

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE

Farm
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Agency

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ANNOUNCEMENT KCPBS2

Invitation No. 3 Purchase of Sugar

The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) intends to purchase sugar under the provisions of the Feedstock Flexibility Program (FFP), as authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (as extended via the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012). Any sugar purchased by CCC under this authority will be sold on a competitive basis to bioenergy producers, restricted for the purpose of producing biofuel.

CCC purchases of raw cane sugar or refined beet sugar from domestic sugar processors are subject to the terms and conditions of Announcement KCPBS2.

Offered sugar must be pledged as collateral for CCC loan with a maturity date of August 31, 2013. The quantity of sugar accepted by CCC will not exceed the sugar processor's outstanding loan quantity. Processors must redeem loan quantity the same day of contract award.

Offers to CCC will be analyzed, on a bulk, instore basis, for each location, in conjunction with corresponding offers from bioenergy producers to purchase sugar from CCC. Quantity of offers from sugar processors (warehouse operators) can be reduced (but not increased) up until price offers are due. CCC reserves the right to award less than the quantity offered. Conditional offers will not be considered.

The quality of CCC purchased raw cane sugar will be based on the IntercontinentalExchange (ICE) Number 16 quality standard for polarity at 96 degrees; refined sugar quality will be based on the International Commission for Uniform Methods of Sugar Analysis (ICUMSA) quality standard for polarity at 99.9 degrees.

Any sugar purchased by CCC will be sold, instore, basis the same quality as purchased. CCC does not warrant any contract disputes and will not be responsible for the quantity or quality of sugar delivered out of the storage facility nor for any storage or handling charges, including load out. Bioenergy producers will be encouraged to contact warehouse operators in advance of offering to discuss the quality of sugar to be delivered, a delivery schedule, and to arrange for a schedule of premiums and discounts.

Please submit your offer on the attached Offer Form CCC-331A. **Offers (quantity, polarity, offer price, and loadout capacity) should be submitted basis pounds.** The minimum acceptable quantity per offer is 10,000,000 pounds.

QUANTITY OFFER DUE DATE: 1:30 p.m. (CT), August 21, 2013

NOTE: Submit CCC-331A, excluding catalog item no. and offer price (Blocks 3A and 3F). Quantities can be reduced up until price offers are due.

On August 21, 2013, by 6:30 p.m. (CT), a catalog listing with all offered quantities will be available at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=landing>

PRICE OFFER DUE DATE: 1:30 p.m. (CT), August 28, 2013

NOTE: Complete CCC-331A in its entirety, including catalog item no. and offer price (Blocks 3A and 3F).

CCC will notify successful Offerors by: 1:30 p.m. (CT), August 29, 2013

Storage Terms

All offers must include the CCC warehouse code provided through the CCC Sugar Storage Agreement (SSA). Package stocks may be considered to determine offer eligibility; however, sugar must be delivered in bulk to bioenergy producers.

The storing warehouse operator agrees that receiving charges are not applicable, and any storage or load out charges will not exceed rates in the CCC SSA.

Charges for handling, storing, or servicing of sugar will be as follows:

Storage charges for CCC-purchased sugar will be for the account of the successful offeror for the first 14 days following the date of contract award. Any storage charges beginning the 15th day following contract award will be set by the warehouse operator in accordance with the CCC SSA.

When CCC transfers title to its sugar instore, the handling, storage, and servicing rates applicable to the transferee with respect to such sugar shall not exceed CCC's rates in effect at the time of title transfer until the earlier of:

