

Request for Proposal (RFP) #1520/18323

Title: **Food Providers Engagement for USF SpaceFood Project**

Issued by: United Space Forces

Proposal Deadline: 23 April 2023

I. Introduction:

The United Space Forces (USF) is seeking proposals from private food providers to engage in research and development for the USF SpaceFood project. This project aims to improve the quality of food provided to our space mission personnel while also considering the population's health and well-being. The project has three objectives: researching and adjusting local food habits and products, becoming a trial for DST (Deep Space Transformation) project as a food production and supply chain, and using USF resources to create a franchise of a unit and/or combination of units.

II. Scope of Work:

The selected food provider will be responsible for conducting research on local food habits and products to identify which items are suitable for space consumption while also considering the nutritional requirements of space mission personnel. The provider will also collaborate with USF to create a supply chain that meets the requirements of the DST project. The provider must be willing to participate in the DST project trial, which includes testing new technologies and equipment that support food production and distribution in space.

The selected provider will have access to USF resources, including equipment and facilities, to develop a franchise unit or combination of units. The franchise must meet the nutritional requirements of space mission personnel while also considering local food habits and products.

III. Proposal Requirements:

The proposal must include the following:

1. **Company Overview:** Provide a brief overview of your company, including its history, experience, and qualifications.

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2. **Technical Proposal:** This section should include a detailed plan for achieving the project objectives, including a description of research methods, supply chain design, and franchise development.
3. **Cost Proposal:** Provide a detailed cost breakdown, including all expenses related to research and development, trial participation, and franchise creation.
4. **References:** Provide at least three references from past clients or customers who can speak to your company's ability to meet project requirements.

IV. Proposal Submission:

All proposals must be submitted electronically by the deadline of 23 April 2023. Proposals should be addressed to the attention of the Acting Administrator. Proposals must be in PDF format, and the file size should not exceed 10MB.

V. Evaluation Criteria:

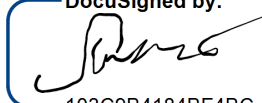
Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Company qualifications and experience
2. Technical approach and methodology
3. Cost-effectiveness
4. References and customer satisfaction

VI. Additional Information:

All questions or inquiries about this RFP should be directed to the United Space Forces. USF reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any informalities in the proposal process.

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