

SPECIFICATIONS

FOR SUPPLIES FOR THE INDIAN SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1904, REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL.

AS THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS SO FAR AS APPLICABLE MUST BE ACCEPTED BY BIDDERS, AND MADE A PART OF THEIR PROPOSALS AND ANY CONTRACT EXECUTED THEREUNDER, PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS INVITED THERETO:

Bids will be opened on Tuesday, April 21, 1903, at Nos. 265-267 South Canal street, Chicago, Ill., in presence of the Board of Indian Commissioners, a committee to be designated by the Secretary of the Interior, and any bidders who may attend, and read publicly, commencing at 1 p. m. Bidders are invited to be present.

Each bid must give the names of all parties interested in or parties to it. Bidders must designate their places of business and post-office addresses.

Bids from persons who have in any respect defaulted in any bid heretofore made will not be considered. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or any part of any bid, if deemed for the best interests of the Government, also to waive defects.

Each bid *must* be accompanied by a certified check or draft upon some United States depository, or solvent National Bank, payable to the order of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; which check or draft shall be not less than 5 per centum on the amount of supplies proposed to be furnished, and shall be forfeited to the United States in case any bidder receiving an award shall fail to execute promptly a contract, with good and sufficient sureties, according to the terms of his bid; otherwise to be returned to the bidder. Bids should not be accompanied by cash.

Bids unaccompanied by a certified check or draft will not be considered.

Bidders are required to furnish samples of the articles bid for (except bacon, beef, corn, feed, mess pork, and oats), and in all cases where samples are required they must be delivered at the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Nos. 265-267 South Canal street, Chicago, Ill., at or before the time specified for opening bids. Bids must not be inclosed in packages containing samples. Samples will not be opened until after all the bids shall have been publicly read.

Parties receiving awards will at once enter into contract. All contracts are subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and are not binding upon the Government until approved by him.


In making awards, the right will be reserved to increase or diminish to any extent the quantity of any article embraced in the accompanying schedule and the further right to increase or diminish the quantity specified in any CONTRACT to an extent not exceeding 25 per centum. Parties desiring to limit the quantity offered of any article must state in their bids the quantity proposed to be furnished, followed by the word "only," and the right will be reserved to accept any part thereof, not exceeding the amount designated.

Each contract must be accompanied by a bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of the same in all its particulars; said bond to be either a joint or several bond, with two or more sureties, or that of an approved Surety or Trust Company, and to be for at least 50 per centum of the amount of the contract. Bonds must be duly executed according to the laws and regulations governing the same. No person having an existing contract with the Indian Department will be accepted as a surety on the bond of another contractor.

Delay and difficulty having heretofore been experienced in the proper execution of contracts and bonds in consequence of the absence of one or more members of firms, it is desirable that one member only of a firm sign the bid and propose to enter into contract—thus avoiding the necessity of producing powers of attorney authorizing one member to sign for absent members, as required by law.

All articles furnished under contract must be delivered at the places designated for their reception, strongly and properly packed, in such quantities as may be required, in perfect order for shipment, fully and plainly marked according to directions, and accompanied by not exceeding three invoices for each agency, tribe, or school, without charge therefor, or for cases, baling, or sacks, and will be subject to inspection; and any articles that may in any respect fail to conform to the samples upon which the award was made will be rejected, and the contractor held to furnish others of the required quality within *five* days; or failing in that, they will be purchased at his expense.

Bids for Bacon, Barley (pearl), Beans, Coffee, Corn Meal, Cracked Wheat, Hard Bread, Hominy, Lard, Mess Pork, Rice, Rolled Oats, Sugar, and Tea, must be for delivery at New York, Chicago, Omaha, St. Louis, Sioux City, or Kansas City—to be specified in the bid—subject to inspection at such point as may be designated by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

 Bids are also invited for COFFEE and SUGAR delivered f. o. b. San Francisco, Cal.

