COMBINED SYNOPSIS/SOLICITATION
Bushmaster 2026 Hot Meals Catering

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This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial products or commercial services prepared in accordance with the format in FAR Subpart 12.6, as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation; proposals are being requested and a written solicitation will not be issued. The solicitation is being issued using Simplified Acquisition procedures.

This competition is set aside for **small businesses** (total small business set-aside competition). The North American Industry Classification System Code (NAICS) for this requirement is 722320 - Caterers, size standard of $9,000,000.

This solicitation incorporates the provisions and clauses in effect in Federal Acquisition Circular 2026-01 dated 13 March 2026 and Defense Publication Notice 20260702 dated 2 July 2026.

Requirement Description

The Uniformed Services University (USU) has a requirement for Hot Meals and Catering Services for the 2026 Bushmaster exercise at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. The Period of Performance is October 15, 2026 - October 19, 2026. For full details, please refer to Attachment 1 - Statement of Work.

General Information

Basis of Award - Tradeoffs / Best Value
The Government intends to award a firm-fixed price contract to the responsible, responsive vendor whose quote meets all of the solicitation requirements and offers the best value to the Government. To be eligible for award, the vendor must quote on all of the items identified in the Attachment 2 - Price Quote Table. **Failure to quote on all items will result in rejection of the quote (non-responsive).**

All evaluation factors other than cost or price, when combined, are significantly more important than cost or price. The following factors shall be used to evaluate quotes:

(i) Technical: The Government may tradeoff price for technical factors including vendor's ability to meet food quantity and staffing requirements.

(ii) Past Performance: The Government will evaluate the vendor's past performance history using vendor past performance submissions and Government contract databases including the Supplier Performance Risk System and the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System.

(iii) Price: The Government will evaluate the vendor's proposed price for reasonableness.

Questions
Vendors must submit all questions about this solicitation in writing to the Contract Specialist and the Contracting Officer by the date and time stated above. All responses to the questions will be in writing, without identification of the questioner, and will be included in an amendment to the solicitation.

Quote Submission
Vendors must submit their quotations via email to the Contract Specialist and the Contracting Officer no later than the date and time specified above. FAX quotations will not be accepted. Quotes received after the response date and time will not be considered. Please reference the RFQ name and number in the subject line of email communications.

Cancellation
The Government reserves the right to cancel this solicitation, either before or after the closing date. In the event the Government cancels this solicitation, the Government has no obligation to reimburse an offeror for any costs.

System for Award Management (SAM)
In order to be eligible for award, vendors **must** be registered in SAM (www.SAM.gov).

Instructions to Offerors

Technical Quote

1. Vendors are encouraged to provide product literature to augment their quote.
2. Quote submissions must include the following information.
    a. Company's full name and address
    b. CAGE, Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), and Tax Identification Number
    c. Name, title, phone number, and email of the person authorized to sign contracts for the company

Price Quote

1. The quote should mirror (identify) the product lines in the Price Quote Table (See Attachment 2). The Vendor may add lines to their quote if needed to account for additional items or for items that are separately priced.
2. The Vendor must provide a price for each item listed in the table and provide a total delivered price.
3. If the product is part of a system, the Vendor should identify that the product is a system (component parts are not separately priced). The Vendor should only identify the individual components in the system if the itemization of the internal components are in accordance with customary commercial practices.
4. If an item is not separately priced, vendors may enter NSP (not separately priced) or $0.00 in the price column. For example, if shipping is included in the price, enter NSP or $0.00 in the price column.
5. Quote prices shall be valid for a minimum of 60 days.

Past Performance
Vendors may submit past performance information for the same or similar requirements within the past **three (3) years**. The Government will assess the quality and relevance of this past performance.

Provisions and Clauses

The solicitation and contract are subject to the FAR provisions and clauses and are also subject to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations (DFARS) provisions and clauses that are hereby incorporated by reference via Attachment 3.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Statement of Work
Attachment 2: Price Quote Table
Attachment 3: Provisions and Clauses