

Freight Tender: ISC,Food for Progress,Roots of Peace,Afghanistan,Bagged Flour

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES CORP., WASH., D.C., AS AGENT FOR ROOTS OF PEACE (ROP),
SHIPPER, REQUESTS OFFERS OF U.S. AND NON-U.S. FLAG VESSELS TO TRANSPORT THE
FOLLOWING CARGO(ES) UNDER THE FOOD FOR PROGRESS PROGRAM:

- IFB NO. 08-046P
- APPLICABLE USDA KCCO INVITATION: 079B
- CARGO(ES):

USDA REF NO. 08-046P-01
COMMODITY REQUEST NO. CR-08-00892
UP TO 6,250 NET METRIC TONS OF FLOUR IN 50 KG BAGS
AVAILABLE: SEE NOTE C BELOW

NOTE A:
TO DETERMINE LOWEST LANDED COST, ALL CARRIERS ARE REQUIRED TO ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT OFFERS FOR THE ABOVE CARGOES VIA THE FREIGHT BID ENTRY SYSTEM (FBES). FBES CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:

<https://indianocean.sc.egov.usda.gov/COS/Main>

CARRIERS MUST BE ASSIGNED A LOGIN ID AND PASSWORD TO ACCESS FBES. CONTACT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS REGARDING LOGIN ID, PASSWORDS, AND FBES QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:

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NOTE B:

CARRIERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO OFFER ON ANY/ALL F.A.S. POINTS AND BRIDGE POINTS AS LISTED ON THE USDA DOCUMENT - APPROVED PORTS/TERMINALS - AND FORM KC-362 AND ALL INTERMODAL PLANT POINTS AS LISTED ON FORM KC-362.

NOTE C:

AVAILABILITY/AT PORT DATE FOR COMMODITY DELIVERIES F.A.S. VESSEL FOR

SOLICITATION 079B CARGO IS 10/20/09. THE POTENTIAL SHIPPING PERIODS FOR BIDS AT PLANT OR BRIDGEPOINT LOCATIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE COMMODITY SOLICITATION. THE AVAILABILITY/AT PORT DATE AND SHIPPING PERIODS ARE THE CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE SUPPLIER(S). SUCCESSFUL OCEAN CARRIERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COORDINATE WITH SUPPLIER(S) TO ENSURE A SMOOTH LOADING AND/OR TRANSFER OPERATION.

- U.S. FOOD AID BOOKING NOTE FOR PACKAGED COMMODITIES, PARTS I AND II, DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2004 IS THE PROFORMA BOOKING NOTE APPLICABLE FOR THE CARGO(ES) UNDER THIS FREIGHT INVITATION FOR BIDS. THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS DOES CONTAIN ADDITIONAL TERMS NOT CONTAINED IN THE PROFORMA BOOKING NOTE AS WELL AS AMENDMENTS / MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROFORMA BOOKING NOTE AND SUCH ADDITIONAL TERMS AND SUCH AMENDMENTS / MODIFICATIONS SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO BOOKINGS CONTRACTED UNDER THIS IFB. COPIES OF THE THE U.S. FOOD AID BOOKING NOTE FOR PACKAGED COMMODITIES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO INTERNATIONAL SERVICES CORP.

- SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- COMMODITY, LOAD PORT AND INTERMODAL POINT ABBREVIATIONS AS PER USDA FORM KC-362.

- OFFERORS ARE TO PROVIDE A DETAILED ITINERARY OF THE SERVICE BEING OFFERED IN THEIR OFFER WHICH SHALL INCLUDE LOAD PORT(S) TO BE UTILIZED, ESTIMATED LOAD DATES, ESTIMATED SAILING DATES FROM LOAD PORT(S), ESTIMATED TRANSIT TIMES INCLUDING ANY PROJECTED TRANSSHIPMENT PORTS AND/OR PRIOR DISCHARGE PORTS, AND ESTIMATED ETA AT DISCHARGE PORT, AND DELIVERY POINT (KABUL, AFGHANISTAN). OFFERORS ARE TO SPECIFY DISCHARGE PORT TO BE UTILIZED IN THEIR OFFER.

- CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE, LAY AND ERECT ALL DUNNAGE MATERIAL (INCLUDING PAPER, PLASTIC, WOOD, ETC.) REQUIRED FOR PROPER STOWAGE AND PROTECTION OF

THE CARGO WHETHER BREAKBULK OR CONTAINERIZED. CARRIER SHALL ENSURE PROPER

STOWAGE AND PROTECTION OF THE CARGO AT ALL TIMES, INCLUDING INLAND AND OCEAN TRANSITS, REGARDLESS OF MODE OF TRANSPORT.

- IF CARGO IS CONTAINERIZED BY CARRIER, CARRIER MUST CERTIFY THAT EACH

CONTAINER UTILIZED TO LOAD SHIPPER'S CARGO(ES) IS IN WIND AND WATER TIGHT CONDITION, IS NOT MORE THAN TEN (10) YEARS OLD, AND IS NOT A SALVAGED CONTAINER OR MUSTERED OUT FROM REGULAR SERVICE. AS A CONDITION OF PAYMENT,

CARRIER MUST PROVIDE A FGIS CONTAINER CONDITION INSPECTION CERTIFICATE ATTESTING TO THE SATISFACTORY CONDITION OF CONTAINERS. CONTAINER INSPECTION IS TO BE PERFORMED PRIOR TO LOADING SHIPPER'S CARGOES. NO CONTAINER MINIMUMS SHALL APPLY.