Bids for Barley (for feed), Corn, Feed, Flour, Oats, and Salt must be for delivery as follows:

For the several Agencies, and the Schools connected therewith, at the several Agencies themselves, or at the places hereafter designated, or both, viz:

- BLACKFEET: Agency and School, at Browning, Mont.
 CROW: Agency and Agency School, at Crow Agency Station, Mont.
 CROW: Pryor School, at Pryor, Mont.
 FLATHEAD: Confederated Tribes and School, at Arlee, Mont.
 FORT BELKNAP: Agency and School, at Harlem, Mont.
 FORT PECK: Agency and School, at Poplar, Mont.
 TONGUE RIVER: Agency and School, at Crow Agency Station, Mont.
 SHOSHONE: Northern Arapahoes, Shoshones, and School, at Casper, Wyo.
 SOUTHERN UTE: Ignacio Subagency and School, at Ignacio, Colo.
 SOUTHERN UTE: Navajo Springs, at Mancos, Colo.
 OURAY: Agency and School, at Price, Utah.
 UTAH: Uintahs, White River Utes, and School, at Price, Utah.
 FORT HALL: Agency and School, at Ross Fork, Idaho.
 LEMHI: School and Agency, at Red Rock, Mont.
 DEVIL'S LAKE: Agency, at Oberon, N. Dak.
 DEVIL'S LAKE: Day Schools and Turtle Mountain Chippewas, at Rolla, N. Dak.
 FORT BERTHOLD: Agency, School, and Day Schools, at Washburn, N. Dak.
 STANDING ROCK: Agency, Agency School, Agricultural School, and Grand River School, at Pollock, S. Dak.
 CROW CREEK: Agency and School, at Chamberlain, S. Dak.
 SISSETON: School and Police, at Sisseton, S. Dak.
 CHEYENNE RIVER: Agency, School, and Day Schools, at Gettysburg, S. Dak.
 LOWER BRULE: Agency and School, at Chamberlain, S. Dak.
 PINE RIDGE: Agency and School, at Rushville, Nebr.
 ROSEBUD: Agency, School and Day Schools, at Valentine, Nebr., Bonesteel, S. Dak., and Chamberlain, S. Dak.
 YANKTON: School and Agency, at Wagner, S. Dak.
 GREEN BAY: Menomonees, Police, and School, at Shawano, Wis.
 LA POINTE: Chippewas of Lake Superior, Police, and Day Schools, at Ashland, Wis.
 LA POINTE: Lac du Flambeau School, at Lac du Flambeau, Wis.
 WHITE EARTH: White Earth Chippewas and White Earth School, at Detroit, Minn.
 WHITE EARTH: Pine Point School, at Park Rapids, Minn.
 WHITE EARTH: Wild Rice River School, at Twin Valley, Minn.
 LEECH LAKE: Leech Lake Chippewas and Leech Lake School, at Walker, Minn.
 LEECH LAKE: Red Lake Chippewas, Red Lake Police, Red Lake School, and Cross Lake School, at Solway, Minn.
 LEECH LAKE: Cass Lake School, at Cass Lake, Minn.
 LEECH LAKE: Bena School, at Bena, Minn.
 OSAGE: School, at Elgin, Kans.
 OSAGE: Kaw School, at Kaw City, Okla.
 CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHOE: Agency, Police, Cheyenne School, and Arapahoe School, at Darlington, Okla.
 CANTONMENT SCHOOL: School and Cheyenne and Arapahoe, at Homestead, Okla.
 SEGER SCHOOL: School and Cheyenne and Arapahoes, at Weatherford, Okla.
 SEGER SCHOOL: Red Moon School, at Washita Junction, Okla.
 KIOWA: Agency and Riverside School, at Anadarko, Okla.
 KIOWA: Fort Sill School, at Fort Sill, Okla.
 KIOWA: Rainy Mountain School, at Gotebo, Okla.
 OTOE: Police, at White Eagle, Okla.
 PONCA: Police and School, at White Eagle, Okla.
 PAWNEE: School, at Pawnee, Okla.
 SHAWNEE SCHOOL: School and Police, at Shawnee, Okla.
 SAC AND FOX: Police and School, at Stroud, Okla.
 SENECA SCHOOL: School and Police, at Wyandotte, Ind. T.
 POTTAWATOMIE: Pottawatomie School, at Hoyt, Kans.
 POTTAWATOMIE: Kickapoo School, at Germantown, Kans.
 ZUNI SCHOOL: At Gallup, N. Mex.
 JICARILLA: School and Agency, at Dulce, N. Mex.
 MESCALERO: School and Agency, at Tularosa, N. Mex.
 OMAHA AND WINNEBAGO: Winnebagoes, Omaha School, and Winnebago School, at Dakota City, Nebr.
 SHEBIT SCHOOL: At Modena, Utah.
 SANTEE: School, Santees and Poncas, at Niobrara, Nebr.
 SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL: At Springfield, S. Dak.
 EASTERN CHEROKEE SCHOOL: At Whittier, N. C.
 COLORADO RIVER: School and Agency, at Mellen, Ariz.
 PIMA: School and Agency, at Casa Grande, Ariz.
 FORT MOJAVE SCHOOL: At Needles, Cal.
 TRUXTON CANON SCHOOL: School and Hualapais, at Hackberry, Ariz.
 TRUXTON CANON SCHOOL: Yava Supai School, at Seligman, Ariz.
 RICE STATION SCHOOL: At Rice Station, Ariz.
 SAN CARLOS: Agency and School, at San Carlos Station, Ariz.

