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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

Farm Service
Agency

Subject: Notice to Suppliers of Export Commodities on Changes in Applying HUBZone Preference Regulations

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Effective with Invitation 013, Commodity Credit Corporation will revise the application used in evaluating HUBZone preference. The regulations that will apply are as follows:

HUBZone Procurements \$25,000 and Under

For procurements awarded to HUBZone nonmanufacturers, the maximum award will be \$25,000 as specified in 13 CFR Part 126.601.

HUBZone Procurements with Price Preference Applications

For procurements awarded through full and open competition, 40% of each commodity within each invitation will be subject to the HUBZone price evaluation preference and will be awarded in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 657a(b)(3) as follows:

1. Twenty-five percent of the total volume of each commodity within the invitation will be subject to a price evaluation preference of ten percent.
2. Fifteen percent of the total volume of each commodity within the invitation will be subject to a price evaluation preference of five percent.
3. Volume over 40 percent for each commodity within an invitation will not be subject to the price evaluation preference.

This revised procedure will allow a HUBZone vendor to receive a price preference on 40 percent of the HUBZone commodity and an unlimited quantity in open competition.

The preference will not be applied to those procurements where only small or small HUBZone businesses bid or where a small or small HUBZone business wins the total award.

If you have any questions concerning this Notice, please contact Austen Merrick, Chief, Export Operations Division, at 816-926-6715.

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