

GIPSA Requests Proposals For Livestock Marketing Study

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 2003 - The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced the availability of a Request for Proposal to solicit outside contractors to conduct a Livestock and Meat Marketing Study funded by Congress in the FY 2003 appropriations legislation.

"The study will look at a lot of issues in the cattle, hog, lamb and meat industries," Donna Reifschneider, GIPSA administrator said. "This is a large and complex study that will examine a broad range of marketing practices in those industries. It will draw on economics, business management, statistics and other academic disciplines."

Persons interested in bidding must contact Barbara Veres, Contract Specialist, Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Administrative Services Division/SCSC, 4700 River Road, Unit 45, Riverdale, MD, 20737. Requestors will need to provide their name, address, telephone number, email address and the solicitation number APHIS-04-006. Requests can also be faxed to (301)734-8871, or e-mailed to: Barbara.L.Veres@aphis.usda.gov.

Interested parties have until 2:30 p.m. Eastern Standard time on January 14, 2004, to submit proposals. Further information on the Livestock and Meat Marketing Study can be found on the Internet on the GIPSA website (<http://www.usda.gov/gipsa>) by following the Marketing Study link under Hot Issues.

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