FORT APACHE: Agency and School, at Holbrook, Ariz.
 MOQUI SCHOOL: School and Moqui Day Schools, at Holbrook, Ariz.
 MOQUI SCHOOL: Oraiba Day School, at Canyon Diablo, Ariz.
 WESTERN NAVAJO SCHOOL: At Winslow, Ariz.
 NAVAJO: Agency, School, and Little Water School, at Gallup, N. Mex.
 FORT BIDWELL SCHOOL: At Madeline, Cal.
 GREENVILLE SCHOOL: At Beckwith, Cal.
 HOOPA VALLEY: School, Agency, and Police, at Korbel, Cal.
 ROUND VALLEY: School and Agency, at Willetts, Cal.
 FORT LAPWAI SCHOOL: At North Lapwai, Idaho.
 GRANDE RONDE: School and Agency, at Sheridan, Oreg.
 SILETZ: School and Agency, at Toledo, Oreg.
 KLAMATH: Agency, Police, Agency School, and Yainax School, at Ager, Cal.
 UMATILLA: School, at Pendleton, Oreg.
 WARM SPRINGS: School, Agency and Police, at Shaniko, Oreg.
 CARSON SCHOOL: Piutes, Walker River, and Walker River Day School, at Schurz, Nev. (Carson School proper to be delivered at the school.)
 WESTERN SHOSHONE: School and Agency, at Elko, Nev.
 NEVADA: School and Agency, at Wadsworth, Nev.
 COLVILLE: Agency, Police, and Fort Spokane School, at Creston, Wash.
 COLVILLE: Joseph's Band, at Wilbur, Wash.
 NEAH BAY: Agency and Police, at Seattle, Wash.
 PUYALLUP SCHOOL: At Reservation, Wash.
 TULALIP: Day Schools, at Marysville, Wash.
 YAKIMA: School, Agency, and Police, at Toppenish, Wash.

ALL OTHER TRAINING SCHOOLS AT THE RESPECTIVE SCHOOL BUILDINGS, or nearest railroad stations. Bids for delivery at other points as bidders may select, to be specified in the bid, will also be considered.


Bacon, Barley (pearl), beans, coffee, corn meal, cracked wheat, hard bread, hominy, lard, mess pork, rice, rolled oats, sugar, and tea must be delivered within sixty (60) days from dates of requisitions for the goods, the other supplies called for herein to be delivered as required during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904.

