiver.
4. The complete report shall be submitted within 60 days of completion of discharge/delivery. If submission of the report cannot be made within 60 days, a request for extension must be made to the contracting officer by e-mail prior to the 60 day deadline, with justification for the delay and an estimated date of submission. If reconstitution is not expected to be completed within approximately two weeks, the report should still be submitted, with reconstitution documentation to follow upon completion of the process.
5. The Contractor shall provide timely replies to inquiries.

Part 6 Quality Assurance Plan

A. Objective:

The purpose of Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) is to provide quality assurance for the cargo survey services performed under the contract awarded through this solicitation. This plan provides a basis for the Contracting Officer or COTR to evaluate the quality of the Contractor's performance. The oversight provided for in the contract and in this plan shall ensure service levels reach and maintain the required levels throughout the contract term. This plan shall provide the Contracting Officer or COTR with a proactive way to avoid unacceptable or deficient performance.

B. Performance Standards:

1. Frequency:

100 percent inspection. The Contracting Officer or COTR shall monitor and evaluate each deliverable to ensure satisfactory compliance with the performance standards set forth in the QAP.

2. Standards

PERFORMANCE STANDARD	ACCEPTABLE QUALITY LEVEL (AQL)	MONITORING METHOD	DISINCENTIVES For Not Meeting the Performance Standard
1. Required Communication/Coordination			
1.A. A single point of contact for all matters under the contract.	100 percent compliance	As incorporated into the contract.	
1.B. The Contractor shall notify the Government of any key personnel changes. (Key personnel includes all surveyors and contact parties who will be involved with the surveys in the country.)	100 percent compliance within 24 hours of the personnel change, the Contractor shall provide in writing the name(s) and resume(s) of newly assigned key personnel.	Comparison of surveyor list to the signatories of the survey report.	Past performance evaluation
1.C. The Contractor shall acknowledge receipt of task orders within three working days of issuance.	95 percent compliance within three working days	Government quality assurance monitoring.	Past performance evaluation
1.D. The Contractor shall respond to all inquiries within seven working days.	100 percent compliance within 7 working days	Government quality assurance monitoring.	If not met and the survey is not conducted, the Government may terminate the contract.
1.E. The Contractor shall liaise with KCCO, the applicable vessel agent, and NGO in order to coordinate on-time attendance and the service to be provided.	100 percent compliance	Government quality assurance monitoring	If not met and the survey is not conducted, the Government may terminate the contract.
1.F. Timely replies to inquiries per task order.	100 percent compliance within three working days, acknowledge receipt of CCC inquiries, if no mitigating circumstances. Determination of mitigation is at the discretion of the Government.	Government survey tracking database.	Invoice for survey fee will be deducted \$150.00 for first failure to comply. Each subsequent occurrence will result in the invoice survey fee being deducted \$150.00.
	100 percent compliance must provide requested information/ documentation within seven working days of request, if no mitigating circumstances. Determination of mitigation is at the discretion of the Government.	Government survey tracking database.	Invoice for survey fee will be deducted a minimum of \$150.00 or 10% of the contract value, whichever is greater, for first failure to comply. Each subsequent occurrence will result in the invoice survey fee being deducted an additional 20% of the contract value.
2. Required Data Elements of the Written Survey Report			
2.A. For <u>bulk</u> shipments, the	Report is sufficient to	USDA review of all	Failure to meet

PERFORMANCE STANDARD	ACCEPTABLE QUALITY LEVEL (AQL)	MONITORING METHOD	DISINCENTIVES For Not Meeting the Performance Standard
<p>following factors must be elements of a written report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the quantity of cargo discharged/delivered - the condition of cargo discharged/delivered, including a complete description of the type and severity of the damage, and give probable cause of damage. - check vessel holds before and after discharge - conduct draft surveys to establish quantity on free-out shipments, at lightering operations and at ports where scales not available - personally observe and describe in detail the discharge/delivery process - scale information including scale location, scale type, date of last calibration, and other factors affecting scale weight accuracy - for TBL shipments, attendance and reporting on loading of land conveyance - for liquid cargoes and tallow, condition of pumping equipment and shore tanks/tank trucks - provide the actual (or estimated, if actual not available) weight loss of any shortage, or damaged cargo and the type and severity of damage - if cargo bagged by vessel interests, observe bagging operation and report the quantity bagged; document the total bag count and weight and the method of such determination; forward original stroke tallies with the survey report to document the quantity of cargo bagged and stacked. 	<p>support the USDA claims recovery process.</p>	<p>Contractor's reports.</p>	<p>performance standards on more than 5 percent of task orders may result in termination of contract.</p>
<p>2.B. For <u>containerized</u> shipments,</p>	<p>Report is sufficient to</p>	<p>USDA review of all</p>	<p>Failure to meet</p>

