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June 9, 2003

IN REPLY
REFER TO

DNOSC-C2

Dear Prospective Tin Customer:

On Monday, June 30, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., local time, Fort Belvoir, VA, the Defense Logistics Agency, Defense National Stockpile Center (DNOSC), will open and consider offers for the sale of approximately 8,000 metric tons of tin under Solicitation of Offers, DLA-TIN-014. Offers are to be addressed as follows:

Attn: DNOSC Bid Custodian
Defense National Stockpile Center
8725 John J Kingman Road
Suite 3229
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6223

Facsimile offers and modifications will be accepted any time prior to the exact time set for receipt of offers. Offerors must transmit offers to facsimile number (703) 767-5541.

The format of the solicitation is negotiated, which allows the Government to discuss issues regarding price, removal period, quantity, prompt payment, discounts, or any other provision of the solicitation.

Thank you for your interest in the Defense National Stockpile Center's tin sales program. If you have any questions concerning DNOSC tin sales, please contact me at (703) 767-5346.

Sincerely,

//s//

Cynthia F. Brown
Contracting Officer

Enclosure

DLA-TIN-014 SOLICITATION OF OFFERS FOR STOCKPILE TIN



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SECTION A - SOLICITATION

A.1 Introduction (SEP 02)

- a. The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC), is soliciting offers for the sale of approximately **8,136 metric tons of Tin** under Fiscal Year 2003. The opening will be held on **Monday, June 30, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.** local time, Ft. Belvoir, VA. Offers must be received at the address in Section B.2a. by 10:00 a.m. local time, Ft. Belvoir, VA. In the event that DNSC is closed at that time, offers for that day will be received at 10:00 a.m. on the next DNSC business day.
- b. Delivery is F.O.B. carrier's conveyance. See Sections **F.1.d.** and **F.1.e.**

A.2 Description (JAN 95)

- a. A description of the material offered for sale is listed in **J.1 Description of Stockpile Tin (JUN 03) and 1.2 Item Offer Page-DLA-TIN-014 (JUN 03)**. The material is located at Hammond, IN and Baton Rouge, LA (See **J.2 Storage Location (JUN 03)**).
- b. Government analyses indicate that the material conforms to the data listed in Paragraph A.2.a, Section I.2, and Section J.1; however, no warranty or guarantee is made that the material so conforms or that it will be suitable for any particular purpose.

A.3 Financial Exposure Limit (MAR 02)

- a. The Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) will establish a financial exposure limit (maximum level of business the DNSC will allow) for each Offeror. The financial exposure limit shall be determined based upon the following:
 - (1) Financial Position of the Offeror
 - (2) Past Performance
 - (3) References (Suppliers, Financial Institutions)
 - (4) Credit Reports
- b. If the Contractor reaches its financial exposure limit, subsequent sales will cease until such time as the Contractor satisfactorily performs existing contracts or the DNSC increases the exposure limit.

A.4 Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations (MAR 02)

- a.** The Contractor shall determine any export license requirements, obtain any export license or other official authorization required for export, and carry out any U.S. Customs formalities for the export of any material awarded under this Solicitation.
- b.** The Contractor shall comply with United States Bureau of Export Administration Foreign Trade Statistics and Export Administration Regulations as set forth in 15 CFR Parts 30 and 732 (as amended by 65 FR 42556-42575, July 10, 2000 or any subsequent rule making).
- c.** If the Contractor is not a United States domestic entity or does not have a physical presence in the United States, and the material is to be exported, the Contractor shall either --
 - (1) Engage a United States forwarding agent or other agent in accordance with 15 CFR 30.4(a) and (c); or
 - (2) Engage a United States Order Party, in accordance with 15 CFR 30.4(a)(1)(iii), to conduct all negotiations, correspondence, and arrangements for sale, and to arrange for export of the material purchased.
- d.** The Defense National Stockpile Center shall not be named as the United States Principal Party in Interest and will not execute any Shipper's Export Declaration required by the Foreign Trade Statistics regulations.

SECTION B – PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

B.1 Submittals (FEB 03)

Offerors shall submit **all** of the following documents along with the offer unless otherwise noted:

- a. **Section I.1 Sale of Government Property Negotiated Sales Contract (JUN 03)** with the section entitled “Execution by Contractor” completed.
- b. **Offer shall state the** (1) offer quantity; (2) percentage of reference price (see Section **B.4**); and (3) company name, signature, name, title and date blocks completed.
- c. **Section 1.3, Anticipated Removal Schedule (JUN 03)**
- d. **Section I.4, Certificate of Independent Price Determination (JAN 01).**
- e. **Section I.5, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, Environmental Compliance and Other Responsibility Matters (JUL 97).**
- f. **Representations, Certifications and Identifications at Section I.6 through I.9** Offerors please note: If Annual Representations, Certifications and Identifications have previously been submitted they need not be resubmitted. However, ***I.4 Certificate of Independent Price Determination and I.5 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, Environmental Compliance and Other Responsibility Matters shall be submitted with each offer.***
- g. Copies of the most recent income statement, balance sheet, and list of credit references for the company and any other documentation that will verify the financial level of business transactions. DNSC may require the Contractor to submit updated information at any time.
- h. Offerors shall submit the financial information requested in paragraph g. to the following address/facsimile number:

Attn: **Cynthia F. Brown, DNSC-C1**
Defense National Stockpile Center
8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 3229
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6223
Fax: (703) 767-5411
- i. Any other terms the Offeror wishes to negotiate. (See Section **B.8.**)

B.2 General Information (JUL 97)

- a. Facsimile offers and modifications will be accepted in accordance with Section **B.6**. Offers may also be submitted by mail or hand delivered enclosed in a sealed envelope and addressed to:

ATTN: DNSC-R (Bid Custodian)
Defense National Stockpile Center
8725 John J. Kingman Road
Suite 3229
Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-6223
Facsimile No: (703) 767-5541

Place the name and address of the Offeror in the upper left corner and the following information in the lower left corner on the face of the envelope:

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- b. The Offeror agrees, if its offer is accepted by the Government within **fifteen (15)** working days from the date specified in the Solicitation for receipt of offers, to purchase any or all material on which offers are made at the price offered and to take delivery of the material within the time specified in the executed **Section I.1 Sale of Government Property Negotiated Sales Contract (JUN 03)**.
- c. Unless a designation of agent is on file at DNSC, an Offeror submitting an offer as agent for another party shall submit written proof, either prior to or with the offer, that it is authorized to act as agent and shall tender the offer in the name of the principal.

B.3 Minimum/Maximum Quantity (JAN 95)

Offers shall be submitted for a minimum of 260 metric tons (MT), a maximum of 8,136 MT or 20 MT increments in between minimum and maximum.

B.4 Reference Price (JUN 03)

- a. Offers shall be expressed as a percentage of the monthly average of the London Metal Exchange (LME) official cash bid price plus a premium (>100%) or a discount (<100%) to this reference price. The premium or discount must be expressed as a percentage (e.g. 110%). Any Offeror that submits an offer for less than 100 percent of the reference price must justify the price by submission of supporting documentation.

- b. The monthly average unit price for tin will be determined as follows: For each LME trading day in a calendar month, the LME official cash bid price or the LME official three month bid price, whichever is lower, will be used as the price for that day when calculating the average price for a given calendar month
- c. The actual contract price for tin will be determined as follows unless otherwise agreed by the parties: The unit price (U.S. dollars per pound) for material released to the contractor during each month shall be calculated by multiplying the percentage figure, plus or minus the premium or discount contained in the contract by the previous calendar month's LME reference price and dividing the resulting figure by 2,204.6 (lbs/MT), then rounding to the nearest quarter of one cent (i.e. 0.0025, 0.0050, 0.0075).