For failure to deliver the bacon, barley (pearl), beans, coffee, corn meal, cracked wheat, hard bread, hominy, lard, mess pork, rice, rolled oats, sugar, and tea within the said period of sixty days, delay due to acts of God alone excepted, a penalty of one per centum of the value of the articles undelivered shall be charged for each five days' (or fraction thereof) delay beyond the time above stated: Provided, That, in case of necessity, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs may, in his discretion, extend the period above specified for not exceeding thirty days, upon the written application of the contractor, to be presented to the Commissioner prior to the expiration of the first-named period, in which application shall be CLEARLY SHOWN THE REASONS, to be accompanied by proper evidence, for the inability of the contractor to make his deliveries within the said period of sixty days: And provided further, That the penalty hereinbefore prescribed shall be enforced after the expiration of the extended period of thirty days, if such shall be granted. Additional quantities of said items that may be ordered under Article 2 of the contracts will be subject to the same conditions.

BIDS FOR BEEF MUST BE FOR DELIVERY AT THE RESPECTIVE AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS, AND MUST BE SUBMITTED ON SEPARATE BLANKS AND INCLOSED IN SEPARATE ENVELOPES INDORSED "PROPOSALS FOR BEEF." The right is reserved to call for the 25 per centum additional provided for in article 2 of contracts, after reasonable notice, at any time during the fiscal year, notwithstanding any stipulation as to the number of deliveries to be made under any contract.

BEEF CATTLE must be good, merchantable cattle, and all offered under any contract will be subject to rigid inspection. The cattle to be furnished must be steers and cows (no bulls or stags), not over seven years of age, and must average not less than 850 pounds, gross, at each delivery from May 1st to December 1st; and not less than 800 pounds, gross, from December 1st to May 1st; no animal to weigh less than 700 pounds, and no animal shall be received that will net less than 50 per centum of its gross weight from May 1st to December 1st, or less than 45 per centum from December 1st to May 1st, excepting in the Territories of Arizona (cattle for Arizona to be natives of that territory or adjacent thereto), New Mexico, Oklahoma, and the Indian Territory, where the average from May 1st to December 1st must be not less than 750 pounds, gross, at each delivery; and from December 1st to May 1st not less than 700 pounds, gross; no animal to weigh less than 650 pounds, or net less than 45 per centum of its gross weight. Bids for spayed heifers will not be considered. The price must be figured gross, but for all cows delivered under any contract a discount of twenty (20) per centum from the proposed price will be made, and not more than one-fourth of the cattle offered and accepted at any one delivery must be cows, unless authorized in writing by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. *Bids for beef for all northern agencies must state that the cattle have been at least twelve months in succession, prior to July 1st next, north of the south line of Kansas;* and each delivery must be accompanied by the affidavit of the contractor that the cattle offered for acceptance comply with this condition. For beef cattle for all northern agencies bids are also invited for "double-wintered Montana cattle," the Commissioner reserving the right to make award on such cattle as will be deemed for the best interests of the service.

Bidders are required to submit bids for delivery of cattle as follows: (1) "As required by the office and the respective Indian Agents" [By "as required" is meant as often as issues are made at the several agencies, which, in the majority of cases, is twice a month or every two weeks in summer and once a month in winter. Bidders, however, can ascertain what the custom is at each agency by communicating with the agent]; (2) "Monthly"; (3) "To be delivered as required from July 1st to November 1st; then sufficient to last until May 1st; during May and June, as required." One delivery of beef must be made during the first days of July, if required. Bids for delivery of cattle under conditions other than these will not be considered. Bids for beef having no conditions attached as to time of delivery will be construed to mean to be delivered as required by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or his agents.

NET BEEF must be good in quality and condition, fit for immediate use, and from fore and hind quarter meat proportionately, including all the best cuts thereof. Beef from bulls, stags, or diseased cattle will not be accepted. The necks of the cattle slaughtered for beef shall be cut off at the fourth vertebral joint, and the breast trimmed down; the shanks of fore quarters shall be cut off four inches above the knee joint, and the hind quarters eight inches above the hock joint. Necks, shanks, and kidney tallow will not be received.  Delivery must be made at the agencies or schools, as the case may be, at such times and in such quantities as may be required by the respective agents or superintendents in charge.