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<p>the following factors must be elements of a written report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the quantity of cargo discharged/delivered - the condition of cargo discharged/delivered, including a complete description of the type and severity of the damage, and give probable cause of damage. - check vessel holds before and after discharge - list container numbers and seal numbers at time of discharge/delivery - personally observe discharge/delivery and comment on container conditions and note container defects, if any - signed, legible, accurate original stroke tallies - attendance and reporting on accessing containers at customs locations 	<p>support the USDA claims recovery process.</p>	<p>Contractor's reports.</p>	<p>performance standards on more than 5 percent of task orders may result in termination of contract.</p>
<p>2.C. For <u>breakbulk</u> shipments, the following factors must be elements of a written report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the quantity of cargo discharged/delivered - the condition of cargo discharged/delivered, including a complete description of the type and severity of the damage, and give probable cause of damage. - check vessel holds before and after discharge - check vessel holds before and after discharge - personally observe discharge/delivery - signed, legible, accurate original stroke tallies - for TBL shipments, attendance and reporting on loading of land conveyance. 	<p>Report is sufficient to support the USDA claims recovery process.</p>	<p>USDA review of all Contractor's reports.</p>	<p>Failure to meet performance standards on more than 5 percent of task orders may result in termination of contract.</p>
<p>2.D. For <u>bulk with bagging</u></p>	<p>Report is sufficient to</p>	<p>USDA review of all</p>	<p>Failure to meet</p>

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<p>shipments, the following factors must be elements of a written report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the quantity of cargo discharged/delivered - the condition of cargo discharged/delivered, including a complete description of the type and severity of the damage, and give probable cause of damage. - personally observe discharge/delivery - signed, legible, accurate original stroke tallies - for TBL shipments, attendance and reporting on loading of land conveyance. 	support the USDA claims recovery process.	Contractor's reports.	performance standards on more than 5 percent of task orders may result in termination of contract.
3. Loss Mitigation			
3.A. In the event of major loss, the Contracting Officer or COTR is notified immediately.	100 percent compliance	Government quality assurance monitoring.	Failure to meet the standard on more than 1 shipment may result in contract termination.
3.B. Evidence that written notice of loss was presented to carrier/carrier's representative within three days of discharge/delivery.	100 percent compliance when there are losses suffered, if no mitigating circumstances. Determination of mitigation is at the discretion of the Government.	USDA review of all Contractor's reports.	Failure to meet the standard on more than 2 shipments may result in contract termination.
<p>3.C. Observe, and provide documentation and evidence for the disposition of any damaged cargo.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document reconstitution efforts and results - Obtain health officer's certificate for cargoes suspected to be unfit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide disposal or destruction documentation - The names of those present at discharge/customs inspection/delivery/destruction , including names, titles, and 	100 percent compliance for observation, if no mitigating circumstances. Determination of mitigation is at the discretion of the Government.	USDA review of all Contractor's reports.	Past performance evaluation

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organizational affiliations.			
3.D. In the event of damaged cargo, take samples and, subject to separate authorization by the Contracting Officer, provide timely analysis of suspected unfit cargo by an independent third party lab, if local health official is not available.	<p>100 percent compliance when local health official is not immediately available, contractor must take representative samples at the time damage is discovered, or commodity is suspected to be unfit.</p> <p>Initiate analysis of samples within one week of authorization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100 percent compliance when major damage (damage that in the estimation of the surveyor exceeds USD \$20,000) is present - 75 percent compliance when value of the loss is minor 	Government quality assurance monitoring.	Past performance evaluation
4. Certification of Attendance			
Certifications signed by third parties (vessel personnel, NGO representatives, customs representatives) establishing attendance by the Contractor at each location attended.	100 percent compliance, if no mitigating circumstances. Determination of mitigation is at the discretion of the Government.	USDA review of all Contractor's reports	Past performance evaluation
5. Document Submission			
5.A. The complete written report shall be submitted within 60 days of completion of discharge/delivery.	100 percent compliance, if no mitigating circumstances. Determination of mitigation is at the discretion of the Government.	USDA review of all Contractor's reports Government quality assurance monitoring.	<p>Invoice for survey fee will be deducted 10% for each additional 30 day period in which the report is received after the 60th day.</p> <p>If report receipt is later than 180 days after completion of discharge delivery, a cure notice will be issued for potential termination for default.</p>

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5.B. Submission of the preliminary form KC-334 upon completion of discharge/delivery and submission of the final form KC-334 with the survey report.	<p>For preliminary information, 100 percent compliance in cases where losses are noted.</p> <p>For final information, 100 percent compliance. KC-334 shall be submitted with the survey report.</p>	<p>USDA review of all Contractor's reports</p> <p>Government quality assurance monitoring.</p>	Past performance evaluation