B.5 Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals of Offers (NOV 00)

- a. Offerors are responsible for submitting offers, and any revisions, and modifications, so as to reach the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation. Offerors may use any transmission method authorized by the solicitation (i.e., regular mail, electronic commerce or facsimile).
- b. (1) Any offer, modification, or revision, that is received at the designated Government office after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is "late" and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the sale and—
 - (i) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of offers; or
 - (ii) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government's control prior to the time set for receipt of offers; or
 - (iii) It was the only offer received.
- (2) However, a late modification of an otherwise successful offer, that makes its terms more favorable to the Government, will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.
- c. Acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of the installation on the offer wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.
- d. If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that offers cannot be received at the Government office designated for receipt of offers by the exact time specified in the solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation closing date, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.

- e. Offers may be withdrawn by written notice at any time before award. If the solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before award. Offers may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or an authorized representative, if the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the offer before award.
- f. Offerors may submit modifications to their offer at any time before closing date and time, and may submit modifications in response to an amendment, or to correct a mistake at any time before award.
- g. The Contracting Officer must promptly notify any offeror if its offer, modification, or revision was received late, and must inform the offeror whether its offer will be considered, unless contract award is imminent.

B.6 Facsimile Submissions (JUL 97)

Facsimile offers and modifications will be accepted any time prior to the exact time set for receipt of offers. Facsimile withdrawals will be accepted any time before award. **Offerors must use the facsimile number: (703) 767-5541.**

- a. Definition: "Facsimile submission," as used in this Solicitation, means an offer, modification of an offer, or withdrawal of an offer that is transmitted to and received by the Government via electronic equipment that communicates and reproduces both printed and handwritten material.
- b. Offerors may submit facsimile submissions as responses to this Solicitation. These responses must arrive at the place, and by the time, specified in the Solicitation.
- c. Facsimile submissions that fail to furnish required representations or information, that reject any of the terms, conditions, and provisions of the Solicitation, that contain garbled information, or are otherwise incomplete, may be excluded from consideration.
- d. Facsimile submissions must contain the required signatures.
- e. The Government reserves the right to make award solely on the facsimile submission. However, if requested to do so by the Contracting Officer, the apparently successful Offeror agrees to promptly submit the complete original signed submission.
- f. If the Offeror chooses to transmit a facsimile submission, the Government will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the facsimile submission including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Receipt of garbled or incomplete submission.
 - (2) Availability or condition of the receiving facsimile equipment.
 - (3) Incompatibility between the sending and receiving equipment.

- (4) Delay in transmission or receipt of submission.
- (5) Failure of the Offeror to properly identify the submission.
- (6) Illegibility of submission.
- (7) Security of submission data.

B.7 Consideration of Offers (FEB 03)

- a. The Government reserves the right to --
 - (1) Reject any or all offers;
 - (2) Waive any informalities and minor irregularities in an offer;
 - (3) Award a quantity less than the quantity offered on at the unit price offered;
 - (4) Accept any one item or group of items in an offer, as may be in the best interest of the Government.
 - (5) Award quantities in excess of that stated as being available for sale.
- b. Offerors may submit multiple offers at various unit prices and may specify a maximum quantity.
- c. The Government may request specific documentation to support the offer submitted. Failure to provide the documentation, if requested, may result in the Offeror being ineligible for award.
- d. "All or none" offers may not be considered.

B.8 Evaluation of Offers (FEB 03)

- a. General - The evaluation factors are listed below in descending order of importance:
 - (1) Unit price.
 - (2) Payment terms.
 - (3) Removal schedule.

All evaluation factors other than unit price, when combined, are significantly less important than unit price.
- b. To be considered, offers must meet the following minimum requirements:
 - (1) Submission of the information requested in Section **B.1**; and
 - (2) Compliance with Section **B.7.d**.
- c. The maximum acceptable payment terms are Net 30 calendar days from DNSC's receipt of current, accurate, and complete Shipping Instructions.

B.9 Negotiation Procedures (SEP 02)

The Government intends to evaluate offers and award a contract after conducting discussions with all Offerors whose offers have been determined to be within the competitive range. However, the Government reserves the right to award without discussions. Accordingly, Offerors are advised to include their best possible terms in their initial offer.

If the Government determines that holding discussions is in its best interest, the following procedure will be utilized:

- a. **Competitive Range** - The competitive range shall be determined on the basis of price and other factors that are stated in the solicitation and will include all offers which comply with Section **B.8.b.** that have a reasonable chance of being selected for award. Offers not included in the competitive range will not be given further consideration.
- b. **Negotiations/Discussions** - Only Offerors within the competitive range will be contacted to schedule the day and time for discussions to be conducted. Negotiations will be conducted only with the company official signing **Section I.1 Sale of Government Property Negotiated Sales Contract** or a specifically authorized individual identified in **Section I.7 Authorized Negotiators (JUN 95)**. The content and extent of the discussions is a matter of the Contracting Officer's judgment, based on the particular facts of the sale and each offeror's initial offer.
- c. **Discussion Session** - Only one discussion session per Offeror is intended. In order to facilitate meaningful discussions, Offerors should:
 - (1) Be prepared to discuss:
 - (i) All prices and terms included in the initial offer;
 - (ii) Supporting documentation and justification for the derivation of prices offered and other terms the Offeror wishes to negotiate;
 - (iii) Payment terms (where requested); and
 - (iv) Removal schedule
 - (2) Arrange to have appropriate support personnel present during discussions, i.e., Purchasing, Marketing, etc.
- d. **Best and Final Offer Requests** - At the conclusion of discussions, all offerors with which discussions were conducted will be requested to submit a best and final offer (BAFO). Oral requests for best and final offers will be confirmed in writing. Each individual BAFO request will include the following:
 - (1) Notice that discussions are concluded;
 - (2) Time and date by which BAFOs must be submitted;
 - (3) Notice that BAFOs are subject to **Section B.5 Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals of Offers (NOV 00)**;
 - (4) A record of negotiated issues and understandings between the Government and the Offeror (as applicable);
 - (5) A list of remaining questions/deficiencies (if any);

- (6) A caution to Offerors to provide supporting documentation for any changes to their prior offers as revised during discussions; and
 - (7) Notice that the Government intends to evaluate best and final offers and award a contract without further discussions.
- e. **Best and Final Offer Responses** - BAFOs should strictly conform to the best and final offer request. If no response is received to the BAFO request, the initial offer will be considered as the best and final offer. Changes that are not fully supported by documentation may not be evaluated or considered.
- f. **Subsequent Discussions/BAFO Requests** - Generally, only one best and final offer will be requested. After receipt of best and final offers, discussions will not be reopened unless the Government determines it is in its best interest to do so. If discussions are reopened, an additional request for best and final offers will be issued to all offerors still within the competitive range.

B.10 Disclosure of Information (DEC 97)

Proprietary or confidential information disclosed in offers/discussions/BAFOs will not be disclosed to the public or used by the Government except for evaluation purposes.

B.11 Responsibility Determination (SEP 02)

- a. No award shall be made unless the Contracting Officer makes an affirmative determination of responsibility.
- b. To be determined responsible and eligible for an award, Offerors shall have adequate financial resources, a satisfactory performance record with DNSC, and a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics. For example, an Offeror may be determined to be non-responsible and therefore ineligible for award if there is a record of poor payment (e.g., checks returned for insufficient funds) or poor performance (e.g., failure to pay for or remove material on time). In addition to looking at past performance, DNSC will also review the financial statements and references submitted by the Offeror, as well as the current Dun & Bradstreet report and any other credit reports.

B.12 Contract Award (JUL 97)

A written award or acceptance of an offer signed by the Contracting Officer and furnished to a successful Offeror within the time specified for acceptance shall result in a binding contract incorporating all the terms and conditions of this Solicitation unless otherwise stated in the executed Section **I.1 Sale of Government Property Negotiated Sales Contract (JUN 03)**.

B.13 Unsuccessful Offerors (FEB 98)

The Contracting Officer will notify unsuccessful Offeror(s) at the earliest practicable time of the basis for non-award.

