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# State of New Hampshire

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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December 20, 2023

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

## REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Administrative Services to enter into a contract with Moore-Clark USA Inc (VC#176134), Westbrook, ME, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$2,864,186.11 for commercial fish food, with the option to renew for an additional two-year period, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through November 30, 2028.

Funding shall be provided through individual agency expenditures, none of which shall be permitted unless there are sufficient appropriated funds to cover the expenditure.

## EXPLANATION

The Department of Administrative Services, through the Bureau of Purchase and Property, issued request for bid (RFB) 2809-24 on August 17, 2023, with responses due on August 31, 2023. This bid reached 9 vendors through the NIGP registry with an additional 19 directly sourced. Other competitors like Paris Farmers and Co-operative Feed Dealers, Inc advised that they are only distributors and cannot manufacture custom products. Moore-Clark USA Inc has consistently been the low bidder and the incumbent contractor since 2010. The State has recently experienced an increase of approximately 5% resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and continued market volatility.

This contract, upon approval, will provide essential food for the fish hatcheries across the State and reduce the time it takes to place an order. The hatcheries produce and distribute 200 tons or more of trout and salmon per year. Without this program it is estimated that the trout and salmon population in New Hampshire waters would be depleted in approximately 3-5 years (credit: <https://www.wildlife.nh.gov/fishing-new-hampshire/fisheries-management-new-hampshire/new-hampshire-fish-hatcheries>).

The requested price limitation of \$2,864,186.11 will cover the full term of the contract and is based off the pricing provided in Moore-Clark USA Inc's bid response. The spend limitation will be closely monitored to prevent the contract price limitation from being exceeded.

Contract financials	
Estimated annual spend	\$520,761.11
Term spend	\$2,603,805.55
Add allowance (10%)	\$260,380.56
Recommended price limitation	\$2,864,186.11

Based on the foregoing, I am respectfully recommending approval of the contract with Moore-Clark USA Inc.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles M. Arlinghaus  
Commissioner



Division of Procurement Support Services  
Bureau of Purchase Property

Gary S. Lunetta  
Director  
(603) 271-2201

RFB Bid Summary

Bid Description	Commercial Fish Food	Agency	Statewide
RFB#	2809-24	Requisition#	N/A
Agent Name	Jonah Rosa	Bid Closing	8/31/2023 @ 1:30 pm

Estimated Annual Quantity	UOM	Product Description	Item Number	Moore Clark USA Inc	
				Unit Cost	Delivered Extended Cost
587	Pounds	BioVita Starter Mash 10kg	11718755	\$2.52	\$1,479.24
2,170	Pounds	BioVita Starter #0 20kg	11701625	\$2.52	\$5,468.40
4,059	Pounds	BioVita Starter #1 20kg	11718745	\$2.52	\$10,228.68
6,697	Pounds	BioVita Starter #2 20kg	11701655	\$2.52	\$16,876.44
7,993	Pounds	Nutra Olympic 1.2mm 20kg (fry)	12805615	\$1.50	\$11,989.50
8,413	Pounds	Nutra Olympic 1.5mm 20kg (fry)	12778475	\$1.50	\$12,619.50
19,262	Pounds	Nutra Olympic 2.5mm 20Kg (fry)	13525745	\$1.50	\$28,893.00
25,299	Pounds	Nutra Olympic 2mm 20kg (fry)	12778485	\$1.50	\$37,948.50
62,730	Pounds	BioDry 1000LP 3mm 20kg US (low phos.)	11700725	\$2.39	\$149,924.70
33,240	Pounds	BioTrout 3mm 20kg (grower)	11701015	\$1.14	\$37,893.60
127,187	Pounds	BioTrout 40A 4mm 20kg (grower)	11701045	\$1.13	\$143,721.31
1,328	Pounds	BioTrout 40A 6mm 20kg (grower)	11701075	\$1.04	\$1,381.12
1,107	Pounds	BioBrood 60A 4mm 20kg	11700355	\$1.79	\$1,981.53
8,967	Pounds	BioBrood 60A 6mm 20kg	11700375	\$1.79	\$16,050.93
8,035	Pounds	Oncor Fry 1.5mm 40lb (floating)	11705165	\$1.01	\$8,115.35
8,718	Pounds	Oncor Fry 2.5mm 40lb (floating)	11705175	\$1.01	\$8,805.18
11,046	Pounds	Oncor 40 3.5mm 40lb (floating)	11704815	\$1.01	\$11,156.46
16,067	Pounds	Oncor 80 4.5mm 40lb (floating)	11705025	\$1.01	\$16,227.67
<b>Sub Total:</b>					<b>\$520,761.11</b>

<b>Estimated annual spend</b>	\$520,761.11
<b>Estimated term spend</b>	\$2,603,805.55
<b>Add allowance for balance of product line</b>	\$260,380.56
<b>Recommended price limitation</b>	\$2,864,186.11



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RFB Bid Summary

**Recommendation Summary**

Statewide Contract or Amendment	Statewide Contract
Term of Contract	5 years w/option to renew for two years
Price Limitation	\$2,864,186.11
Number of Solicitations Received	1
Number of Sourced bidders	19
Number of NIGP Vendors Sourced	9
Number of non-responsive bidders	27
P-37 Checklist Complete	Yes
D&B Report Attached	No
Method of Payment (P-card/ACH)	ACH
FOB Delivered	Yes
Expiring Contract Price Limitation	N/A (new contract)
Total Cost Savings (\$/%)	N/A (new contract)

Special Notes: There was one compliant response received due to the specific nature of the products needed. This contract will provide essential food for the fish hatcheries across the state and reduce the time it takes to place an order. Historically, Fish & Game placed orders for commercial fish food after processing two bids each year which delays orders about 42 days annually. The hatcheries produce and distribute 200 tons or more of trout and salmon per year. Without this program it is estimated that the trout and salmon population in New Hampshire waters would be depleted in approximately 3-5 years (credit: <https://www.wildlife.nh.gov/fishing-new-hampshire/fisheries-management-new-hampshire/new-hampshire-fish-hatcheries>).

**FORM NUMBER P-37 (version 2/23/2023)**

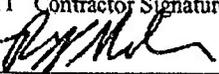
**Notice:** This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

**AGREEMENT**

The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. IDENTIFICATION.**

<b>1.1 State Agency Name</b> Department of Administrative Services Bureau of Purchase and Property		<b>1.2 State Agency Address</b> 25 Capitol Street, Room 102 Concord, NH 03301	
<b>1.3 Contractor Name</b> Moore-Clark USA Inc		<b>1.4 Contractor Address</b> 15 Saunders Way, Suite 500-E Westbrook, ME 04092	
<b>1.5 Contractor Phone Number</b> (207) 591-7077	<b>1.6 Account Unit and Class</b> Various	<b>1.7 Completion Date</b> 11/30/2028	<b>1.8 Price Limitation</b> \$2,864,186.11
<b>1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency</b> Jonah Rosa		<b>1.10 State Agency Telephone Number</b> (603) 271-2550	
<b>1.11 Contractor Signature</b>  Date: <b>OCT 31, 2023</b>		<b>1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory</b> Ron Malnor, Secretary and Treasurer	
<b>1.13 State Agency Signature</b>  Date: <b>11/21/23</b>		<b>1.14 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory</b> Charles M. Arlinghaus, Commissioner	
<b>1.15 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable)</b>  By: _____ Director, On: _____			
<b>1.16 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if applicable)</b>  By: <i>Mary A. Trick</i> On: <b>11/29/23</b>			
<b>1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable)</b>  G&C Item number: _____ G&C Meeting Date: _____			

**2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED.** The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

**3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.**

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.13 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed.

3.3 Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope for Services provided in EXHIBIT B, in whole or in part, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to reduce or terminate the Services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction or termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account or source to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

**5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/ PAYMENT.**

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8. The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance

hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 The State's liability under this Agreement shall be limited to monetary damages not to exceed the total fees paid. The Contractor agrees that it has an adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Agreement by the State and hereby waives any right to specific performance or other equitable remedies against the State.

**6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.**

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws and the Governor's order on Respect and Civility in the Workplace, Executive order 2020-01. In addition, if this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all federal executive orders, rules, regulations and statutes, and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable intellectual property laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, physical or mental disability, religious creed, national origin, gender identity, or gender expression, and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination, unless exempt by state or federal law. The Contractor shall ensure any subcontractors comply with these nondiscrimination requirements.

6.3 No payments or transfers of value by Contractor or its representatives in connection with this Agreement have or shall be made which have the purpose or effect of public or commercial bribery, or acceptance of or acquiescence in extortion, kickbacks, or other unlawful or improper means of obtaining business.

6.4. The Contractor agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with this Agreement and all rules, regulations and orders pertaining to the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**7. PERSONNEL.**

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or any successor, shall be the State's point of contact pertaining to this Agreement.

