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Item details	Specification
Item description	NATURAL THICKENING POWDER, GUAR GUM FREE
Size	200-300g
Colour	usually white/cream
Material	powder
Packaging (unit/box)	Re-sealable tin
Functionality/performance	An instant food thickener in powder form that can thicken liquids i.e. formula, milk, juice and tea. It must thicken the liquid and retain the consistency of liquids or food when it stands for a period of time. The thickener must be fully digestible. It shouldn't affect the taste of the food it is added to. Also useful in the preparation of diets for use in PKU, diabetes, obesity and celiac disease.
Purpose	For use in infants and children.
Other:	

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**1. SPECIAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS OF QUOTATIONS**

- 1.1. The Department is under no obligation to accept the lowest or any quote.
- 1.2. The Department reserves the right to communicate in writing with vendors in cases where information is incomplete or where there are obscurities regarding technical aspects of the offer, to obtain confirmation of prices or preference claims in cases where it is evident that a typing, written, transfer or unit error has been made, to investigate the vendor's standing and ability to complete the supply/service satisfactorily.
- 1.3. ALL DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT ARE FINAL, INCLUDING THE AWARD OR CANCELLATION OF THIS QUOTATION.
- 1.4. The price quoted must include VAT (if VAT vendor).
- 1.5. Should a bidder become a VAT vendor after award or during the implementation of a contract, they may not request the VAT percentage from the Department as the service provider made an offer during the period they were not registered as a VAT vendor. The Department is only liable for any VAT from registered VAT vendors as originally stated on the quotation document.
- 1.6. The bidder must ensure the correctness & validity of the quotation:
  - (i) that the price(s), rate(s) & preference quoted cover all for the work/item (s) & accept that any mistakes regarding the price (s) & calculations will be at the bidder's risk.
  - (ii) it is the responsibility of the bidder to confirm receipt of their quotation and to keep proof thereof.
- 1.7. The bidder must accept full responsibility for the proper execution & fulfilment of all obligations conditions devolving on under this agreement, as the Principal (s) liable for the due fulfilment of this contract.
- 1.8. This quotation will be evaluated based on the specification, correctness of information and/or functionality criteria. All required documentation must be completed in full and submitted.
- 1.9. Offers must comply strictly with the specification.
- 1.10. Only offers that meet or are greater than the specification will be considered.
- 1.11. Late offers will not be considered.
- 1.12. Expired product/s will not be accepted. All products supplied must be valid for a minimum period of six months.
- 1.13. Used/ second-hand products will not be accepted.
- 1.14. A bidder not registered on the Central Suppliers Database or whose verification has failed will not be considered.
- 1.15. All delivery costs must be included in the quoted price for delivery at the prescribed destination.
- 1.16. Only firm prices will be accepted. Such prices must remain firm for the contract period. Non-firm prices (including rates of exchange variations) will not be considered.
- 1.17. In cases where different delivery points influence the pricing, a separate pricing schedule must be submitted for each delivery point.
- 1.18. In the event of a bidder having multiple quotes, only the cheapest according to specification will be considered.
- 1.19. Verification will be conducted to identify if bidders have multiple companies and are cover-quoting for this bid.
- 1.20. In such instances, the Department reserves the right to immediately disqualify such bidders as cover-quoting is an offence that represents both corruption and acquisition fraud.

**2. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES TO BIDDERS REGARDING THE COMPLETION OF THIS QUOTATION.**

- 2.1. Unless inconsistent with or expressly indicated otherwise by the context, the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and with words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and the neuter.
- 2.2. Under no circumstances whatsoever may the quotation/ bid forms be retyped or redrafted. Photocopies of the original bid documentation may be used, but an original signature must appear on such photocopies.
- 2.3. The bidder is advised to check the number of pages and to satisfy himself that none are missing or duplicated.
- 2.4. Quotations submitted must be complete in all respects. However, where it is identified that information in a bidder's response, which does not affect the preference points or price, is incomplete in any respect, the said supplier meets all specification requirements and scores the highest points in terms of preference points and price, the Department reserves the right to request the bidder to complete/ submit such information.
- 2.5. Any alteration made by the bidder must be initialled. Failure to do so may render the response invalid.
- 2.6. Use of correction fluid is prohibited and may render the response invalid.
- 2.7. Quotations will be opened in public as soon as practicable after the closing time of quotation.
- 2.8. Where practical, prices are made public at the time of opening quotations.
- 2.9. If it is desired to make more than one offer against any individual item, such offers should be given on a photocopy of the page in question. Clear indication thereof must be stated on the schedules attached.
- 2.10. The Department is under no obligation to pay suppliers in part for work done if the supplier can no longer fulfil their obligation.

**3. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING HAND-DELIVERED QUOTATIONS**

- 3.1. Quotations shall be lodged at the address indicated no later than the closing time specified for their receipt and in accordance with the directives in the quotation documents.
- 3.2. Each quotation shall be addressed in accordance with the directives in the quotation documents and shall be lodged in a separate sealed envelope, with the name and address of the bidder, the quotation number and closing date indicated on the envelope. The envelope shall not contain documents relating to any quotation other than that shown on the envelope. If this provision is not complied with, such quotations/ bids may be rejected as being invalid.
- 3.3. All quotations received in sealed envelopes with the relevant quotation numbers on the envelopes are kept unopened in safe custody until the closing time of the quotation/ bids. Where, however, a quotation is received open, it shall be sealed. If it is received without a quotation/ bid number on the envelope, it shall be opened, the quotation number ascertained, the envelope sealed and the quotation number written on the envelope.
- 3.4. A specific box is provided for the receipt of quotations, and no quotation found in any other box or elsewhere subsequent to the closing date and time of quotation will be considered.
- 3.5. No quotation/ bid sent through the post will be considered if it is received after the closing date and time stipulated in the quotation documentation, and proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
- 3.6. Quotation documents must not be included in packages containing samples. Such quotations may be rejected as being invalid.

**4. THE DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PASS OVER ANY QUOTATION WHICH FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE.**