SECTION C – INSPECTION (SEP 02)

1. Offerors, or their designees at their expense, are encouraged to inspect material not to exceed twenty (20) metric tons of material set aside by the Government for this purpose. Offerors may obtain a sample, which shall not be larger than five (5) pounds. Samples may be obtained by drilling or sawing off a corner of a pig. Government personnel will take the sample. Offerors or their designees must be present when the sample is taken and must provide the container for the sample. The Government does not warrant any samples of the material to be representative of the entire quantity being offered under this solicitation.
2. Requests for an appointment to visually inspect the material and obtain a sample at the **Hammond Depot or the Baton Rouge Depot** must be made in writing or by facsimile submission on company letterhead to the Point of Contact identified in **Section J.2 Storage Locations (JUN 03)**, at least **ten (10)** working days prior to the date of the requested inspection. Requests shall include the name and title of each individual wishing to visually inspect the material. Offerors will be notified by telephone of the date the material will be available for inspection. The Government reserves the right to limit the number of individuals granted access to the depot.
3. Offerors, their agents and representatives shall comply at all times with the rules of the storage location.

SECTION D - PAYMENT

D.1 Payment (FEB 98)

- a. Payment shall be made in U.S. dollars.
- b. Payment shall be made by wire transfer, U.S. Postal Service money order, or company or bank check.
 - (1) Wire transfer payment shall be made in accordance with instructions in **Section J.5 Fedwire Procedures (JAN 95)**. Fees for wire transfers are the responsibility of the Contractor. If payment is by wire transfer and the wrong account number is used, shipment of material may be delayed by up to one week or the wire transfer may be returned to the sender.
 - (2) All checks must be drawn on a U.S. domestic bank or on the United States branch of an acceptable foreign bank and must be payable in United States currency. **A service charge of \$100.00 will be applied to all returned checks.**
- c. Payment shall be made to the **Defense Finance and Accounting Service - Columbus (DFAS-Columbus)**. If a check is not made payable to DFAS-Columbus, the check may be returned and the \$100.00 fee stated in **D.1.b.** charged. Payment shall be accompanied by **identifying information including the contract number, invoice number, and a description of the material purchased**. Payments without the required identification may be returned and shipment delayed. Payments shall be sent to:

ATTN: DNSC-R, Accounts Receivable
Defense National Stockpile Center
8725 John J. Kingman Road
Suite 3229
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6223
- d. Invoices issued for adjustments for variations in quantity or weight, storage charges, or interest shall be paid promptly.
- e. If payment is not made in full within 30 calendar days of issuance of an invoice, the Government will issue a "demand" letter, demanding payment of the outstanding amount. If all moneys due are not paid within 30 calendar days after the date of the Government's demand letter, the Contractor will be considered delinquent and any outstanding charges will be reduced by any subsequent payments. No material will be released until all delinquent charges are paid. (See Sections **F.1.a.** and **G.10.**)

D.2 Payment Due Date (NOV 02)

- a. Payment due dates will be applied as follows:
 - (1) If payment terms are not extended, payment will be made before shipment of material and before the end of the contract period specified in the executed **Section I.1 Sale of Government Property Negotiated Sales Contract (JUN 03)**
 - (2) If payment terms are approved, the Contractor shall pay the Government the full amount of **each** shipment no later than 30 calendar days after DNSC receives current, accurate and complete Shipping Instructions. Notwithstanding any other provision of the contract, payment is due with or without the issuance of an invoice by the Government. If the Contractor fails to make payment timely, the Contractor will be considered delinquent (see Section **D.1.e.**, **F.1.a.**, and **G.10**), and the Government, at its sole discretion, may revoke payment terms and take other appropriate action in accordance with Section **G.7**.
- b. If payment is not received by 4:30 p.m., local time Fort Belvoir, VA, on the payment due date, payment will not be credited until the next Government business day. Interest will accrue accordingly.
- c. In the event the payment due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, then the payment due date will be extended to the next Government business day.

D.3 Interest (JUN 02)

- a. All amounts that become payable by the Contractor to the Government under this contract shall bear simple interest from the date due until paid. The interest rate shall be the interest rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury as provided in 41 U.S.C. 611, which is applicable to the period in which the amount becomes due, as provided in paragraph **b.**, below.
- b. Amounts shall be due at the earliest of the following dates:
 - (1) The final day of the contract period specified in Section **I.1 Sale of Government Property Negotiated Sales Contract (JUN 03)** (with or without the issuance of an invoice by the Government); or
 - (2) The date of the first written demand for payment under the contract.

SECTION E - REMOVAL

E.1 Removal of Material (JAN 02)

- a. The contract period begins on the date of contract award and shall expire **365** days from the date of contract award.
- b. If the Contractor fails to pay for and remove the material on or before the last day of the contract period, Contractor will be considered delinquent and no material will be shipped until payment has been received.
- c. The contract period includes Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. If the last day of the contract period is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, or the storage location is otherwise closed that day, the period of contract performance will be extended to the next Government workday.

E.2 Storage Charges (JUL 97)

- a. Storage charges shall be assessed on all material remaining after the last day of the contract period. The Government reserves the right to remove any remaining material to a commercial storage facility and be reimbursed by the Contractor for any expenses incurred. Storage charges continue to accrue until all the material has been removed or the contract is terminated for default, in which case the Contractor will be liable for damages, as set forth in Section **G.7** Default of the Solicitation.
- b. The storage charge is the greater of the following: (1) **\$2.00 per metric ton** (if a fraction of a ton remains, the charge will be for a full ton) per 30 day period regardless of whether the material remains in storage a period of 30 days or less than 30 days; or (2) commercial storage charges, if applicable.
- c. Storage charges will be invoiced monthly. Payment shall be made promptly.
- d. Payment of storage charges shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to remove the material in a timely manner. Acceptance of storage payments by the Government is not a waiver of the Government's right to default the Contractor for failure to remove the material (See Section **G.7 Default (Feb 03)**).

SECTION F - SHIPPING

F.1 Request for Shipment (MAY 02)

- a. Delivery is F.O.B. carrier's conveyance. At least **5** working days prior to the date shipment is required to commence, the Contractor shall furnish commercial bills of lading to the designated depot. Simultaneously the Contractor shall complete and fax the form in Section **J.3 Shipping Instructions (JAN 95)** to the Contracting Officer. The Government will only accept shipping instructions from those individuals designated in Section I.8 as being authorized to release material on behalf of the Contractor. **No material will be released under the provisions of this contract or any other contract the contractor has with DNSC until all outstanding delinquent charges and payments have been satisfied.**
- b. "Shipping Instructions" shall include the following:
 - (1) Quantity of material to be released.
 - (2) Designation of type and kind of conveyance.
 - (3) Name of the carrier (please include a telephone number where this contact can be reached).
 - (4) "Ship to" location.
 - (5) Minimum load per conveyance (optional)
 - (6) Desired shipping schedule.
 - (7) Name and telephone number of an agent who can furnish additional shipping information if needed.
 - (8) Any additional pertinent information.
- c. The shipping schedule shall allow sufficient time for the Government to reasonably meet such schedule prior to the last day of the contract period commensurate with existing loading facilities and other commitments at the Government's storage locations. Information regarding Government commitments may be obtained from the address specified in Section **J.2**
- d. If outloading is to be accomplished by truck the Government will provide lumber and nails from available depot stock if requested by the Contractor's designee/driver. The Contractor's designee shall perform any necessary procedure(s) to ensure the cargo is safely secured prior to leaving the depot. The Government will not block, chock, brace, lash, band, or in any manner secure the cargo on the Contractor's conveyance(s). The designee shall witness the loading. Any expenses over and above those normally incurred by the Government to meet the public carrier's requirements for loading like materials will be at the expense of the Contractor.
- e. If outloading is to be accomplished by rail, the Government will provide materials and will block, chock, brace, and/or band as necessary to secure the cargo. The Government will not be responsible for demurrage charges.
- f. The Contractor, its agents and employees shall comply with all applicable rules at the storage depot; Federal, state and local load limitations; and all safety, health, and environmental requirements.