**8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.**

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

- 8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;
- 8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or
- 8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely cured, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) calendar days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;

8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;

8.2.3 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

8.2.4 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default, treat the Agreement as breached, terminate the Agreement and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

**9. TERMINATION.**

9.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 8, the State may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for any reason, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Contractor that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

9.2 In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall, at the State's discretion, deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. In addition, at the State's discretion, the Contractor shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a transition plan for Services under the Agreement.

**10. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP/DISCLOSURE.**

10.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "Property" shall mean all data, information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

10.2 All data and any Property which has been received from the State, or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

10.3 Disclosure of data, information and other records shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A and/or other applicable law. Disclosure requires prior written approval of the State.

**11. CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

**12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.**

12.1 Contractor shall provide the State written notice at least fifteen (15) calendar days before any proposed assignment, delegation, or other transfer of any interest in this Agreement. No such assignment, delegation, or other transfer shall be effective without the written consent of the State.

12.2 For purposes of paragraph 12, a Change of Control shall constitute assignment. "Change of Control" means (a) merger, consolidation, or a transaction or series of related transactions in which a third party, together with its affiliates, becomes the direct or indirect owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares or similar equity interests, or combined voting power of the Contractor, or (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Contractor.

12.3 None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without prior written notice and consent of the State.

12.4 The State is entitled to copies of all subcontracts and assignment agreements and shall not be bound by any provisions contained in a subcontract or an assignment agreement to which it is not a party.

**13. INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State, its officers, and employees from and against all actions, claims, damages, demands, judgments, fines, liabilities, losses, and other expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of or relating to this Agreement directly or indirectly arising from death, personal injury, property damage, intellectual property infringement, or other claims asserted against the State, its officers, or employees caused by the acts or omissions of negligence, reckless or willful misconduct, or fraud by the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors. The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor arising under this paragraph 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the State's sovereign immunity, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Contractor Initials lm  
Date OCT 31, 23

#### 14. INSURANCE.

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and continuously maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 commercial general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate or excess; and

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all Property subject to subparagraph 10.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the Property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. At the request of the Contracting Officer, or any successor, the Contractor shall provide certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference.

#### 15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("*Workers' Compensation*").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

16. **WAIVER OF BREACH.** A State's failure to enforce its rights with respect to any single or continuing breach of this Agreement shall not act as a waiver of the right of the State to later enforce any such rights or to enforce any other or any subsequent breach.

17. **NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

18. **AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

#### 19. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM.

19.1 This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

19.2 Any actions arising out of this Agreement, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration, but must, instead, be brought and maintained in the Merrimack County Superior Court of New Hampshire which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

20. **CONFLICTING TERMS.** In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and any other portion of this Agreement including any attachments thereto, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

21. **THIRD PARTIES.** This Agreement is being entered into for the sole benefit of the parties hereto, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or will confer any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature upon any other person.

22. **HEADINGS.** The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

23. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional or modifying provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A are incorporated herein by reference.

24. **FURTHER ASSURANCES.** The Contractor, along with its agents and affiliates, shall, at its own cost and expense, execute any additional documents and take such further actions as may be reasonably required to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and give effect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

25. **SEVERABILITY.** In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

26. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

**EXHIBIT A – SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

**There are no special provisions of this contract.**

Contractor Initials **RM**  
Date **OCT 23, 23**

## EXHIBIT B – SCOPE OF SERVICES

### 1. INTRODUCTION:

Moore-Clark USA Inc (hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor”) hereby agrees to provide the State of New Hampshire (hereinafter referred to as the “State”), Department of Administrative Services, with Commercial Fish Food in accordance with the bid submission in response to State Request for Bid 2809-24 and as described herein.

### 2. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

This Contract consists of the following documents (“Contract Documents”):

- a. State of New Hampshire Terms and Conditions, General Provisions Form P-37
- b. EXHIBIT A Special Provisions
- c. EXHIBIT B Scope of Services
- d. EXHIBIT C Method of Payment
- e. EXHIBIT D RFB 2809-24
- f. EXHIBIT E Contractor’s Bid Response

In the event of any conflict among the terms or provisions of the documents listed above, the following order of priority shall indicate which documents control: (1), Form Number P-37 as modified by EXHIBIT A “Special Provisions, (2) EXHIBIT B “Scope of Services,” (3) EXHIBIT C “Method of Payment,” (4) EXHIBIT D “RFB 2809-24,” and (5) EXHIBIT E “Contractor’s Bid Response.”

### 3. TERM OF CONTRACT:

The term of the contract shall commence on December 1, 2023, or upon approval of the Governor and Executive Council, whichever is later, through November 30, 2028, a period of approximately five (5) years.

The Contract may be extended for up to an additional two (2) years thereafter upon the same terms, conditions, and pricing structure with the approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

The maximum term of the Contract (including all extensions) cannot exceed seven (7) years.

### 4. SPECIFICATIONS:

- Contractor shall be HAACP and BAP (Best Aquaculture Practices) certified.
- All fish food is to be packaged in moisture proof containers (heat sealed poly bags only and delivered to New Hampshire facilities without intermediate storage or handling or vendor can use a food grade intermediary warehouse).
- Deliveries may be LTL or full truck load.
- All pelleted fish food is to be extruded.
- No Bovine meat meal or bovine blood meal are to be incorporated in any feed type.
- In starter feeds, a minimum of 65% of the protein for all sinking feeds must be supplied by high quality fishmeal (<67% protein). In grower feeds, the rations may substitute non-ruminant protein sources for fish meal however the final formulation must be microbalanced<sup>tm</sup> to ensure nutritional and performance characteristics are not negatively impacted. Minimum inclusions of fishmeal will vary between species in grower diets due to differences in nutritional requirements for amino acids. Since a number of protein sources can successfully be used to obtain the desirable amino acid balance, feed

companies who do not declare the minimum fishmeal content in grower diets should have daily records of raw material amino acid composition and protein digestibility.

- A minimum 50% of the lipid component for all feed types must be from fish oil. Contaminant concentrations are to be less than maximum levels expressed by the European Union.

<b>Fish Oil:</b> Dioxins and Furans TEQ < 6.0 ng/kg PCBs TEQ < 14.0 ng/kg	<b>Fish Feed:</b> Dioxins and Furans TEQ < 2.25 ng/kg PCBs TEQ < 3.5 ng/kg
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**5. FEED TYPES:**

<p><b><u>Bio-Vita Starter</u></b> Guaranteed analysis: Protein: 53% minimum, or 52% min (respectively) Oil: 18% minimum, or 20% min (respectively) Fiber: 1.5% maximum Moisture: 8.5% maximum Ash: 12% maximum D.E.: 18.5 MJ/Kg Sizes required: 0.5 crumbles (or mash and# 0 crumble), #1, #2 &amp; #3 crumbles. Estimated quarterly use: 11,000 pounds</p>	<p><b><u>Oncor Fry 1.5mm</u></b> Guaranteed analysis: Protein: 47% minimum Oil: 17% minimum Fiber: 3% maximum Moisture: 9% maximum Ash: 12% maximum D.E.: 17.4% MJ/KG Size required: 1.5mm Estimated quarterly use: 2,000 pounds</p>
<p><b><u>Nutra-Olympic Fry</u></b> Guaranteed Analysis: Protein: 50% minimum Oil: 20% minimum Fiber: 1.0% maximum Moisture: 10% maximum Ash: 14% maximum D.E.: 18 MJ/Kg Total Phosphorus: 1.5-1.6% minimum Sizes required: 1.2 mm - 2.5 mm pellet – slow sinking Estimated quarterly use: 50,000 pounds</p>	<p><b><u>Bio-Trout</u></b> Guaranteed Analysis: Protein: 47% minimum for 3.0mm (45% for 4.0mm) Oil: 24% minimum Fiber: 2% maximum Moisture: 8.5% maximum Ash: 7% maximum D.E.: 19 MJ/Kg Total Phosphorus: 1% minimum Sizes required: 3.0 mm &amp; 4.0 mm pellet – slow sinking Estimated quarterly use: 165,000 pounds</p>
<p><b><u>Bio-Brood Diet</u></b> Guaranteed analysis: Protein: 48% minimum Oil: 20% minimum Fiber: 1.0% maximum Moisture: 8.5% maximum Ash: 11% maximum D.E.: 19.5 MJ/Kg Total Phosphorus: 1.5% actual Pigment: 60ppmA Size required: 6.0 mm pellet – slow sinking Estimated quarterly use: 8,000 pounds</p>	<p><b><u>BioDry 1000LP</u></b> Guaranteed Analysis: Protein: 50% minimum Oil: 18% minimum Fiber: 1.0% maximum Moisture: 10% maximum Ash: 8% maximum D.E.: 18.4 MJ/Kg Total Phosphorus: 0.9% maximum Sizes required: 3.0 mm &amp; 4.0 mm pellet-slow sinking Estimated quarterly use: 90,000 pounds</p>

<p><b><u>Oncor Fry 2.5mm</u></b>  Guaranteed analysis:  Protein: 46% minimum  Oil: 18% minimum  Fiber: 3% maximum  Moisture: 9% maximum  Ash: 12% maximum  D.E.: 17.4% MJ/KG  Size required: 2.5mm  Estimated quarterly use: 6,000 pounds</p>	<p><b><u>Oncor Floating Grower Diet for trout</u></b>  Guaranteed analysis:  Protein: 45% minimum 3.0 mm (44% for 4.0 mm)  Oil: 19% minimum 3.0 mm (20% for 4.0 mm)  Fiber: 2.0% maximum  Moisture: 8.5% maximum  Ash: 11% maximum  D.E.: 17.5 MJ/Kg  Total Phosphorus: 0.8% minimum.  Pigment: 40ppm Asta  Sizes required: 3.5 mm and 4.5 mm.  Estimated quarterly use: 16,000 pounds</p>
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**6. DELIVERY:**

The Contractor shall be required to accomplish delivery of any item ordered under the contract within fourteen (14) calendar days or sooner from the placement of the order. The use of a private carrier to make delivery **does not** relieve the Contractor from the responsibility of meeting the delivery requirement.