60 days, or

Title of the sugar is transferred by the transferee to another party, or

RAW CANE SUGAR SPECIFICATIONS

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ITEM	REQUIREMENT	
Polarization - The qualities deliverable under this invitation shall be raw centrifugal cane sugar, based on 96 degrees average polarization outturn, Standard Quality Range, as stated below or otherwise as provided in Rules 29.12 and 29.13:		
	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
Moisture - Standard Quality Range Factor of Safety (High number indicates low quality)	Not exceeding 0.30 Percent	
Ash Content - Maximum and minimum standard ash content is derived by multiplying (percent of non-sucrose solids by the factor listed below which corresponds to the raw sugar) final polarization of the cargo:		
Up to and including 98.0° Over 98.0° up to and including 98.2° Over 98.2° up to and including 98.4° Over 98.4° up to and including 98.6° Over 98.6° up to and including 98.8° Over 98.8° up to but not including 99.0°	.25 .26 .27 .28 .29 .30	.17 .18 .19 .20 .21 .22
Grain Size Percent through 28 mesh Tyler (30 mesh U.S.) sieve. (High number indicates low quality)	Between 45 and 22	
Color-Affined Raw I.C.U.M.S.A. Color Units Method 4 (1978), Modified* (High number indicates low quality)	Between 800 and 1300	
Color-Whole Raw I.C.U.M.S.A. Color Units Method 4 (1978) Modified*	Between 3000 and 5000	
Dextran	Not exceeding 250 M.A.U.	

* See Sugar No. 16 Resolution No. 1.

REFINED BEET SUGAR SPECIFICATIONS

The qualities deliverable under this Invitation shall be refined beet sugar, free running of regular grain size and fair average of the outturn quality, with the following specifications:

ITEM	REQUIREMENT	
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Moisture		0.05 Percent
Polarization	99.9 Degrees	
Ash Content		0.04 Percent
Color		55 Units ICUMSA method No. 4
Material remaining on a U.S. Standard No. 20 Woven-wire-sieve screen		5.0 Percent
Material remaining on a U.S. Standard No. 40 Woven-wire-sieve screen	8.0 Percent (cum)	
Material passing through a U.S. Standard No. 100 Woven-wire-sieve screen		10.0 Percent

7. DELIVERY

- C. The start storage date for CCC or transferee (bioenergy producer) will commence beginning on the 15th day following contract award.

All other terms and conditions of Announcement KCPBS2 remain unchanged.

All offers must be signed and submitted on a CCC-331A Offer Form. In order to properly consider the offer, the following information must be in the offer:

- Announcement number, Invitation number, and Date
- Offeror's complete name, address, phone number, contact name, and Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- CCC Warehouse Code
- INSTORE, location (city and state)
- Sugar type
- Polarity
- Quantity expressed in pounds
- Price per pound in U.S. dollars, maximum four decimal places (price offer only)
- Load out capability (pounds per day)

Retain one copy of the submitted offer form for your use. Offers must be submitted in an envelope plainly marked:

“Do Not Open Until the Prescribed Time Per Announcement KCPBS2, Invitation No. 3.”

If overnight/express service is utilized, the above statement must be printed clearly on the outer express envelope, not the mailing label.

Additional blank copies of original offer form may be obtained from KCCO (or, duplication of attached offer form is permitted).

OFFERORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TIMELY RECEIPT OF OFFERS AND AMENDED OFFERS.

No offers, modifications, or withdrawals will be accepted by telephone. They will only be accepted by fax or mail.

Further information on this Invitation for Offers may be obtained by contacting:

Kansas City Commodity Office
Domestic Procurement Division
Telephone (816) 926-2527
Email: William.Lang@kcc.usda.gov

William Lang
CCC Contracting Officer

Attachment

CCC-331A (Sugar) (08-12-13)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency OFFER FORM	1. ANNOUNCEMENT: KCPBS2 INVITATION NO. _____ If amended, Amendment No. ____
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In accordance with **Announcement KCPBS2, Invitation No. _____, Dated _____**, the undersigned offers to sell the following quantities of sugar to Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the information gathered is used to evaluate bids offered to CCC for the purchase of sugar.

2A. FIRM NAME	2B. ADDRESS	
2C. CONTACT NAME	2D. TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area Code)	2E. FAX NO. (Include Area Code)
2F. EMAIL ADDRESS	2G. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)	

