MEPNN Supplier Scouting Opportunity Synopsis

Section 1: General Information		
Scouting Number	2025-011	
Item to be Scouted	Reusable Containers – 3-compartment tray w/lid	
Days to be scouted	30	
Response Due By	02/07/2025	
Description	The 3-compartment reusable foodware container will be used as part of a reusable foodware system for serving food. These containers must withstand frequent washing, handling, and exposure to both hot and cold food items. They need to be stackable for efficient storage, durable for repeated use, and designed with smooth surfaces and minimal crevices to ensure ease of cleaning and hygiene. Containers must also have secure lids.	
Notify Requester Immediately		
State item to be used in	Hawaii	

Section 2: Technical Information		
Type of supplier being sought	Manufacturer	
Reason	BABA	
Describe the manufacturing processes (elaborate to provide as much detail as possible)	Type of supplier being sought: A manufacturer or supplier specializing in high-quality, food-grade stainless steel products designed for reuse in commercial food service environments, with an accompanying lid solution. To source durable, sustainable, and cost-effective reusable compartmented containers with lids that meet hygiene, usability, and transport requirements. The trays should be formed using stamping or pressing processes from high-quality stainless steel sheets to ensure durability and precision. Lids should be injection-molded or extruded to provide a snug fit with the container. Both components should be designed with smooth surfaces and minimal crevices for easy cleaning.	
Provide dimensions / size / tolerances / performance specifications for the item	Dimensions: appx. 9.06 x 9.06 x 1.57" Volume: appx. 32oz Features: 3 compartments to separate sections of the container (one main compartment and two smaller side compartments). Stackable design to optimize storage and transport efficiency, resistant to denting and damage. Items should be easy to clean and compatible with commercial dishwashing. The item should have smooth edges and a design that minimizes crevices or intricate features, ensuring ease of cleaning and preventing the accumulation of food residue.	
List required materials needed to make the product, including materials of product components	Tray Material: made from grade 304 18/8 stainless steel; Free of BPA, PVC, Phthalate, Melamine & Lead; 100% metal, no additional paint or chemicals Lid Material: Food-grade silicone or durable plastic, resistant to cracking and warping under frequent use.	
Are there applicable certification requirements?	No	
Are there applicable regulations?	Yes	
Details	The Build America Buy America Act	
Are there any other stndards, requirements, etc.?	Yes	

	Compliant with FDA food-contact substance requirements https://www.fda.gov/food/food-ingredients-packaging/food-packaging-other-substances-come-contact-food-information-consumers
NAICS 1	332999 All Other Miscellaneous Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing
NAICS 2	326199 All Other Plastics Product Manufacturing
Additional Technical Comments	Items must be nestable.

Section 4: Business Information	
Estimated potential business volume	approximately 38,474 units needed
Estimated target price / unit cost information (if unavailable explain)	\$5 per unit
When is it needed by?	July 2025
Describe packaging requirements	Best available, delivered undamaged, specifics discussed in negotiations
Where will this item be shipped?	Hilo, Hawaii

Additional Comments	
Is there other information you would like to include?	please email to Grace Ma at ma.grace@epa.gov