Orders will be truckload or LTL to the following destinations:

- Powder Mill Hatchery – 288 Merrymeeting Road, New Durham, NH 03855
- Berlin Hatchery – 3783 York Pond Road, Berlin, NH 03570
- Milford Hatchery – 386 North River Road, Milford, NH 03055
- New Hampton Hatchery – 204 Main Street, New Hampton, NH 03256
- Warren Hatchery – 23 Fish Hatchery Road, Warren, NH 03279
- Nashua National Fish Hatchery – 151 Broad Street, Nashua, NH 03063

**7. RETURNED GOODS:**

The Contractor shall resolve all order and invoice discrepancies within five (5) business days from notification. Products returned due to quality issues, duplicate shipments, over-shipments, etc. shall be picked up by the Contractor within ten (10) business days of notification with no restocking or freight charges and shall be replaced with specified products or the agency shall be refunded/credited for the full purchase price. Unauthorized substitutions for any products are not allowed.

Standard stock products ordered in error by the State of New Hampshire shall be returned for full credit within fifteen (15) business days of receipt. Products shall be in re-saleable condition (original container, unused) and there shall be no restocking fee charged for these products. The using agency shall be responsible for any freight charges to return these items to the Contractor.

**8. MINIMUM ORDER:**

There is no minimum order required under this contract.

**9. BALANCE OF PRODUCT LINE ITEMS:**

During the term of contract, the State may purchase other items that relate to the product/categories represented herein from the Contractor's Balance of Product Line. All items ordered shall include all shipping/charges as specified herein.

## **10. USAGE REPORTING:**

The Contractor shall submit a quarterly and annual usage report for analysis for each state agency or eligible participant. Reports are due no later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter to Jonah Rosa at the Bureau of Purchase and Property and sent electronic to [Jonah.L.Rosa@DAS.NH.Gov](mailto:Jonah.L.Rosa@DAS.NH.Gov). At a minimum, the Report shall include:

- Contract Number
- Utilizing Agency and Eligible Participant
- Services/Products Purchased (showing the manufacturer, item, part number, and the final cost.)
- Recycling documentation with respect to content used in the manufacture, development and distribution process of goods and services sold. This report shall include but not be limited to:
  - Percentage of recycled materials contained within finished products
  - Percentage of waste recycled throughout the manufacturing process
  - Types and volume of packaging used for transport
  - Any associated material avoided and/or recycled as applicable under contract
  - A standardized reporting form will be provided after contract award
- Total Cost of all Services/Products Purchased. Ability to sort by agency/eligible participant.
- In Excel format

## **11. OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR:**

The Contractor shall provide all commercial fish food strictly pursuant to, and in conformity with, the specifications described in State RFB #2809-24, as described herein, and under the terms of this Contract.

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to maintain this contract and New Hampshire Vendor Registration with up to date contact information.

Contract specific contact information (Sales contact, Contractor contract manager, etc.) shall be sent to the State's Contracting Office listed in Box 1.9 of Form P-37.

Additionally, all updates i.e., telephone numbers, contact names, email addresses, W9, tax identification numbers are required to be current through a formal electronic submission to the Bureau of Purchase and Property at: [https://das.nh.gov/purchasing/vendorregistration/\(S\(q0fzcv55qhaeqs45jpyq5i45\)\)/welcome.aspx](https://das.nh.gov/purchasing/vendorregistration/(S(q0fzcv55qhaeqs45jpyq5i45))/welcome.aspx).

The Contractor shall agree to hold the State of NH harmless from liability arising out of injuries or damage caused while performing this work. The Contractor shall agree that any damage to building(s), materials, equipment or other property during the performance of the service shall be repaired at its own expense, to the State's satisfaction.

## **12. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS :**

The Contractor certifies, by signature of this contract, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal Department or Agency.

## **13. CONFIDENTIALITY & CRIMINAL RECORD:**

If requested by the using agency, the Contractor and its employees, and Sub-Contractors (if any), shall be required to sign and submit a Confidential Nature of Department Records Form and a Criminal Authorization Records Form. These forms shall be submitted to the individual using agency prior to the start of any work.

**14. TERMINATION:**

The State of New Hampshire shall have the right to terminate the contract at any time with a thirty (30) day written notice to the successful Vendor.

## EXHIBIT C - METHOD OF PAYMENT

### 1. CONTRACT PRICE:

The Contractor hereby agrees to provide Commercial Fish Food in complete compliance with the terms and conditions specified in Exhibit B for an amount up to and not to exceed a price of \$2,864,186.11; this figure shall not be considered a guaranteed or minimum figure; however, it shall be considered a maximum figure from the effective date through the expiration date as indicated in Form P-37 Block 1.7.

### 2. PRICING STRUCTURE:

Item Description	Item Number	Unit Cost
BioVita Starter Mash 10kg	11718755	\$2.52
BioVita Starter #0 20kg	11701625	\$2.52
BioVita Starter #1 20kg	11718745	\$2.52
BioVita Starter #2 20kg	11701655	\$2.52
Nutra Olympic 1.2mm 20kg (fry)	12805615	\$1.50
Nutra Olympic 1.5mm 20kg (fry)	12778475	\$1.50
Nutra Olympic 2.5mm 20Kg (fry)	13525745	\$1.50
Nutra Olympic 2mm 20kg (fry)	12778485	\$1.50
BioDry 1000LP 3mm 20kg US (low phos.)	11700725	\$2.39
BioTrout 3mm 20kg (grower)	11701015	\$1.14
BioTrout 40A 4mm 20kg (grower)	11701045	\$1.13
BioTrout 40A 6mm 20kg (grower)	11701075	\$1.04
BioBrood 60A 4mm 20kg	11700355	\$1.79
BioBrood 60A 6mm 20kg	11700375	\$1.79
Oncor Fry 1.5mm 40lb (floating)	11705165	\$1.01
Oncor Fry 2.5mm 40lb (floating)	11705175	\$1.01
Oncor 40 3.5mm 40lb (floating)	11704815	\$1.01
Oncor 80 4.5mm 40lb (floating)	11705025	\$1.01

### 3. PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:

On the anniversary date of this contract and annually thereafter, the Contractor may request price adjustment, either upward or downward, keyed to the industry changes or general trade. Written notice of an impending price increase, including substantiation for it, must be submitted in writing to Bureau of Purchase & Property, 25 Capitol Street, Rm. 102, Concord, NH 03301, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of said price increase. The State reserves the right to reject any price increases it deems unreasonable. If parties to the contract cannot agree on renewal terms, it is hereby understood that the contract will be rebid.

Documentation of the increase levied on the Contractor must accompany the request to support the amount of the requested increase. The total requested price increase shall not exceed 5%.

### 4. INVOICE:

Contractor shall be paid within 30 days after receipt of properly documented invoice and acceptance of the product to the State's satisfaction.

The invoice shall be sent to the address of the using agency under agreement.

**5. PAYMENT:**

Payments may be made via ACH or P-Card. Use the following link to enroll with the State Treasury for ACH payments: <https://www.nh.gov/treasury>.

Contractor Initials MM  
Date 06/17/23

**EXHIBIT D – RFB 2809-24**

RFB #2809-24 is incorporated here within.

Contractor Initials RM  
Date OCT 31, 23

**EXHIBIT E – CONTRACTOR'S BID SUBMISSION**

Contractor's bid is incorporated here within

Contractor Initials RM  
Date OCT 31, 23

# State of New Hampshire

## Department of State

### CERTIFICATE

I, David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that MOORE-CLARK USA INC is a Delaware Profit Corporation registered to transact business in New Hampshire on September 18, 2023. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: **941130**

Certificate Number : **0006327542**



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed  
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,  
this **18th** day of **September** A.D. **2023**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Scanlan", is written over a faint circular stamp.