3A. CATALOG ITEM NO.	3B. CCC WAREHOUSE CODE	3C. STORAGE LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i>	3D. SUGAR TYPE <i>(Raw = RC, Refined = RB, In-Process = IP)</i>	3E. OFFER QUANTITY <i>(Please include estimated Polarization at time of offer subject to testing at load out)</i>	3F. OFFER PRICE <i>(Dollars per applicable unit up to maximum decimal places, as specified in invitation)</i>	3G. LOADOUT CAPABILITY <i>(per day)</i>
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4A. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER/EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OFFER	4B. NAME OF OFFICER/EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OFFER	4C. DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYY)
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NOTE: *The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is 7 CFR Part 1402, 7 CFR Part 1435, and the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.). The information will be used to evaluate offers submitted by an offeror to sell bulk sugar. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-3, Consultants File. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination that the offer to sell bulk sugar cannot be accepted/processed.*

The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE USDA-FSA-DACO-KCCO, Beacon Facility - MAILSTOP 8698, P.O. BOX 419205, KANSAS CITY, MO 64141-6205. As specified in the Paperwork Reduction Act (5 CFR 1320.3), the information collection for the Sugar Program, including the Feedstock Flexibility Program, does not require OMB approval, because FSA estimates that fewer than 10 participants will participate by selling their sugar to FSA.

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OFFER FORM
(CONTINUATION SHEET)

1. ANNOUNCEMENT: **KCPBS2**

INVITATION NO. _____
If amended, Amendment No. ____

3A. CATALOG ITEM NO.	3B. CCC WAREHOUSE CODE	3C. STORAGE LOCATION <i>(City and State)</i>	3D. SUGAR TYPE <i>(Raw = RC, Refined = RB, In-Process = IP)</i>	3E. OFFER QUANTITY <i>(Please include estimated Polarization at time of offer subject to testing at load out)</i>	3F. OFFER PRICE <i>(Dollars per applicable unit up to maximum decimal places, as specified in invitation)</i>	3G. LOADOUT CAPABILITY <i>(per day)</i>
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Instructions For CCC-331A (Sugar)

OFFER FORM

This form is used by participants offering to sell sugar to the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), and the information gathered is used to evaluate bids offered to CCC for the purchase of sugar.

Submit the original of this completed form to the USDA-FSA-DACO-KCCO, Beacon Facility – Mailstop 8698, P.O. Box 419205, Kansas City, MO 64141-6205.

Participants offering to sell sugar must complete Items 1 through 4C of this form.

Items 1 - 4C

Fld Name / Item No.	Instructions
1 Invitation No.	Please enter Invitation No. under Announcement KCPBS2. Acknowledge any amendment(s) by entering the Amendment No. In the block directly below, re-enter Invitation No. and date of Invitation.
2A Firm Name	Enter offering firm's name.
2B Address	Enter address of offering firm.
2C Contact Name	Enter appropriate contact name.
2D Phone No.	Enter phone no. of offering firm (including area code).
2E FAX No.	Enter fax no. of offering firm (including area code).
2F Email Address	Enter email address of offering firm.
2G EIN	Enter Employer Identification Number (EIN) of offering firm.

Fld Name / Item No.	Instructions
3A Catalog Item No.	<u>Do not enter and submit with initial Quantity Offer.</u> Enter Catalog Item No. and submit with Price Offer by Price Offer Due Date, as specified in the Invitation. If more space for offers is needed, please continue input on Continuation Sheet, page 2.
3B CCC Warehouse Code	Enter CCC Warehouse Code for sugar being offered.
3C Storage Location	Enter the storage location (city, state) of the sugar being offered.
3D Sugar Type	Enter the type of sugar being offered. (Raw cane = RC , Refined Beet= RB , In-Process = IP)
3E Offer Quantity	Indicate the unit as specified in the invitation: metric tons or pounds. Enter the offer quantity based on the unit as specified in the invitation. Enter polarity (degrees) of the sugar being offered.
3F Offer Price	Enter offer price in dollars per unit up to maximum decimal places, as specified in invitation, and submit by Price Offer Due Date, as specified in the Invitation.
3G Load out Capability	Enter the load out capability per day of your facility. Check whether capability is stated in metric tons or pounds.
4A Signature of Officer/ Employee Responsible for the Offer	Person signing as officer or employee responsible for the offer shall sign.
4B Name of Officer/ Employee Responsible for the Offer	Enter the printed name of the Officer/Employee responsible for the offer.
4C Date Signed	Enter the date (MM-DD-YYYY) that Offer Form is signed.