- g. Requests for shipment shall be for a minimum of 5 metric tons. Shipping instructions and information requested in paragraph **b.**, above, are to be furnished to the following address:

DNSC-C/Defense National Stockpile Center
ATTN: **Tin** Contracting Officer
8725 John J. Kingman Road
Suite 3229
Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6223
Facsimile Number: **(703) 767-5411**

- h. The Government shall determine the order in which the material is scheduled, coordinated, and outloaded.

F.2 Insurance Requirements (APR 95)

The Contractor shall procure and maintain, and require any subcontractor to procure and maintain, during the entire period of performance under this contract, such insurance as stipulated herein.

- a. Workers' compensation and employer's liability. The Contractor is required to comply with applicable Federal and State workers' compensation and occupational disease statutes. Employer's liability coverage of at least \$100,000 is required, except in States with exclusive or monopolistic funds that do not permit workers' compensation to be written by private carriers.
- b. General liability. Bodily injury liability insurance coverage written on the comprehensive form of policy of at least \$500,000 per occurrence.
- c. Automobile liability insurance written on the comprehensive form of policy is required. The policy shall provide for bodily injury and property damage liability covering the operation of all automobiles used in connection with performing the contract. Policies covering automobiles operated in the United States shall provide coverage of at least \$200,000 per person and \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and \$20,000 per occurrence for property damage. The amount of liability coverage on other policies shall be commensurate with any legal requirements of the locality and sufficient to meet normal and customary claims.

F.3 Weighing (FEB 03)

- a. Weight of the material sold hereunder shall be determined as follows: The material has been draft weighed on platform scales with an appropriate allowance for any tare weight established by the Government.
- b. Weighing has been performed by and at the expense of the Government.
- c. Weight certificates shall be prepared by the Government and will be final for payment purposes.

F.4 Weight Discrepancy (JAN 95)

- a. If the Contractor's weights for the material delivered vary from the Government's certified weights by more than one-half of one percent, the Contractor may give notice of such difference to the Contracting Officer within two working days (exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and Government holidays) after receipt of the material at destination, requesting that the material be reweighed. In that case, the Contractor shall segregate the shipment in question and hold it intact pending reweighing. The entire shipment shall be reweighed by the Contractor at its expense, in the presence of and in the manner approved by a Government representative, using scales approved by the Government representative. If the weight varies from the Government's certified weight by greater than one-fourth of one percent, plus or minus, that weight shall govern for payment purposes. If the weight determined by reweighing does not vary from the Government's certified weight by greater than one-fourth of one percent, plus or minus, the Government's certified weight shall be final for payment purposes.
- b. No adjustment shall be considered or made in accordance with the above paragraph unless notice is given by the Contractor to the Contracting Officer within the time specified above and all other requirements of the paragraph are complied with.

F.5 Assumption of Risk and Disclaimer of Liability (JAN 02)

The Contractor, its assigns or agents, assumes full responsibility for all injury or damage to persons or property occasioned by or occurring in connection with or incident to any use or possession of this material by the Contractor, Contractor's employees, or any person subject to the Contractor's control. The Government assumes no liability for any damages to the property of the Contractor or any other person or property, or for any personal injury, illness, disability or death to the Contractor, Contractor's employees or any other person subject to Contractor's control, or for any other consequential damages arising from or incident to the purchase, use, loading, processing, disposition, or any subsequent operation performed upon, exposure to or contact with any component, part, constituent or ingredient of this item, material or substance.

F.6 Adjustment for Variation in Quantity or Weight (JAN 95)

The Government reserves the right to vary the quantity or weight delivered by 10% from the quantity or weight listed in the Solicitation and the Contractor agrees to accept delivery of any quantity or weight within these limits. The contract price will be adjusted upward or downward in accordance with the unit price and on the basis of the quantity or weight actually delivered.

F.7 Environmental Protection (JUN 95)

- a. Transportation Requirements
 - (1) The transportation of hazardous material is governed by Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazardous Materials Regulations (Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 170-189). If the material being transported is covered by DOT Regulations, the Contractor or its agent is responsible for

certifying to DOT that hazardous materials are properly classified, described, packaged, marked, and labeled and are in a condition safe to transport based on the Contractor's or its agent's own examination of the material. (See especially 49 CFR 173.7(a)(1).)

- (2) The Government reserves the right to conduct reasonable inspection of the Contractor's or its agent's transportation conveyances or other equipment utilized to effect removal of the material purchased under this Solicitation. Inspection may occur prior to, during, or subsequent to removal of the material from Government storage locations. The Contractor or its agent shall provide Government representatives with access and any reasonable assistance required to conduct this inspection.

b. Material Safety Data Sheets

- (1) Offerors are warned that unprotected exposure to hazardous substances, hazardous materials and hazardous chemicals may significantly increase the risk of health problems. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and any other Federal, state or local laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations (including obtaining any required licenses or permits) governing exposure to, and storage, handling, transportation, and disposition of, this material.
- (2) Material Safety Data Sheets as required by OSHA Hazard Communication Standard - 29 CFR 1910.1200 are incorporated herein. (See Section **J.4**) This data provides specific toxicity and health related data for the protection of human health and the environment. Offerors should review this information carefully. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to further communicate this information to the distributor, manufacturer, user and/or transporter of this material as may be required by Federal regulations.
- (3) Offerors shall also refer to 29 CFR 1910 Occupational Safety and Health Standards, specifically sections 1910.1000 through 1050. These occupational standards set standards for permissible exposures, methods of compliance, personal protective equipment, and other measures that must be taken when working with, or in proximity to, hazardous materials, chemicals and substances in the United States and its territories and possessions.

c. Use and Disposition

- (1) The Contractor certifies that it shall use and ultimately dispose of any hazardous material purchased under this Solicitation in accordance with all applicable Federal, state, local and international laws and regulations and in a manner safe for the public and the environment.
- (2) The material offered under this Solicitation is not, in its present form, subject to EPA Hazardous Waste Regulations (40 CFR Part 260, et seq.) issued under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. However, it is possible that use of this material will lead to the creation of a hazardous waste. 40 CFR Part 260, et seq., details the responsibilities of generators, transporters, treaters, storers, and disposers of hazardous waste. Failure to comply with these regulations can lead to civil and criminal penalties.

- (3) The wood pallets or materials used to package the commodity sold under this Solicitation may have been treated with a wood preservative to protect it from insect attack and decay. These preservatives penetrate and remain in the wood for a long time and may pose certain hazards if precautions are not taken during the handling, use, and disposal of these treated wood products. Treated wood products should not be burned in open fires. Contractors are encouraged to seek advice on proper disposal from the local environmental protection agency.

SECTION G - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

G.1 Amendments and Modifications (JAN 95)

- a. Changes in terms and conditions of this Solicitation shall be accomplished by written amendment only.
- b. Changes in terms and conditions of any resulting contract shall be accomplished only by written modification signed by the Contracting Officer.

G.2 Title (JUL 02)

Title to the material shall pass to the Contractor after payment is received or the material is shipped, whichever occurs first.

G.3 Risk of Loss (JUL 02)

- a. After the award of the contract and prior to receipt of payment for or shipment of the material, whichever occurs first, the Government shall be responsible for the care and protection of the material, and any loss, damage or destruction occurring during such period will be adjusted by the Government.
- b. After receipt of payment but prior to either shipment or the end of the contract period, the Government shall be responsible only for the exercise of reasonable care for the protection of the material.
- c. After shipment or the end of the contract period, whichever occurs first, all risk of loss, damage, or destruction from any cause whatsoever, shall be borne by the Contractor.