David M. Scanlan  
Secretary of State

**Certificate of Authority # 2**

*(Corporation, Non-Profit Corporation)*

**Corporate Bylaws**

I, Trevor Stanley, hereby certify that I am duly elected Clerk/Secretary/Officer of  
*(Name)*

Moore-Clark USA Inc. I hereby certify the following is a true copy of the

current Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation and that the Bylaws or

Articles of Incorporation authorize the following officers or positions to bind the

Corporation for contractual obligations: Trevor Stanley-President, Joost van den Brink -  
Vice President, Ron Malnor-Secretary and Treasurer, Cheryl Papa – Assistant Secretary

I further certify that the following individuals currently hold the office or positions  
authorized: Ron Malnor – Secretary and Treasurer.

I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this  
certificate as evidence that the person listed above currently occupies the position indicated  
and that they have full authority to bind the corporation. This authority shall remain valid  
for thirty (30) days from the date of this certificate.

DATED: October 10, 2023

ATTEST:



(Name & Title)

TREVOR STANLEY  
PRESIDENT



# EVIDENCE OF PROPERTY INSURANCE

DATE (MMDDYYYY)  
10/02/2023

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AGENCY Aon Risk Services Central, Inc. Indianapolis IN Office 450 East 96th Street Suite 275 Indianapolis IN 46240 USA		PHONE (A/C, NO, Ext): (866) 283-7122	COMPANY XL Insurance America Inc	
FAX (A/C No): (800) 363-0105	E-MAIL ADDRESS:			
CODE:	SUB CODE:			
AGENCY CUSTOMER ID #: 570000093555		LOAN NUMBER		POLICY NUMBER US00010672PR23A
INSURED Moore-Clark USA Inc DBA Bio-Oregon 1140 Industrial way Longview WA 98632 USA		EFFECTIVE DATE 01/01/2023	EXPIRATION DATE 01/01/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUED UNTIL TERMINATED IF CHECKED
THIS REPLACES PRIOR EVIDENCE DATED:				

Holder Identifier: 570102029658  
Certificate No: 570102029658

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

LOCATION/DESCRIPTION

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COVERAGE INFORMATION	PERILS INSURED	BASIC	BROAD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE	DEDUCTIBLE
Commercial Property Coverage	Loss Limit Extra Expense				\$ 139,540,616 \$ 5,608,273	\$ 1,000

REMARKS (Including Special Conditions)

CANCELLATION  
SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

NAME AND ADDRESS State of New Hampshire Department of Administrative Services Bureau of Purchasing and Property 25 Capitol Street, RM 102 Concord NH 03301 USA	ADDITIONAL INSURED	LENDER'S LOSS PAYABLE	<input type="checkbox"/> LOSS PAYEE
	MORTGAGEE		
	LOAN #		
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE <i>Aon Risk Services Central, Inc.</i>			



# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

11/01/2023

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<b>PRODUCER</b> PAYCHEX INSURANCE AGENCY INC 76210705 225 KENNETH DR STE 110 ROCHESTER NY 14623	<b>CONTACT NAME:</b>	
	<b>PHONE</b> (877) 266-6850 (A/C, No, Ext):	<b>FAX</b> (A/C, No):
	<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b>	
	<b>INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE</b>	
<b>INSURER A:</b> Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company		<b>NAIC#</b> 22357
<b>INSURED</b> MOORE-CLARK USA INC 15 SAUNDERS WAY STE 500 WESTBROOK ME 04092-4833	<b>INSURER B:</b>	
	<b>INSURER C:</b>	
	<b>INSURER D:</b>	
	<b>INSURER E:</b>	
	<b>INSURER F:</b>	

**COVERAGES****CERTIFICATE NUMBER:****REVISION NUMBER:**

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	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS						COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) BODILY INJURY (Per person) BODILY INJURY (Per accident) PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)
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A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below			76 WEG DE7127	05/12/2023	05/12/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE -EA EMPLOYEE \$1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Those usual to the Insured's Operations.

**CERTIFICATE HOLDER**

State of New Hampshire  
 Department of Administrative Services  
 Bureau of Purchasing and Property  
 25 CAPITOL ST RM 102  
 CONCORD NH 03301

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

*Susan S. Castaneda*

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	<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b>		
<b>INSURED</b> Moore-Clark USA Inc DBA Bio-Oregon 1140 Industrial way Longview WA 98632 USA	<b>INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE</b>		<b>NAIC #</b>
	INSURER A: XL Insurance America Inc		24554
	INSURER B:		
	INSURER C:		
	INSURER D:		
	INSURER E:		

Holder Identifier :

**COVERAGES**      **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** 570102029655      **REVISION NUMBER:**

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Limits shown are as requested

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							DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence)	\$100,000
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							PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	\$5,000,000
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							PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	\$5,000,000
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Moore--Clark USA Inc.  
DBA Bio-Oregon

Date: 23 AUG 2023

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
15 Saunders Way, Ste. 500-E  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Wesbrook, ME 04092  
\_\_\_\_\_

To: Point of Contact: **Jonah Rosa**  
Telephone: **(603)-271-2550**  
Email: **NH.Purchasing@dps.nh.gov**

RE: Bid Invitation Name: **Commercial Fish Food**  
Bid Number: **2809-24**  
Bid Posted Date (on or by): **8/17/2023**  
Bid Closing Date and Time: **8/31/2023 @ 1:30 PM (EST)**  
Dear **Mr. Rosa**,

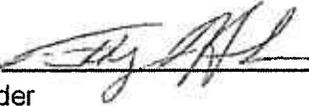
**Moore--Clark USA Inc.**  
**DBA Bio-Oregon**

[Insert name of signor] **Timothy Harder**, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ [insert name of entity submitting bid (collectively referred to as "Vendor")] hereby submits an offer as contained in the written bid submitted herewith ("Bid") to the State of New Hampshire in response to BID # 2809-24 for Commercial Fish Food at the price(s) quoted herein in complete accordance with the bid.

Vendor attests to the fact that:

1. The Vendor has reviewed and agreed to be bound by the Bid.
2. The Vendor has not altered any of the language or other provisions contained in the Bid document.
3. The Bid is effective for a period of 180 days from the Bid Closing date as indicated above.
4. The prices Vendor has quoted in the Bid were established without collusion with other vendors.
5. The Vendor has read and fully understands this Bid.
6. Further, in accordance with RSA 21-I:11-c, the undersigned Vendor certifies that neither the Vendor nor any of its subsidiaries, affiliates or principal officers (principal officers refers to individuals with management responsibility for the entity or association):
  - a. Has, within the past 2 years, been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, a violation of RSA 356:2, RSA 356:4, or any state or federal law or county or municipal ordinance prohibiting specified bidding practices, or involving antitrust violations, which has not been annulled;
  - b. Has been prohibited, either permanently or temporarily, from participating in any public works project pursuant to RSA 638:20;
  - c. Has previously provided false, deceptive, or fraudulent information on a vendor code number application form, or any other document submitted to the state of New Hampshire, which information was not corrected as of the time of the filing a bid, proposal, or quotation;
  - d. Is currently debarred from performing work on any project of the federal government or the government of any state;
  - e. Has, within the past 2 years, failed to cure a default on any contract with the federal government or the government of any state;
  - f. Is presently subject to any order of the department of labor, the department of employment security, or any other state department, agency, board, or commission, finding that the applicant is not in compliance with the requirements of the laws or rules that the department, agency, board, or commission is charged with implementing;
  - g. Is presently subject to any sanction or penalty finally issued by the department of labor, the department of employment security, or any other state department, agency, board, or commission, which sanction or penalty has not been fully discharged or fulfilled;
  - h. Is currently serving a sentence or is subject to a continuing or unfulfilled penalty for any crime or violation noted in this section;
  - i. Has failed or neglected to advise the division of any conviction, plea of guilty, or finding relative to any crime or violation noted in this section, or of any debarment, within 30 days of such conviction, plea, finding, or debarment; or
  - j. Has been placed on the debarred parties list described in RSA 21-I:11-c within the past year.

This document shall be signed by a person who is authorized to legally obligate the responding vendor. A signature on this document indicates that all State of New Hampshire terms and conditions are accepted by the responding vendor and that any and all other terms and conditions submitted by the responding vendor are null and void, even if such terms and conditions have terminology to the contrary. The responding vendor shall also be subject to State of New Hampshire terms and conditions as stated on the reverse of the purchase order.