BACON must be short clear sides, of medium thickness, to weigh not less than 35 pounds nor more than 50 pounds each, thoroughly cured, well smoked, and well dried out before being packed; sound, sweet, and merchantable, and put up in crates. No boar or stag meat will be received. Deliveries of a part of the bacon may not be required until the ensuing *fall* and *winter*.

BARLEY for feed must be fair color, sound, clean, and reasonably free from other grain, not weighing less than 43 pounds to the bushel, in new 8-ounce burlap sacks of about 100 pounds capacity. Samples of not less than 10 pounds must be furnished. Rolled barley must be made from grain of the foregoing description and delivered in similar packages.

BARLEY, pearl, about No. 3, delivered in strong, merchantable single sacks of about 100 pounds net each.

BEANS must be of good merchantable quality, sound and clean, and put up in double bags, the inner bag to be of good substantial burlap, the outer one of gunny, ready for shipment. Samples of not less than eight quarts must be furnished.

HOMINY must be of good merchantable quality, sound and clean, and put up in double bags, the inner bag to be of good substantial burlap, the outer one a gunny, ready for shipment. Samples of not less than 8 quarts must be furnished.


COFFEE must be milled, sound, and clean, of good quality, and must be delivered in strong double sacks—no charge for sacks—subject to the customary trade tare. No sample below No. 6 need be submitted.

CORN must be sound and clean; to weigh not less than 56 pounds to the bushel, and to be delivered in sacks of about 2½ bushels capacity, made of 10-ounce burlap, well sewed.

CORN MEAL must be of good quality, steam-dried, and either yellow or white, as required, and delivered in strong merchantable single sacks. Samples of not less than 10 pounds must be submitted.

CRACKED WHEAT must be of good merchantable quality, delivered in strong single sacks, of about 100 pounds net each.

FEED must be of clear corn and oats, fresh ground, of good sound grain, and properly sacked. Bran and shorts must be of good merchantable quality, properly sacked.

FLOUR must be either what is known as "straight, full stock," of good sound wheat—60 pounds of wheat to be ground down to about 42 pounds of flour, low grades to be taken out—or it may be what is known as patent flour, and must be delivered in extra strong single cotton sacks to weigh 8 ounces to the yard; said sacks to be of about 100 pounds capacity. Contractors will be required to plainly stamp their names on each sack. Samples of not less than 25 pounds must be furnished by bidders; said samples must be put in plain white bags, without any mark thereon whatever except the name of the bidder, in small letters, and the number of the sample if more than one is submitted.  Each bidder must have his own sample or samples, and bidders will not be allowed to bid on the samples submitted by other parties. The object is to secure a good medium grade of flour, and samples below that are not desired. Awards will be made on basis of quality and price. Flour to be delivered in such quantities as may be required. Conditions on bids "in car loads only" will not be considered. All bids for flour will be construed without reference to such conditions.

HARD BREAD must be the best quality used by the Army, and must be furnished in strong boxes of 50 pounds each, ready for shipment.

LARD must be "prime steam," in tin cans of 5 and 10 pounds NET each, as required, to be delivered packed in strong boxes, not to exceed 100 pounds in any one box.

MESS PORK must be well preserved, sound, and sweet, in good barrels with sound heads and well hooped.

OATS must be bright and clean, well sacked, and weigh not less than 32 pounds to the bushel.

RICE must be of good quality, delivered in double bags, the inner bag to be of good, substantial burlap, the outer one a gunny.

ROLLED OATS must be of good quality, in pasteboard boxes of 2 pounds each, packed in cases of from 50 to 60 pounds.

SALT, coarse, must be of good quality. Fine must be fit for table use, put up in small bags. Both kinds to be packed in double sacks, burlap, covered with gunny. Samples of both coarse and fine must be submitted.

SUGAR must be of medium quality, granulated, delivered in double bags of about 150 pounds capacity, the inner bag to be of good, heavy muslin, the outer one of new gunny, in perfect order for shipment.

TEA must be Oolong, superior to fine trade classification.

Proposals must be securely enveloped, sealed, and plainly indorsed "Proposals for—specifying the supplies bid upon—" and be addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.