G.4 Limitation on Government's Liability (JAN 95)

- a. Except as provided in paragraph b., in any case where liability of the Government to the Contractor has been established, the measure of the Government's liability shall not exceed refund of whatever portion of the purchase price the Contractor has paid.
- b. Where specifically authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor may recover reasonable costs of packing, loading, and transportation incurred in connection with return of material to the Government.

G.5 Agency Protests (NOV 02)

- a. **General.** Companies may file a protest over sales under this Solicitation with the –
 - (1) General Accounting Office (GAO);
 - (2) Director, Directorate of Stockpile Contracts, DNSC, for a decision at a level above the Contracting Officer;
 - (3) Contracting Officer

Unless otherwise specified, protests will be presumed to be protests to the Contracting Officer.

- b. **Pre-Award Protests.** Protests based on alleged improprieties in a solicitation that are apparent prior to bid opening or the time set for receipt of initial offers shall be filed prior to bid opening or the time set for receipt of initial offers. In negotiated sales, protests based on alleged improprieties that do not exist in the initial solicitation, but that are subsequently incorporated into the solicitation must be filed not later than the next closing time set for receipt of offers following the incorporation.
- c. **Post-Award Protests.** Protests after award shall be filed not later than 10 calendar days after the basis of the protest is known or should have been known, whichever is earlier, except for protests challenging a negotiated sale under which a debriefing is requested and provided. In that situation, and where the basis was not known prior to the debriefing, the initial protest shall be filed not later than 10 calendar days after the date of the debriefing.
- d. **Service of Protest.**

- (1) Protests to the General Accounting Office shall be filed in writing, in accordance with 4 CFR 21, at the following address:

General Counsel
Attn: Procurement Law Control Group
U.S. General Accounting Office
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20548

A copy of any protest to the GAO shall be served on the Contracting Officer at the address in (3) below, within one day of filing the protest. Firms seeking to file a protest with GAO are advised to consult the GAO regulations at 4 CFR 21 and the GAO publication, **Bid Protests at GAO: A Descriptive Guide**. Copies of these documents are available from the General Accounting Office.

- (2) As an alternative to filing a protest with the Contracting Officer, bidders or offerors may seek an independent review by filing an agency-level protest with the DNSC Director, Directorate of Stockpile Contracts. This process allows for a higher level decision on the initial protest. It is not a review of a Contracting Officer's decision on a protest filed with the Contracting Officer. A protest seeking an agency-level decision should clearly state that it is an "Agency Level Protest Under Executive Order 12979." The protest shall be served in writing at the following address and may be filed by mail, hand delivery, commercial carrier, or fax:

Attn: DNSC-C, Director, Directorate of Stockpile Contracts
Defense National Stockpile Center
8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 3229
Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6223
Facsimile No.: (703) 767-5411

- (3) Protests seeking a decision by the Contracting Officer shall be served in writing at the following address and may be filed by mail, hand delivery, commercial carrier, or fax:

Attn: DNSC-C – Tin Contracting Officer
Defense National Stockpile Center
8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 3229
Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6223
Facsimile No.: (703) 767-5484 or (703) 767-5494

G.6 Disputes (FEB 03)

- a. This contract is subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, as amended (41 U.S.C. 601-613).
- b. Except as provided in the Act, all disputes arising under or relating to this contract shall be resolved under this clause.
- c. "Claim," as used in this clause, means a written demand or written assertion by one of the contracting parties seeking, as a matter of right, the payment of money in a sum certain, the adjustment or interpretation of contract terms, or other relief arising under or relating to this contract. However, a written demand or written assertion by the Contractor seeking the payment of money exceeding \$100,000 is not a claim under the Act until certified. A voucher, invoice, or other routine request for payment that is not in dispute when submitted is not a claim under the Act. The submission may be converted to a claim under the Act, by complying with the submission and certification requirements of this clause, if it is disputed either as to liability or amount or is not acted upon in a reasonable time.
- d. (1) A claim by the Contractor shall be made in writing and, unless otherwise stated in this contract, submitted within 6 years after accrual of the claim to the Contracting Officer for a written decision. A claim by the Government against the Contractor shall be subject to a written decision by the Contracting Officer.
- (2) (i) The Contractor shall provide the certification specified in paragraph (d)(2)(iii) of this clause when submitting any claim exceeding \$100,000.
- (ii) The certification requirement does not apply to issues in controversy that have not been submitted as all or part of a claim.
- (iii) The certification shall state as follows: "I certify that the claim is made in good faith; that the supporting data are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief; that the amount requested accurately reflects the contract adjustment for which the Contractor believes the Government is liable; and that I am duly authorized to certify the claim on behalf of the Contractor."
- (3) The certification may be executed by any person duly authorized to bind the Contractor with respect to the claim.
- e. For Contractor claims of \$100,000 or less, the Contracting Officer must, if requested in writing by the Contractor, render a decision within 60 days of the

request. For Contractor-certified claims over \$100,000, the Contracting Officer must, within 60 days, decide the claim or notify the Contractor of the date by which the decision will be made.

- f. The Contracting Officer's decision shall be final unless the Contractor appeals or files a suit as provided in the Act.
- g. If the claim by the Contractor is submitted to the Contracting Officer or a claim by the Government is presented to the Contractor, the parties, by mutual consent, may agree to use alternative dispute resolution (ADR). If the Contractor refuses an offer for ADR, the Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer, in writing, of the Contractor's specific reasons for rejecting the offer.
- h. The Government shall pay interest on the amount found due and unpaid from (1) the date the Contracting Officer receives the claim (certified, if required); or (2) the date payment otherwise would be due, if that date is later, until the date of payment. Simple interest on claims shall be paid at the rate, fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury as provided in the Act, which is applicable to the period during which the Contracting Officer receives the claim and then at the rate applicable for each 6-month period as fixed by the Treasury Secretary during the pendency of the claim.
- i. The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, appeal, or action arising under the contract, and comply with any decision of the Contracting Officer.

G.7 Default (FEB 03)

- a. (1) The Government may, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate this contract in whole or in part if the Contractor fails to –
 - (i) Make payment and remove the material within the time specified in this contract or any extension;
 - (ii) Remove the material within the time specified in this contract whether or not payment has been made;
 - (iii) Make progress, so as to endanger performance of this contract; or
 - (iv) Perform any of the other provisions of this contract.
- (2) The Government's right to terminate this contract under a.(1)(iii) and a.(1)(iv) above, may be exercised if the Contractor does not cure such failure within 10 days (or more if authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer) after receipt of the notice from the Contracting Officer specifying the failure. Upon the Contractor's failure to cure such default within that period (or such further period as the Contracting Officer may allow), the Contractor shall lose all right, title and interest which it might otherwise have acquired in and to the material as to which a default has occurred.
- (3) If at any time prior to the expiration of this contract, the Contractor makes it clear either by words, actions or circumstances, that the Contractor is unwilling or unable to perform under this contract, the Government shall not

be required to furnish the Contractor notice specifying the failure under this contract prior to exercising its right to terminate this contract for default and seek damages.

- b. If the Government terminates the contract, the Contractor shall be held liable for damages as described below. However, in no event will damages exceed the original contract price.
- c. If the Government terminates the contract for default, it may subsequently resell the material for the Contractor's account, under the terms and in the manner the Contracting Officer considers appropriate, and assess the Contractor the difference between the contract price and the price obtained on resale. In no event will the Contractor be refunded any money if the Government obtains a greater price on resale, nor will an accounting of money be made until resale is complete. In the event that the Government does not resell the material within 12 months, the Contractor may be held liable for the full contract price for the quantity of material on which the default has occurred. In order to calculate the Government's damages on contracts where the contract price is determined on a formula-price basis, the Government will establish the contract price for the quantity of material on which the default has occurred as follows: Using the pricing mechanism set forth in the contract, the Government will set the price as though the material had been priced on the last day of the contract period or the date of the termination notice, whichever is earlier.
- d. If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the Government.
- e. The rights and remedies of the Government in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

G.8 Termination for Convenience of the Government (DEC 97)

- a. The Contracting Officer, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the Government's interest. If this contract is terminated, the Government shall only be liable for actual costs incurred by the Contractor before the effective date of termination.
- b. If a bona fide requirement for the material develops or exists prior to removal of the material from Government control, the Government may withdraw that material from the sale. In the event of a withdrawal under this condition, the Government shall be liable only for the refund of the contract price of the withdrawn material or such portion of the contract price as it may have received plus simple interest at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury.