Authorized Signor's Signature:  Authorized Signor's Title: Key Account Manager  
Print Name: Timothy Harder

**REQUEST FOR BID FOR COMMERCIAL FISH FOOD  
FOR THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this bid invitation is to establish a contract for supply and delivery of commercial fish food to the State of New Hampshire with product list and requirements indicated in the SCOPE OF WORK and OFFER sections of this bid invitation, in accordance with the requirements of this bid invitation and any resulting contract.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDOR:**

Read the entire bid invitation prior to filling it out. Complete the pricing information in the "Offer" section (detailed information on how to fill out the pricing information can be found in the "Offer" section); complete the "Vendor Contact Information" section; and finally, fill out, sign, and notarize page one of the bid invitation.

**BID SUBMITTAL:**

All bids shall be submitted on this form (or an exact copy), shall be typed or clearly printed in ink, and shall be received on or before the date and time specified on page 1 of this bid under "Bid Closing". Interested parties may submit a bid to the State of New Hampshire Bureau of Purchase and Property by email to [NH.Purchasing@DAS.NH.Gov](mailto:NH.Purchasing@DAS.NH.Gov). All bids shall be clearly marked with bid number, date due and purchasing agent's name.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES EMAILING YOUR BID OR YOU WISH TO VERIFY THAT YOUR BID RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED, PLEASE CALL (603) 271-2201.

**BID INQUIRIES:**

Any questions, clarifications, and/or requested changes shall be submitted by an individual authorized to commit their organization to the Terms and Conditions of this bid and shall be received in writing at the Bureau of Purchase and Property no later than 4:00 PM on the date listed in the timeline below. Questions shall not be submitted to anyone other than the Purchasing Agent or his/her representative. Bidders that submit questions verbally or in writing to any other State entity or State personnel shall be found in violation of this part and may be found non-compliant.

Questions shall be submitted by email to Jonah Rosa at [Jonah.L.Rosa@DAS.NH.Gov](mailto:Jonah.L.Rosa@DAS.NH.Gov).

Submissions shall clearly identify the bid Number, the Vendor's name and address and the name of the person submitting the question.

**BID DUE DATE:**

All bid submissions shall be received at the Bureau of Purchase and Property no later than the date and time shown on the transmittal letter of this bid. Submissions received after the date and time specified shall be marked as "Late" and shall not be considered in the evaluation process.

All offers shall remain valid for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days from the bid due date. A vendor's disclosure or distribution of bids other than to DAS, Bureau of Purchase and Property may be grounds for disqualification.

**ADDENDA:**

In the event it becomes necessary to add to or revise any part of this bid prior to the scheduled submittal date, the NH Bureau of Purchase and Property shall post on our web site any Addenda. Before your submission and periodically prior to the RFB closing, Vendors are required to check the site for any addenda or other materials that may have been issued affecting the bid. The web site address is:  
<https://apps.das.nh.gov/bidscontracts/bids.aspx>.

**TIMELINE:**

The timeline below is provided as a general guideline and is subject to change. Unless stated otherwise, consider the dates below a "no later than" date.

08/17/2023	Bid Solicitation distributed on or by
08/28/2023	Last day for questions, clarifications, and/or requested changes to bid
08/31/2023	1:30 PM (EST) Bid Closing
12/01/2023	Implementation of Contract

**TERMS OF SUBMISSION:**

All material received in response to this bid shall become the property of the State and shall not be returned to the Vendor. Regardless of the Vendors selected, the State reserves the right to use any information presented in a bid response. The content of each Vendor's bid shall become public information once a contract(s) has been awarded.

A responding bid that has been completed and signed by your representative shall constitute your company's acceptance of all State of New Hampshire terms and conditions and shall legally obligate your company to these terms and conditions.

A signed response further signifies that from the time the bid is published (bid solicitation date and time) until a contract is awarded, no bidder shall offer or give, directly or indirectly, any gift, expense reimbursement, or honorarium, as defined by RSA 15-B, to any elected official, public official, public employee, constitutional official, or family member of any such official or employee who shall select, evaluate, or award the RFB.

Furthermore, a signed response signifies that any terms and/or conditions that may be or have been submitted by the Vendor are specifically null and void and are not a part of this bid invitation or any awarded purchase order, even if said terms and/or conditions contain language to the contrary.

The form P-37 Contract attached hereto shall be part of this bid and the basis for the contract(s). The successful Vendor and the State, following notification, shall promptly execute this contract form, which is to be completed by incorporating the service requirements and price conditions established by the vendor's offer.

CHAPTER ADM 600 PROCUREMENT AND PROPERTY RULES APPLY TO AND ARE MADE A PART HEREOF.

Complete bids shall be filled out on the original documents and format that are a part of this bid invitation. Vendors may submit additional paperwork with pricing, but all pricing shall be on the documents provided with this bid invitation and in the State's format.

**CONTRACT TERM:**

The term of the contract shall commence December 1, 2023, or upon execution by the Governor and Executive Council, whichever is later (the "effective date") and shall continue thereafter for a period of five (5) years.

The contract may be extended for up to an additional two (2) years thereafter under the same terms, conditions and pricing structure upon the mutual agreement between the successful Vendor and the State with the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services.

**CONTRACT AWARD:**

The award shall be made to the Vendor(s) meeting the criteria established in this RFB and providing the lowest cost in total. The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof and add/delete items/locations to the contract. All award(s) shall be, in the form of a State of New Hampshire Contract(s).

Successful Vendor shall not be allowed to require any other type of order, nor shall the successful Vendor be allowed to require the filling out or signing of any other document by State of New Hampshire personnel.

**NOTIFICATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT(S):**

Bid results shall not be given by telephone. For Vendors wishing to attend the bid closing, the names of the vendors submitting responses and pricing shall be made public. Other specific response information shall not be given out. Bid results shall be made public after final approval of the contract(s).

Bid results may also be viewed on our website at <https://apps.das.nh.gov/bidscontracts/bids.aspx>.

For Vendors wishing to attend the bid closing: **Names of the Vendors submitting responses and pricing shall be made public. In lieu of in person public bid openings the State shall conduct openings via electronic means until further notice.**

**LIABILITY:**

The State shall not be held liable for any costs incurred by Vendors in the preparation of bids or for work performed prior to contract issuance.

**PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF BID OR PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS:**

Generally, the full contents of any proposal (including all materials submitted in connection with it, such as attachments, exhibits, addenda, and vendor presentations) become public information upon completion of final contract or purchase order negotiations with the selected vendor. Certain information concerning proposals, including but not limited to scoring, is generally available to the public even before this time, in accordance with the provisions of NH RSA 21-G:37.

Confidential, commercial or financial information may be exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A:5, IV. Any and all information contained in or connected to a bid or proposal that a Bidder considers confidential shall be clearly designated in the following manner:

If the Bidder considers any portion of a submission confidential, they shall provide a separate copy of the full and complete document, fully redacting those portions by blacking them out and shall note on the applicable page or pages of the document that the redacted portion or portions are "confidential." Use of any other term or method, such as stating that a document or portion thereof is "proprietary", "not for public use", or "for client's use only", is not acceptable. In addition to providing an additional fully redacted copy of the bid submission to the person listed as the point of contact on Page one (1) of this document, the identified information considered to be confidential must be accompanied by a separate letter stating the rationale for each item designated as confidential. In other words, the letter must specifically state why and under what legal authority each redaction has been made. Submissions which do not conform to these instructions by failing to include a redacted copy (if required), by failing to include a letter specifying the rationale for each redaction, by failing to designate redactions in the manner required by these instructions, or by including redactions which are contrary to these instructions or operative law may be rejected by the State as not conforming to the requirements of the bid or proposal. Marking or designating an entire proposal, attachment or section as confidential shall neither be accepted nor honored by the State. Marking an entire bid, proposal, attachment or full sections thereof confidential without taking into consideration the public's right to know shall neither be accepted nor honored by the State.

Notwithstanding any provision of this request for submission to the contrary, proposed pricing shall be subject to public disclosure REGARDLESS of whether or not marked as confidential.

If a request is made to the State by any person or entity to view or receive copies of any portion of a proposal, the State will assess what information it believes is subject to release; notify the Bidder that the request has been made; indicate what, if any, portions of the proposal or related material shall be released; and notify the Bidder of the date it plans to release the materials. To halt the release of information by the State, a Bidder must initiate and provide to the State, prior to the date specified in the notice, a court action in the Superior Court of the State of New Hampshire, at its sole expense, seeking to enjoin the release of the requested information.

By submitting a proposal, Bidders acknowledge and agree that:

- The State may disclose any and all portions of the proposal or related materials which are not marked as confidential and/or which have not been specifically explained in the letter to the person identified as the point of contact for this RFP;
- The State is not obligated to comply with a Bidder's designations regarding confidentiality and must conduct an independent analysis to assess the confidentiality of the information submitted in your proposal; and
- The State may, unless otherwise prohibited by court order, release the information on the date specified in the notice described above without any liability to a Bidder.

**TERMINATION:**

The State of New Hampshire shall have the right to terminate the contract at any time with a thirty (30) day written notice to the successful Vendor.

**VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS:**

- **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE VENDOR APPLICATION:** To be eligible for a contract award, a Vendor must have a completed Vendor Application Package on file with the NH Bureau of Purchase and Property. See the following website for information on obtaining and filing the required forms (no fee): <https://DAS.NH.Gov/Purchasing>.

- **NEW HAMPSHIRE SECRETARY OF STATE REGISTRATION:** To be eligible for a contract award, a Vendor that is a corporation, limited liability company, or other limited liability business entity (this excludes sole proprietors and general partnerships) must be registered to conduct business in the State of New Hampshire **AND** in good standing with the NH Secretary of State. Please visit the following website to find out more about the requirements for registration with the NH Secretary of State: <https://sos.nh.gov/corporation-division/>.
- **CONFIDENTIALITY & CRIMINAL RECORD:** If Applicable, any employee or approved subcontractor of the Vendor who will be accessing or working with records of the State of New Hampshire shall be required to sign a Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement and a Release of Criminal Record Authorization Form. These forms shall be returned to the designated State agency prior to commencing any work.
- **CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE:** Prior to being awarded a contract the Vendor shall be required to submit proof of comprehensive general liability insurance coverage prior to performing any services for the State. The coverage shall insure against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate. Coverage shall also include State of New Hampshire workers' compensation insurance to the extent required by RSA Chapter 281-A.

**BID PRICES:**

Bid prices shall remain firm for one year and may be adjusted on the anniversary date of this contract and annually thereafter. Bid prices shall be in US dollars and shall include delivery and all other costs required by this bid invitation. Special charges, surcharges (including credit card transaction fees), or fuel charges of any kind (by whatever name) may not be added on at any time. Any and all charges shall be built into your bid price at the time of the bid. Unless otherwise specified, prices shall be F.O.B. DESTINATION, (included in the price bid), which means delivered to a state agency's receiving dock or other designated point as specified in this contract or subsequent purchase orders without additional charge. Shipments shall be made in order to arrive at the destination at a satisfactory time for unloading during receiving hours.

Per Administrative Rule 606.01(e) "if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the extension price in a response to an RFP, RFB or RFQ, the unit price shall be binding upon the vendor".

Price decreases shall become effective immediately as they become effective to the general trade.

Updated published price list MUST be e-mailed to Jonah Rosa at [Jonah.L.Rosa@DAS.NH.Gov](mailto:Jonah.L.Rosa@DAS.NH.Gov).

**PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:**

On the anniversary date of this contract and annually thereafter, the successful Vendor(s) may request price adjustment, either upward or downward, keyed to the industry changes or general trade. Written notice of an impending price increase, including substantiation for it, must be submitted in writing to Bureau of Purchase & Property, 25 Capitol Street, Rm. 102, Concord, NH 03301, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of said price increase. The State reserves the right to reject any price increases it deems unreasonable. If parties to the contract cannot agree on renewal terms, it is hereby understood that the contract will be rebid.

Documentation of the increase levied on the awarded Vendor must accompany the request to support the amount of the requested increase. The total requested price increase shall not exceed 5%.

**AUDITS AND ACCOUNTING:**

The successful Vendor shall allow representatives of the State of New Hampshire to have complete access to all records for the purpose of determining compliance with the terms and conditions of this bid invitation and in determining the award and for monitoring any resulting contract.

At intervals during the contract term, and prior to the termination of the contract, the successful Vendor may be required to provide a complete and accurate accounting of all products and quantities ordered by each agency and institution and by political sub-divisions and authorized non-profit organizations.

**ESTIMATED USAGE:**

The quantities indicated in the offer section of this bid invitation are an estimate only for the State of New Hampshire's annual requirements. These quantities are indicated for informational purposes only and shall not be considered minimum or guaranteed quantities, nor shall they be considered maximum quantities. These quantities **do not** include any eligible participant usage.

**USAGE REPORTING:**

The successful Vendor shall be required to submit a quarterly and annual usage report for analysis for each state agency or eligible participant. Reports are due no later than 30 days after each end of each calendar quarter to Jonah Rosa at The Bureau of Procurement & Support Services and sent electronic to [Jonah.L.Rosa@DAS.NH.Gov](mailto:Jonah.L.Rosa@DAS.NH.Gov). At a minimum, the Report shall include:

- Contract Number
- Utilizing Agency and Eligible Participant
- Services/Products Purchased (showing the manufacturer, item, part number, and the final cost.)
- Recycling documentation with respect to content used in the manufacture, development and distribution process of goods and services sold. This report shall include but not be limited to:
  - Percentage of recycled materials contained within finished products
  - Percentage of waste recycled throughout the manufacturing process
  - Types and volume of packaging used for transport
  - Any associated material avoided and/or recycled as applicable under contract
  - A standardized reporting form will be provided after contract award
- Total Cost of all Services/Products Purchased. Ability to sort by agency/eligible participant.
- In Excel format

**ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNTS:**

Each State of New Hampshire agency shall have its own individual customer account number. There may also be instances where divisions or bureaus within an agency will need their own individual customer account numbers. Should any State of New Hampshire agency place an order under the contract, the successful Vendor agrees to establish an account within three business days from the date the order is placed. However, there shall be no delay in any shipment; the agency shall receive the items ordered in accordance with the delivery time required under this bid invitation, as if an account already exists for the agency.

**ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:**

Political sub-divisions (counties, cities, towns, school districts, special district or precinct, or any other governmental organization), or any nonprofit agency under the provisions of section 501c of the federal internal revenue code, are eligible to participate under this contract whenever said sub-division or nonprofit agency so desires. These entities are autonomous and may participate at their sole discretion. In doing so, they are entitled to the prices established under the contract. However, they are solely responsible for their association with the successful Vendor. The State of New Hampshire assumes no liability between the successful Vendor and any of these entities.

**PAYMENT:**

Payments shall be made via ACH or Procurement Card (P-card = Credit Card) unless otherwise specified by the state of New Hampshire. Use the following link to enroll with the State Treasury for ACH payments: <https://www.nh.gov/treasury/state-vendors/index.htm>. Eligible participants shall negotiate their own payment methods with the successful Vendor.

**INVOICING:**

Invoices shall be submitted to the corresponding State agency after completion of work/acceptance of delivery.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT:**

Payment shall be made in full within thirty (30) days after receipt of the invoice and acceptance of the corresponding goods and/or services to the State's satisfaction.

**VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY:**

The successful Vendor shall be solely responsible for meeting all terms and conditions specified in the bid, and any resulting contract.

All State of New Hampshire bid invitations and addenda to such bid invitations are advertised on our website at: <https://apps.das.nh.gov/bidscontracts/bids.aspx>.

It is a prospective Vendor's responsibility to access our website to determine any bid invitation under which the Vendor desires to participate. It is also the Vendor's responsibility to access our website for any posted addenda. The website is updated several times per day; it is the responsibility of the prospective Vendor to access the website frequently to ensure that no bidding opportunity or addendum is overlooked. It is the prospective Vendor's responsibility to forward a signed copy of any addendum requiring the Vendor's signature to the Bureau of Purchase and Property with the bid response.

In preparation of a bid response, the prospective Vendor shall:

- Provide pricing information as indicated in the "Offer" section; and
- Provide all other information required for the bid response (if applicable); and
- Complete the "Vendor Contact Information" section; and
- Complete the company information on the "Transmittal Letter" page, and sign under penalty of unsworn falsification in the space provided on that page.

It is the responsibility of the Vendor to maintain this any awarded contract and New Hampshire Vendor Registration with up to date contact information.

Contract specific contact information (Sales contact, Contractor contract manager, etc.) shall be sent to the State's Contracting Office listed in Box 1.9 of Form P-37. Additionally, all updates i.e., telephone numbers, contact names, email addresses, W9, tax identification numbers are required to be current through a formal electronic submission to the Bureau of Purchase and Property at: <https://www.das.nh.gov/purchasing/vendorresources.aspx>.

**IF AWARDED A CONTRACT:**

The successful Vendor shall complete the following sections of the attached Agreement State of New Hampshire Form #P-37:

- Section 1.3 Contractor Name
- Section 1.4 Contractor Address
- Section 1.11 Contractor Signature
- Section 1.12 Name & Title of Contractor Signatory (if Vendor is not a sole proprietor)

- Provide certificate of insurance indicating the coverage amounts required by Section 14 of the Form Number P-37.
- Provide proof of sufficient workers' compensation insurance coverage or evidence of exemption from RSA Chapter 81-A.
- If the successful Vendor is a corporation, limited liability company, or other limited liability business entity, then provide a certificate of good standing issued by the NH Secretary of State or, for a newly incorporated, formed, or registered entity, a copy of the appropriate registration document certified by the NH Secretary of State.