- FUMIGATION OF FLOUR IN ACCORDANCE WITH EOD-83 IS APPLICABLE.

- FOR NON-LINER VESSELS, ANY ADDITIONAL COMPLETION CARGO(ES) MUST BE DULY

SEPARATED, MUST BE COMPATIBLE AND NON-INJURIOUS TO SHIPPER'S FOOD FOR PROGRESS

CARGO(ES), MUST BE DETAILED IN OFFER OR APPROVED BY SHIPPER/USDA IF CONTRACTED AFTER FIXTURE OF SHIPPER'S FOOD FOR PROGRESS CARGO(ES).

- OFFERS OF NAMED VESSELS ONLY.

- LOAD/DELIVERY TERMS: AS PER PART II PROFORMA BOOKING NOTE CLAUSE 1(A) THROUGH 1(E) AS APPROPRIATE.

- TBL DELIVERY

- DELIVERY POINT: KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

- DISCHARGE/DELIVERY TERMS: AS PER PART II PROFORMA BOOKING NOTE CLAUSE 2(C)(ii).

- LOADING DELAY ASSESSMENT AS PER PART II PROFORMA BOOKING NOTE CLAUSE 15

IS APPLICABLE BASIS NON-URGENT CARGOES.

- VESSEL TYPE RESTRICTIONS: TOWED BARGES ARE EXCLUDED. NON-VESSEL OPERATING

COMMON CARRIERS (NVOCC) MAY NOT BE EMPLOYED TO CARRY U.S. FLAG OR FOREIGN

FLAG SHIPMENTS.

- CARRIER IS TO PROVIDE ALL EQUIPMENT WHETHER ON-BOARD VESSEL OR SHORESIDE

REQUIRED TO DISCHARGE THE CARGO.

- NON-LINER FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS SHOULD NOT BE OLDER THAN 20 YEARS AND MUST

BE CLASSED HIGHEST IN LLOYD'S REGISTER OR ITS EQUIVALENT. DATE OF ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION, NOT REBUILT DATE, TO GOVERN.

- NON-LINER VESSELS 15 YEARS AND OLDER AND PUSH-MODE ITB UNITS MUST HAVE ALL

OPENINGS TO CARGO SPACES AND HATCHES' COVERS TIGHTLY SEALED WITH TAPE OR

BY OTHER MEANS TO ASSURE WATER TIGHT INTEGRITY. THE SEALING SHALL BE DONE TO THE SATISFACTION OF ATTENDING NCB SURVEYOR AS ATTESTED BY A SPECIAL SURVEY. COST OF SEALING HATCH COVERS/OPENINGS TO CARGO SPACES AS WELL AS SPECIAL SURVEY FEES SHALL BE FOR VESSEL CARRIER'S ACCOUNT. SPECIAL SURVEY CERTIFICATE SHALL IN NO WAY DIMINISH CARRIER'S LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD THE CARGO.

- ONE WAY RATES MUST BE QUOTED IN ADDITION TO ROUND TRIP RATES FOR U.S. FLAG NON-LINER VESSELS WHOSE DATE OF ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION EXCEEDS 15 YEARS FROM DATE AT FIXTURE.

- U.S. FLAG APPROVED RATES WILL BE REDUCED TO A LEVEL NO HIGHER THAN THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION FAIR AND REASONABLE RATE IN THE EVENT THAT APPROVED

VESSEL IS SUBSTITUTED BY A LOWER COST VESSEL TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. FOR U.S. FLAG VESSELS LOADING LESS THAN A FULL CARGO, THE LESS THAN FULL CARGO FREIGHT RATE WILL BE SUBJECT TO A REDUCTION TO MEET ANY REVISED MARITIME ADMINISTRATION FREIGHT RATE GUIDELINE DUE TO VESSEL LOADING OTHER

ADDITIONAL CARGO.

- U.S. FLAG OFFERS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IF THE VESSEL OPERATOR HAS NOT PROVIDED THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION WITH THE VESSEL'S COSTS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF OFFER.

- ROP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT OFFERS.

- THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE KANSAS CITY COMMODITY OFFICE

WILL PURSUE RECOVERY OF ANY CARGO LOSS AND/OR CARGO DAMAGE CLAIM ARISING

FROM THIS SHIPMENT.

- OFFERS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA FBES NO LATER THAN 1000 HOURS U.S. CENTRAL TIME JULY 16, 2009. ONLY OFFERS WHICH ARE RESPONSIVE TO THIS IFB WILL BE CONSIDERED.

- NON-LINER VESSEL OFFERS SHOULD INCLUDE: VESSEL NAME / TYPE / FLAG / YEARBLT / LOA / BEAM / DWT / DRAFT / GEAR / FULL STYLE OF CARRIER

- COMMISSION: 2.5 PCT ON FREIGHT / DEADFREIGHT TO SHIPPER'S AGENT IF OFFERED DIRECT; IF BROKER INVOLVED, 2/3 OF 2.5 PCT TO SHIPPER'S AGENTS AND 1/3 OF 2.5 PCT TO BROKER.

- CLAUSE 18(A)(iii) OF PART II OF THE PROFORMA BOOKING NOTE IS AMENDED FOR THIS TENDER TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT AS A DOCUMENT REQUIRED TO

RECEIVE PAYMENT OF OCEAN FREIGHT:

(f) INVOICE FOR PAYMENT OF COMMISSION TO SHIPPER'S AGENT MARKED "PAID" BY SHIPPER'S AGENT.

- ALL FIXTURES ARE SUBJECT APPROVAL BY SHIPPER AND USDA.

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