G.9 Excusable Delays (MAY 95)

- a. In the event either party should be prevented from performing under this contract by reason of any unforeseeable cause beyond its control and without its fault or negligence, including, but not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, sovereign acts of the United States, acts of a foreign Government, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes and unusually

severe weather, performance under the contract shall be suspended in whole or in part until the cause ceases to exist and thereafter the time for fulfillment of the contract shall be extended by the length of time during which the cause prevented performance under the contract.

- b. This section shall also apply to an excusable delay condition that prevents delivery at a consignee's plant if-
 - (1) the delay meets the criteria in paragraph a. above; and
 - (2) the identity of the consignee is known to the Government prior to commencement of the excusable delay condition.
- c. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer, in writing, of the nature and extent of the excusable delay condition promptly after the commencement thereof, but in any event prior to outloading of the material from the storage location from which it is to be shipped. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer, in writing, within ten (10) calendar days when the excusable delay condition ceases to exist.

G.10 Setoff of Funds (JUL 98)

The Contractor agrees that the Government may use all or a portion of any monies received by Government to satisfy, in whole or in part, any debt (e.g. delinquent payments, interest or storage charges), arising out of this or any other transaction.

G.11 Indemnification Agreement (JAN 02)

The Contractor shall save and hold harmless and indemnify the Government against any and all liabilities, claims, and costs of any kind and nature for injury to or death of any person or persons and for loss or damage to any property (Government or otherwise) occurring in connection with or in any way incident to or arising out of the occupancy, use, service, operations, or performance of work resulting from the acts or omissions of the Contractor, Contractor's employees, or any person subject to the Contractor's control in connection with the contract. Whether due to negligence or not of the Contractor, the Contractor agrees to reimburse the United States for any legal expenses (including salaries of attorneys) incurred by the United States in defending any and all claims or suits against the United States, whether well-founded or not, in any way whatsoever alleged to have arisen from the acts or omissions of the Contractor, Contractor's employees, or any persons subject to the Contractor's control.

G.12 Covenant Against Contingent Fees (JAN 95)

- a. The Contractor warrants that no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or obtain this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a contingent fee, except a bona fide employee or agency. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Government shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or, in its discretion, to add to the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of the contingent fee.
- b. "Bona fide agency," as used in this paragraph, means an established commercial or selling agency, maintained by a Contractor for the purpose of securing

business, that neither exerts nor proposes to exert improper influence to solicit or obtain Government contracts nor holds itself out as being able to obtain any Government contract or contracts through improper influence.

- c.** "Bona fide employee," as used in this paragraph, means a person, employed by a Contractor and subject to the Contractor's supervision and control as to time, place, and manner of performance, who neither exerts nor proposes to exert improper influence to solicit or obtain Government contracts nor holds out as being able to obtain any Government contract or contracts through improper influence.
- d.** "Contingent fee," as used in this paragraph, means any commission, percentage, brokerage, or other fee that is contingent upon the success that a person or concern has in securing a Government contract.
- e.** "Improper influence," as used in this paragraph, means any influence that induces or tends to induce a Government employee or officer to give consideration or to act regarding a Government contract on any basis other than the merits of the matter.

SECTION H - DEFINITIONS (NOV 00)

As used throughout this Solicitation, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

- a. The term "Contracting Officer" means a person with the authority to enter into, administer, and/or terminate contracts and make related determinations and findings.
- b. The terms "Offeror", "Purchaser", or "Contractor" may be used interchangeably.

SECTION I - SUBMITTALS

COMPLETE AND RETURN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR OFFER, UNLESS ANNUAL REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND IDENTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED THEN SUBMIT I.1, I.2, I.3, I.4 AND I.5 ONLY:

- I.1 Sale of Government Property Negotiated Sales Contract (JUN 03)**
- I.2 Item Offer Page - DLA-TIN-014 (JUN 03)**
- I.3 Anticipated Removal Schedule (JUN 03)**
- I.4 Certificate of Independent Price Determination (JAN 01)**
- I.5 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, Environmental Compliance, and Other Responsibility Matters (JUL 97)**
- I.6 Type of Business Organization (APR 96)**
- I.7 Authorized Negotiators (JUN 95)**
- I.8 Persons Authorized to Request Shipment of Material (FEB 98)**
- I.9 Offeror's Billing Address (JUL 95)**

I.1 Sale of Government Property Negotiated Sales Contract (JUN 03)

I.2 Item Offer Page – DLA-TIN-014 (JUN 03)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Brand</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
95	Mellanear	Baton Rouge, LA	2,356 MT
96	Pass Electro	Baton Rouge, LA	2 MT
97	Wah-Chang	Baton Rouge, LA	2,005 MT
98	Goemines	Baton Rouge, LA	773 MT
93	Longhorn	Hammond, IN	3,000 MT

I.3 Anticipated Removal Schedule (JUN 03)

Monthly Minimum Quantity to be Removed	Monthly Maximum Quantity to be Removed	Removal Schedule

I.4 Certificate of Independent Price Determination (JAN 01)

a. The offeror certifies that:

- (1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit an offer, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;
- (2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and
- (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

b. Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory:

- (1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or offer, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs a.(1) through a.(3) above; or
- (2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs a.(1) through a.(3), above

(insert full name of person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or offer, and the title of his or her position in the offeror's organization);

- (ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subparagraph **b.(2)(i)** above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs **a.(1)** through **a.(3)** above; and
- (iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs **a.(1)** through **a.(3)** above.

c. If the offeror deletes or modifies subparagraph a.(2) above, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

I.5 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, Environmental Compliance and Other Responsibility Matters (JUL 97)

- a. (1) The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that -
 - (i) The Offeror and/or any of its Principals -
 - (A) Are are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;
 - (B) Have have not , within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (C) Are are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subdivision **a.(1)(i)(B)** of this provision;
 - (D) Are are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Federal, state or local entity with violation of any environmental laws; and

- (E) Have have not within the three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for violation of a Federal, state or local environmental statute or regulation.
- (ii) The Offeror has has not , within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any Federal agency.
- (2) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).
- (3) If the Offeror answers affirmatively to **a.(1)**, above, the Offeror shall include in its offer an explanation of the circumstances, including the outcome.

This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under section 1001, title 18, United States Code.

- b.** The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Contracting Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- c.** A certification that any of the items in paragraph **a.** of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this Solicitation. However, the certification will be considered in connection with a determination of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a certification or provide such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.
- d.** Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph **a.** of this provision. The knowledge and information of a Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- e.** The certification in paragraph **a.** of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to the other remedies available to the

Government, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this Solicitation for default.

I.6 Type of Business Organization (APR 96)

The Offeror represents that--

- a. It operates as a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of _____, an individual, a partnership, a nonprofit organization, or a joint venture.
- b. If the offeror is a foreign entity, it operates as an individual, a partnership, a nonprofit organization, a joint venture, or a corporation registered for business in _____ (country).
- c. If the offeror is a corporation, it is independent (not owned or controlled by another company), owned or controlled by _____ corporation company registered for business in _____ (state/country).
- d. If the offeror is owned or controlled by another, state the relationship (e.g., wholly owned subsidiary, etc.): _____.
- e. The offeror agrees to provide additional information relating to the above representations if requested to do so by the Contracting Officer.