**SPECIFICATION COMPLIANCE:**

Vendor's offer shall meet or exceed the required specifications as written. The State of New Hampshire shall be the sole determining factor of what meets or exceeds the required specifications.

Unless otherwise specified by the Bureau of Purchase and Property in this bid invitation document, all items offered by the Vendor shall be new (and of the current model year, if applicable); shall not be used, rebuilt, refurbished; shall not have been used as demonstration equipment, and shall not have been placed anywhere for evaluation purposes.

The manufacturer(s) and/or model(s) indicated in this bid are equivalent to the type and quality required. You may bid different make(s) and model(s); however, your offer shall match or exceed the one(s) indicated and you shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the purchasing Agency that they meet or exceed the minimum standards. Items that do not meet the minimum standards shall not be accepted. Product literature and specifications may be enclosed.

1. Vender shall be HAACP and BAP (Best Aquaculture Practices) certified.
2. All fish food is to be packaged in moisture proof containers (heat sealed poly bags only and delivered to New Hampshire facilities without intermediate storage or handling or vendor can use a food grade intermediary warehouse).
3. Deliveries may be LTL or full truck load.
4. All pelleted fish food is to be extruded.
5. ~~No Bovine meat meal or bovine blood meal~~ are to be incorporated in any feed type.
6. In starter feeds, a minimum of 65% of the protein for all sinking feeds must be supplied by high quality fishmeal (<67% protein). In grower feeds, the rations may substitute non-ruminant protein sources for fish meal however the final formulation must be microbalanced<sup>™</sup> to ensure nutritional and performance characteristics are not negatively impacted. Minimum inclusions of fishmeal will vary between species in grower diets due to differences in nutritional requirements for amino acids. Since a number of protein sources can successfully be used to obtain the desirable amino acid balance, feed

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companies who do not declare the minimum fishmeal content in grower diets should have daily records of raw material amino acid composition and protein digestibility.

7. A minimum 50% of the lipid component for all feed types must be from fish oil. Contaminant concentrations are to be less than maximum levels expressed by the European Union.

Fish Oil:	
Dioxins and Furans TEQ	< 6.0 ng/kg
PCBs TEQ	< 14.0 ng/kg
Fish Feed:	
Dioxins and Furans TEQ	< 2.25 ng/kg
PCBs TEQ	< 3.5 ng/kg

**FEED TYPES:**

<p><b>Bio-Vita Starter</b>            Guaranteed analysis:            Protein: 53% minimum, or 52% min (respectively)            Oil: 18% minimum, or 20% min (respectively)            Fiber: 1.5% maximum            Moisture: 8.5% maximum            Ash: 12% maximum            D.E.: 18.5 MJ/Kg            Sizes required: 0.5 crumbles (or mash and# 0 crumble), #1, #2 &amp; #3 crumbles.            Estimated quarterly use: 11,000 pounds</p>	<p><b>Oncor Fry 1.5mm</b>            Guaranteed analysis:            Protein: 47% minimum            Oil: 17% minimum            Fiber: 3% maximum            Moisture: 9% maximum            Ash: 12% maximum            D.E.: 17.4% MJ/KG            Size required: 1.5mm            Estimated quarterly use: 2,000 pounds</p>
<p><b>Nutra-Olympic Fry</b>            Guaranteed Analysis:            Protein: 50% minimum            Oil: 20% minimum            Fiber: 1.0% maximum            Moisture: 10% maximum            Ash: 14% maximum            D.E.: 18 MJ/Kg            Total Phosphorus: 1.5-1.6% minimum            Sizes required: 1.2 mm - 2.5 mm pellet – slow sinking            Estimated quarterly use: 50,000 pounds</p>	<p><b>Bio-Trout</b>            Guaranteed Analysis:            Protein: 47% minimum for 3.0mm (45% for 4.0mm)            Oil: 24% minimum            Fiber: 2% maximum            Moisture: 8.5% maximum            Ash: 7% maximum            D.E.: 19 MJ/Kg            Total Phosphorus: 1% minimum            Sizes required: 3.0 mm &amp; 4.0 mm pellet – slow sinking            Estimated quarterly use: 165,000 pounds</p>
<p><b>Bio-Brood Diet</b>            Guaranteed analysis:            Protein: 48% minimum            Oil: 20% minimum            Fiber: 1.0% maximum            Moisture: 8.5% maximum            Ash: 11% maximum            D.E.: 19.5 MJ/Kg            Total Phosphorus: 1.5% actual            Pigment: 60ppmA            Size required: 6.0 mm pellet – slow sinking            Estimated quarterly use: 8,000 pounds</p>	<p><b>BioDry 1000LP</b>            Guaranteed Analysis:            Protein: 50% minimum            Oil: 18% minimum            Fiber: 1.0% maximum            Moisture: 10% maximum            Ash: 8% maximum            D.E.: 18.4 MJ/Kg            Total Phosphorus: 0.9% maximum            Sizes required: 3.0 mm &amp; 4.0 mm pellet-slow sinking            Estimated quarterly use: 90,000 pounds</p>
<p><b>Oncor Fry 2.5mm</b>            Guaranteed analysis:            Protein: 46% minimum            Oil: 18% minimum            Fiber: 3% maximum            Moisture: 9% maximum            Ash: 12% maximum            D.E.: 17.4% MJ/KG            Size required: 2.5mm            Estimated quarterly use: 6,000 pounds</p>	<p><b>Oncor Floating Grower Diet for trout</b>            Guaranteed analysis:            Protein: 45% minimum 3.0 mm (44% for 4.0 mm)            Oil: 19% minimum 3.0 mm (20% for 4.0 mm)            Fiber: 2.0% maximum            Moisture: 8.5% maximum            Ash: 11% maximum            D.E.: 17.5 MJ/Kg            Total Phosphorus: 0.8% minimum.            Pigment: 40ppm Asta            Sizes required: 3.5 mm and 4.5 mm.            Estimated quarterly use: 16,000 pounds</p>

**WARRANTY REQUIREMENTS:**

The successful Vendor shall be required to provide warranties on all equipment provided by the Vendor for a period of not less than one (1) year or the manufacturer's standard warranty period, whichever is greater, commencing on the date that the equipment is received, inspected, and accepted by the State of New Hampshire. The warranty shall cover 100% of repair or replacement costs, including all parts, shipping, labor, travel, lodging, and expenses.

**OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITY OF THE VENDOR:**

The successful Vendor shall perform all work and furnish all materials, tools, equipment and safety devices necessary to perform the requested services in the manner and within the time hereinafter specified. The Vendor shall provide said services to the satisfaction of the State and in accordance with the specifications and at the price set forth herein. All work to be performed and all equipment to be furnished pursuant to the Scope of Services included herein shall be performed and furnished in strict accordance with the specifications included herein, the terms of any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation, any associated contract drawings, and the directions of State representatives as may be given from time to time while the work is in progress.

The successful Vendor shall take full responsibility for the work to be performed pursuant to the Scope of Work included herein; for the protection of said work; and for preventing injuries to persons and damage to property and utilities on or about said work. The Vendor shall in no way be relieved of such responsibility by any authority of the State to give permission or issue orders relating to any part of the work, by any such permission given or orders issued, or by any failure of the State to give such permission or issue such orders. The successful Vendor shall bear all losses accruing to the Vendor as a result of the amount, quality, or character of the work required, or because the nature or characteristics of the work location is different from what the Vendor estimated or expected, or due to delays or other complications caused by the weather, elements, or other natural causes.

The successful Vendor agrees that any damage or injury to any buildings, materials, equipment, or other property resulting from the Vendor's performance of the requested services shall be repaired at the Vendor's own expense so that such buildings, materials, equipment, or other property are satisfactorily restored to their prior condition.

**NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT:**

Any resulting Contract from this RFB will be a non-exclusive Contract. The State reserves the right, at its discretion, to retain other Contractors to provide any of the Services or Deliverables identified under this procurement or make an award by item, part or portion of an item, group of items, or total Proposal.

**DISASTER RECOVERY**

Do you provide emergency preparedness plan to aid the State during an emergency or disaster recovery with specifics as to response time, availability of supplies and goods and services offered? **Yes or No** (circle one)

If yes, please include hard copy and/or link to website for further information. This information is not considered part of award criteria and is considered informational only.

**DELIVERY TIME:**

The successful Vendor shall be required to accomplish delivery of any item ordered under the contract within fourteen (14) calendar days or sooner from the placement of the order. The use of a private carrier to make delivery **does not** relieve the successful Vendor from the responsibility of meeting the delivery requirement.

**RETURNED GOODS:**

The successful Vendor shall resolve all order and invoice discrepancies within five (5) business days from notification. Products returned due to quality issues, duplicate shipments, over-shipments, etc. shall be picked up by the successful Vendor within ten (10) business days of notification with no restocking or freight charges and shall be replaced with specified products or the agency shall be refunded/credited for the full purchase price. Unauthorized substitutions for any products are not allowed.