I.7 Authorized Negotiators (JUN 95)

The Offeror represents that the following individuals are authorized to negotiate on its behalf.

Name

Title Telephone

Name

Title Telephone

I.8 Persons Authorized to Request Shipment of Material (FEB 98)

The Offeror shall provide the name(s), title(s), signature(s), and telephone number(s) of representative(s) authorized to sign Section J. 3 Shipping

Instructions:

Typed Name

Title

Signature

Telephone

Typed Name

Title

Signature

Telephone

Typed Name

Title

Signature

Telephone

I.9 Offeror's Billing Address (JUL 95)

The Offeror shall provide its billing address and billing facsimile number below.

SECTION J - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

J.1 DESCRIPTION OF STOCKPILE TIN (JUN 03)

J.2 STORAGE LOCATIONS (JUN 03)

J.3 SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS (JAN 95)

J.4 MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

J.5 FEDWIRE PROCEDURES (JAN 95)

J.1 Description of Stockpile Tin (JUN 03)

The following description is furnished for general information only and is taken from ASTM-B-339, Grade A Tin. The limits in the description represent maximum impurities commonly found in Grade A tin at the time DNSC material was purchased. DNSC makes no warranty that the tin available for sale conforms to these specifications.

Arsenic	(Max.)	0.050
Lead	(Max.)	0.050
Antimony	(Max.)	0.040
Copper	(Max.)	0.040
Iron	(Max.)	0.015
Bismuth	(Max.)	0.015
Zinc	(Max.)	0.005
Cadmium	(Max.)	0.001
Sulfur	(Max.)	0.010
Nickel & Cobalt	(Max.)	0.010
Tin *	(Min.)	99.800

* Tin content is the difference between 100% and the analyzed amount of the listed impurities.

J.2 Storage Locations (JUN 03)

Points of Contact:

<u>Baton Rouge, LA</u>	<u>Shipping Days/Hours</u>	<u>Available Transportation</u>
Mr. Dave Taylor, Depot Manager DNSC Baton Rouge Depot 2695 N. Sherwood Forest Drive Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70814-5397 Telephone: (225) 389-0278 Facsimile: (225) 389-0280	Monday through Friday 0715 - 1430	Truck Only

<u>Hammond, IN</u>	<u>Shipping Days/Hours</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
Mr. John Olszewski, Depot Manager DNSC Hammond Depot 3200 Sheffield Ave Hammond, IN 46327-1003 Telephone: (219) 937-5383 Facsimile: (219) 937-5284	Monday through Thursday 0730 - 1530 Friday 0815 - 1430	Truck and Rail

Ms. Phyllis Bullock
DNSC-OL/Operations & Logistics Division
Defense National Stockpile Center
8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 3229
Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-6223
Telephone: (703) 767-7610
Facsimile: (703) 767-7608

Please contact the Depot Manager before attempting to gain access to the depot.

Shipping Request Number: _____

J.3 Shipping Instructions (JAN 95)

1. a. Contractor: _____

b. Point of Contact: _____ c. Telephone No.: _____

2. a. DNSC Contract No.: SP0833-_____ b. Commodity: _____

3. Item/Pile: _____

4. Depot: _____

5. a. Quantity: _____

b. Unit Price: _____ c. Total Dollar Value: _____

6. Shipping Method: _____

7. a. Carrier Name: _____

b. Point of Contact: _____ c. Telephone No.: _____

8. Date Shipment Desired: _____

9. Ship To: _____

10. Minimum Load: _____

11. a. Outloader: _____ b. Telephone No.: _____

12. a. Sampler: _____ b. Telephone No.: _____

13. Copy of Payment Attached: Yes No

14. Remarks: _____

15. Contractor's Signature: _____

Date

Telephone

16. Shipment Approved and Authorized: _____

Contracting Officer

Date

J.4 Material Safety Data Sheet

SECTION 1 CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY
DEFENSE NATIONAL STOCKPILE CENTER
8725 JOHN J. KINGMAN ROAD
SUITE 3229
FORT BELVOIR, VA 22060-6223

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:
1-800-424-9300 (N. AMERICA)
1-703-527-3887 (INTERNAT'L)

SUBSTANCE: TIN

TRADE NAMES/SYNONYMS:

METALLIC TIN; WANG; TIN ELEMENT; STANNUM; C.I. 77860; C.I. PIGMENT METAL 5; T-121, T-122, T-123, T-124, T-127, T-128, T-129, T-130; SN; DLA23482; RTECS XP7320000

CHEMICAL FAMILY: metal

CREATION DATE: Mar 24 1995

REVISION DATE: Mar 21 2000

SECTION 2 COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

COMPONENT: TIN

CAS NUMBER: 7440-31-5

EC NUMBER (EINECS): 231-141-8

PERCENTAGE: 100.0

SECTION 3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

NFPA RATINGS (SCALE 0-4): HEALTH=1 FIRE=0 REACTIVITY=0

EC CLASSIFICATION (CALCULATED): Not determined.

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Odorless, silver-white, lustrous metal in pig, ingot or tub form.

MAJOR HEALTH HAZARDS: No significant target effects reported.

PHYSICAL HAZARDS: Dust/air mixtures may ignite or explode.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

INHALATION:

SHORT TERM EXPOSURE: irritation, metallic taste, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache

LONG TERM EXPOSURE: lung damage

SKIN CONTACT:

SHORT TERM EXPOSURE: irritation

LONG TERM EXPOSURE: same as effects reported in short term exposure

EYE CONTACT:

SHORT TERM EXPOSURE: irritation

LONG TERM EXPOSURE: same as effects reported in short term exposure

INGESTION:

SHORT TERM EXPOSURE: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain

LONG TERM EXPOSURE: same as effects reported in short term exposure

CARCINOGEN STATUS:

OSHA: N

NTP: N

IARC: N

SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

INHALATION: Remove from exposure immediately. Use a bag valve mask or similar device to perform artificial respiration (rescue breathing) if needed. Get medical attention.

SKIN CONTACT: Remove contaminated clothing, jewelry, and shoes immediately. Wash with soap or mild detergent and large amounts of water until no evidence of chemical remains (at least 15-20 minutes). Get medical attention, if needed.

EYE CONTACT: Wash eyes immediately with large amounts of water or normal saline, occasionally lifting upper and lower lids, until no evidence of chemical remains. Get medical attention immediately.

INGESTION: Contact local poison control center or physician immediately. Never make an unconscious person vomit or drink fluids. Give water, milk or activated charcoal slurry. Allow vomiting to occur. When vomiting occurs, keep head lower than hips to help prevent aspiration. If person is unconscious, turn head to side. Get medical attention immediately.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: For ingestion, consider gastric lavage.

SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Negligible fire and explosion hazard in bulk form. Dust/air mixtures may ignite or explode.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: dolomite, dry powder for metal fires, sand, graphite, soda ash, sodium chloride

Do not get water directly on material.

FIRE FIGHTING: Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. Cool

containers with water spray until well after the fire is out. Stay away from the ends of tanks. For fires in cargo or storage area: Cool containers with water from unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles until well after fire is out. If this is impossible then take the following precautions: Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Let the fire burn. Use extinguishing agents appropriate for surrounding fire. Avoid inhalation of material or combustion by-products.

LOWER FLAMMABLE LIMIT: 0.19 oz/ft³

SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

OCCUPATIONAL RELEASE:

Collect spilled material in appropriate container for disposal.

SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Store in a cool, dry place. Keep separated from incompatible substances.

SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE LIMITS:

TIN:

TIN AND INORGANIC TIN COMPOUNDS (as Sn):

2 mg/m³ OSHA TWA

2 mg/m³ ACGIH TWA

2 mg/m³ NIOSH recommended TWA 10 hour(s)

2 mg/m³ EC MAK

2 mg/m³ UK OES TWA

4 mg/m³ UK OES STEL

MEASUREMENT METHOD: Particulate filter; Acid; Atomic absorption spectrometry; NIOSH II(3) # S183

VENTILATION: Provide local exhaust ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

EYE PROTECTION: Eye protection not required under normal conditions.