Standard stock products ordered in error by the State of New Hampshire shall be returned for full credit within fifteen (15) business days of receipt. Products shall be in re-saleable condition (original container, unused) and there shall be no restocking fee charged for these products. The using agency shall be responsible for any freight charges to return these items to the successful Vendor.

**MINIMUM ORDER:**

The minimum order quantity/value is (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ If none, state "none." Fee if the minimum order is not met: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRODUCT SAMPLES:**

Vendors will be contacted during the bidding process if a sample is required. **DO NOT SUBMIT SAMPLES WITH YOUR BID RESPONSE.** All samples must be provided at no charge to the State of NH and will not be returned.

**OFFER:**

The bidder offers to sell to the state of New Hampshire the commodities or services indicated at the price or prices quoted and in compliance with the requirements and specifications of the bid. Quotes in lieu of a completed offer sheet will not be accepted.

Estimated Annual Quantity	Unit of Measure	Item Description	Item Number	Unit Cost	Total Cost
587	Pounds	BioVita Starter Mash 10kg	11718755	\$ 2.52	\$ 1,479.24
2,170	Pounds	BioVita Starter #0 20kg	11701625	\$ 2.52	\$ 5,468.40
4,059	Pounds	BioVita Starter #1 20kg	11718745	\$ 2.52	\$ 10,228.68
6,697	Pounds	BioVita Starter #2 20kg	11701655	\$ 2.52	\$ 16,876.44
7,993	Pounds	Nutra Olympic 1.2mm 20kg (fry)	12805615	\$ 1.50	\$ 11,989.50
8,413	Pounds	Nutra Olympic 1.5mm 20kg (fry)	12778475	\$ 1.50	\$ 12,619.50
19,262	Pounds	Nutra Olympic 2.5mm 20kg (fry)	13525745	\$ 1.50	\$ 28,893.00
25,299	Pounds	Nutra Olympic 2mm 20kg (fry)	12778485	\$ 1.50	\$ 37,948.50
62,730	Pounds	BioDry 1000LP 3mm 20kg US (low phos.)	11700725	\$ 2.39	\$ 149,924.70
33,240	Pounds	BioTrout 3mm 20kg (grower)	11701015	\$ 1.14	\$ 37,893.60
127,187	Pounds	BioTrout 40A 4mm 20kg (grower)	11701045	\$ 1.13	\$ 143,721.31
1,328	Pounds	BioTrout 40A 6mm 20kg (grower)	11701075	\$ 1.04	\$ 1,387.12
1,107	Pounds	BioBrood 60A 4mm 20kg	11700355	\$ 1.79	\$ 1,981.53
8,967	Pounds	BioBrood 60A 6mm 20kg	11700375	\$ 1.79	\$ 16,050.93
8,035	Pounds	Oncor Fry 1.5mm 40lb (floating)	11705165	\$ 1.01	\$ 8,115.35
8,718	Pounds	Oncor Fry 2.5mm 40lb (floating)	11705175	\$ 1.01	\$ 8,805.18
11,046	Pounds	Oncor 40 3.5mm 40lb (floating)	11704815	\$ 1.01	\$ 11,156.46
16,067	Pounds	Oncor 80 4.5mm 40lb (floating)	11705025	\$ 1.01	\$ 16,227.87
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>					<b>\$ 520,761.11</b>

**DELIVERY LOCATIONS:**

The following are the current State of New Hampshire agency/institution locations which, if you are awarded a contract, you are expected to service. The State of New Hampshire reserves the right to add locations to this list at the contract prices or to delete locations, as needed. This listing does not include any eligible participants.



**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**SAMPLE FORM TO BE COMPLETED UPON AWARD**

**FORM NUMBER P-37 (version 2/23/2023)**

**Notice:** This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

**AGREEMENT**  
 The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. IDENTIFICATION.**

1.1 State Agency Name		1.2 State Agency Address	
1.3 Contractor Name		1.4 Contractor Address	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number	1.6 Account Unit and Class	1.7 Completion Date	1.8 Price Limitation
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number	
1.11 Contractor Signature  Date:		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory	
1.13 State Agency Signature  Date:		1.14 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory	
1.15 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel <i>(if applicable)</i>  By: _____ Director, On: _____			
1.16 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) <i>(if applicable)</i>  By: _____ On: _____			
1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council <i>(if applicable)</i>  G&C Item number: _____ G&C Meeting Date: _____			

Contractor Initials TMH  
 Date 23 AUG 2023

**2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED.** The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

**3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.**

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.13 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed.

3.3 Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope for Services provided in EXHIBIT B, in whole or in part, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to reduce or terminate the Services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction or termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account or source to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

**5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/ PAYMENT.**

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8. The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 The State's liability under this Agreement shall be limited to monetary damages not to exceed the total fees paid. The Contractor agrees that it has an adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Agreement by the State and hereby waives any right to specific performance or other equitable remedies against the State.

**6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.**

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws and the Governor's order on Respect and Civility in the Workplace, Executive order 2020-01. In addition, if this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all federal executive orders, rules, regulations and statutes, and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State or the United States issue to implement

these regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable intellectual property laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, physical or mental disability, religious creed, national origin, gender identity, or gender expression, and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination, unless exempt by state or federal law. The Contractor shall ensure any subcontractors comply with these nondiscrimination requirements.

6.3 No payments or transfers of value by Contractor or its representatives in connection with this Agreement have or shall be made which have the purpose or effect of public or commercial bribery, or acceptance of or acquiescence in extortion, kickbacks, or other unlawful or improper means of obtaining business.

6.4. The Contractor agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with this Agreement and all rules, regulations and orders pertaining to the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**7. PERSONNEL.**

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or any successor, shall be the State's point of contact pertaining to this Agreement.

**8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.**

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;

8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or

8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely cured, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) calendar days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;

8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;

8.2.3 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

8.2.4 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default, treat the Agreement as breached, terminate the Agreement and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

**9. TERMINATION.**

9.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 8, the State may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for any reason, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Contractor that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

9.2 In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall, at the State's discretion, deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. In addition, at the State's discretion, the Contractor shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a transition plan for Services under the Agreement.

**10. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP/DISCLOSURE.**

10.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "Property" shall mean all data, information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to,

all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

10.2 All data and any Property which has been received from the State, or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

10.3 Disclosure of data, information and other records shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A and/or other applicable law. Disclosure requires prior written approval of the State.

**11. CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

**12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.**

12.1 Contractor shall provide the State written notice at least fifteen (15) calendar days before any proposed assignment, delegation, or other transfer of any interest in this Agreement. No such assignment, delegation, or other transfer shall be effective without the written consent of the State.

12.2 For purposes of paragraph 12, a Change of Control shall constitute assignment. "Change of Control" means (a) merger, consolidation, or a transaction or series of related transactions in which a third party, together with its affiliates, becomes the direct or indirect owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares or similar equity interests, or combined voting power of the Contractor, or (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Contractor.

12.3 None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without prior written notice and consent of the State.

12.4 The State is entitled to copies of all subcontracts and assignment agreements and shall not be bound by any provisions contained in a subcontract or an assignment agreement to which it is not a party.

**13. INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State, its officers, and employees from and against all actions, claims, damages, demands, judgments, fines, liabilities, losses, and other expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of or relating to this Agreement directly or indirectly arising from death, personal injury, property damage, intellectual property infringement, or other claims asserted against the State, its officers, or employees caused by the acts or omissions of negligence, reckless or willful misconduct, or fraud by the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors. The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor arising under this paragraph 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the State's sovereign immunity, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

**14. INSURANCE.**

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and continuously maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 commercial general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate or excess; and

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all Property subject to subparagraph 10.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the Property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. At the request of the Contracting Officer, or any successor, the Contractor shall provide certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference.

**15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.**

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("*Workers' Compensation*").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

**16. WAIVER OF BREACH.** A State's failure to enforce its rights with respect to any single or continuing breach of this Agreement shall not act as a waiver of the right of the State to later enforce any such rights or to enforce any other or any subsequent breach.

**17. NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

**18. AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

**19. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM.**

19.1 This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

19.2 Any actions arising out of this Agreement, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration, but must, instead, be brought and maintained in the Merrimack County Superior Court of New Hampshire which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

**20. CONFLICTING TERMS.** In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and any other portion of this Agreement including any attachments thereto, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

**21. THIRD PARTIES.** This Agreement is being entered into for the sole benefit of the parties hereto, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or will confer any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature upon any other person.

**22. HEADINGS.** The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

**23. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional or modifying provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A are incorporated herein by reference.

**24. FURTHER ASSURANCES.** The Contractor, along with its agents and affiliates, shall, at its own cost and expense, execute any additional documents and take such further actions as may be reasonably required to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and give effect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

**25. SEVERABILITY.** In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

26. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.