CLOTHING: Protective clothing is not required under normal conditions.

GLOVES: Protective gloves are not required under normal conditions.

RESPIRATOR: The following respirators and maximum use concentrations are drawn from NIOSH and/or OSHA.

Measurement Element:

Tin (Sn)

10 mg/m³

Any dust and mist respirator.

20 mg/m³

Any dust and mist respirator.

Any supplied-air respirator.

50 mg/m³

Any supplied-air respirator.

Any powered, air-purifying respirator with a dust and mist filter.

100 mg/m³

Any air-purifying respirator with a full facepiece and a high-efficiency particulate filter.

Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece.

Any supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece.

Escape -

Any air-purifying respirator with a full facepiece and a high-efficiency particulate filter.

Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus.

For Unknown Concentrations or Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health -

Any supplied-air respirator with full facepiece and operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with a separate escape supply.

Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece.

SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Odorless, silver-white, lustrous metal in pig, ingot or tub form.

MOLECULAR WEIGHT: 118.69

MOLECULAR FORMULA: SN

BOILING POINT: 4100 F (2260 C)

MELTING POINT: 450 F (232 C)

VAPOR PRESSURE: 1 mmHg @ 1610 C

VAPOR DENSITY: Not applicable

SPECIFIC GRAVITY (water=1): 7.28

WATER SOLUBILITY: insoluble

pH: Not applicable

VOLATILITY: Not applicable

ODOR THRESHOLD: Not available

EVAPORATION RATE: Not applicable

COEFFICIENT OF WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION: Not available

SOLVENT SOLUBILITY:

Soluble: hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, aqua regia, hot potassium hydroxide solutions, alkali Slightly Soluble: dilute nitric acid, acetic acid

SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

REACTIVITY: Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: None reported.

INCOMPATIBILITIES: acids, oxidizing materials, halogens, metal salts, peroxides, bases, metal oxides, metals, combustible materials

TIN:

ACIDS (STRONG): Can produce toxic organic or inorganic tin compounds.

AMMONIUM NITRATE: Forms shock-sensitive mixture.

BICARBONATE POWDER: Violent reaction.

BROMINE (EXCEPT IN HALOCARBON SOLUTION): Violent reaction.

BROMINE TRIFLUORIDE: Violent reaction.

CARBON DIOXIDE: Violent reaction.

CARBON TETRACHLORIDE + WATER: Violent reaction.

CHLORINE (LIQUID): Ignites @ -34 C.

CHLORINE TRIFLUORIDE: Violent reaction and possible ignition.

CUPRIC NITRATE: Possible ignition.

DISULFUR DICHLORIDE: Violent reaction.

FLUORINE: Ignites @ 100 C.

IODINE BROMIDE: Violent reaction.

IODINE HEPTAFLUORIDE: Vigorous exothermic reaction when heated.

PEROXIDE: Oxidation with incandescence may occur.

POTASSIUM PEROXIDE: Incandescent reaction.

POTASSIUM OXIDE: Oxidation with incandescence may occur.

SODIUM PEROXIDE: Incandescent reaction.

SODIUM PEROXIDE + CARBON DIOXIDE: Explodes.

SULFUR: Ignition reaction.

TELLURIUM: Vigorous exothermic reaction.

TURPENTINE: Fire and explosion hazard.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION:

Thermal decomposition products: oxides of tin

POLYMERIZATION: Will not polymerize.

SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

TIN:

TUMORIGENIC DATA:

395 gm/kg implant-rat TDLo; 840 gm/kg implant-mouse TDLo

HEALTH EFFECTS:

INHALATION:

ACUTE EXPOSURE:

TIN: Inhalation of inorganic tin compounds may cause respiratory irritation. Metal fume fever, an influenza-like illness, may occur due to the inhalation of freshly formed metal oxide particles sized below 1.5 microns and usually between 0.02-

0.05 microns. Symptoms may be delayed 4-12 hours and begin with a sudden onset of thirst and a sweet, metallic or foul taste in the mouth. Other symptoms may include upper respiratory tract irritation accompanied by coughing and a dryness of the mucous membranes, lassitude and a generalized feeling of malaise. Fever, chills, muscular pain, mild to severe headache, nausea, occasional vomiting, exaggerated mental activity, profuse sweating, excessive urination, diarrhea, and prostration may also occur. Tolerance to fumes develops rapidly, but is quickly lost. All symptoms usually subside within 24-36 hours.

CHRONIC EXPOSURE:

TIN: Repeated or prolonged exposure to dust or fumes may cause a benign pneumoconiosis without fibrosis.

SKIN CONTACT:

ACUTE EXPOSURE:

TIN: No reported effects in humans from tin dust. Inorganic tin compounds may cause irritation.

CHRONIC EXPOSURE:

TIN: Repeated or prolonged contact with inorganic tin compounds may cause dermatitis.

EYE CONTACT:

ACUTE EXPOSURE:

TIN: Powder may cause moderate irritation.

CHRONIC EXPOSURE:

TIN: Repeated or prolonged exposure to inorganic tin compounds may cause conjunctivitis.

INGESTION:

ACUTE EXPOSURE:

TIN: Relatively non-toxic because of poor absorption. At very high levels, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, gastric irritation, and diarrhea may occur.

CHRONIC EXPOSURE:

TIN: Repeated or prolonged ingestion of small quantities may cause abdominal pain, nausea, constipation, and loss of weight.

SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ECOTOXICITY DATA:

ALGAL TOXICITY: 5000 ug/L 13 day(s) (Biochemical) Green algae (Enteromorpha sp)

FATE AND TRANSPORT:

BIOCONCENTRATION: 5000-60000 ug/L 51 hour(s) BCFD (Residue) Common bay mussel, blue mussel (*Mytilus edulis*) 0.04 ug/L

SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

No classification assigned.

LAND TRANSPORT ADR/RID: No classification assigned.

AIR TRANSPORT IATA/ICAO: No classification assigned.

MARITIME TRANSPORT IMDG: No classification assigned.

SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. REGULATIONS:

TSCA INVENTORY STATUS: Y

TSCA 12(b) EXPORT NOTIFICATION: Not listed.

CERCLA SECTION 103 (40CFR302.4): N

SARA SECTION 302 (40CFR355.30): N

SARA SECTION 304 (40CFR355.40): N

SARA SECTION 313 (40CFR372.65): N

SARA HAZARD CATEGORIES, SARA SECTIONS 311/312 (40CFR370.21):

ACUTE: Y

CHRONIC: N

FIRE: N

REACTIVE: N

SUDDEN RELEASE: N

OSHA PROCESS SAFETY (29CFR1910.119): N

STATE REGULATIONS:

California Proposition 65: N

EUROPEAN REGULATIONS:

EC NUMBER (EINECS): 231-141-8

GERMAN REGULATIONS:

WATER HAZARD CLASS (WGK): 0 (Official German Classification)

SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION

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J.5 Fedwire Procedures (JAN 95)

The Sender should use a bank that offers wire transfer capability. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York will then process the money for deposit to the Defense National Stockpile Account with the Department of the Treasury.

PROCEDURES FOR DEPOSIT SLIP(S) FOR FEDWIRE:

To ensure the funds are credited to the Defense National Stockpile Center the following information is required on any wire transfer of funds.

1. Treasury Dept. Code – Routing No. to the Treasury
MUST BE ON SLIP “021030004”.
2. Amount of funds to be transferred.
3. Treasury Department Name – **This item is critical** –
MUST APPEAR EXACTLY AS SHOWN BELOW
TREAS NYC/(CTR/BNF=/AC-00006355)
4. Third Party Information – Purchaser’s Name, Commodity, and Contract Number.