

Date: December 5, 2023

Title: Request for application FY2023-USA-Application for a Freight agent identification.

Date: 12/05- 12/15

Application deadline: Please submit proposals at procurement@corusinternational.org by December 15

Corus International combines over 150 years of experience of our non-profit and for-profit subsidiary organizations – IMA World Health, Lutheran World Relief, CGA Technologies, Ground Up Investing, and Farmers Market Brands. Together, the organizations take a systematic approach to grow rural economies, eliminate extreme poverty, ensure access to quality healthcare, and respond to urgent humanitarian needs in fragile settings.

Corus International is seeking to appoint a freight forwarding agent for the delivery of bulk food commodities that are components projects in West Africa and Asia implemented by its subsidiary, Lutheran World Relief.

To be considered as Corus's appointed freight forwarder, interested parties should submit information about the company outlined in this Request for Proposals. In addition, the bid should include a brief narrative proposal (short responses, bulleted responses are acceptable) with no additional attachments as follows:

*In no more than 3 single pages, describe:* 

- The company's experience with USDA Food for Progress programs
- The company's experience managing bulk commodity shipments to West Africa and Asia including a list ports in West Africa and/or Asia where the company has shipped bulk commodities in the past 5 years.
- If delivering bulk commodities to Togo or Asia, which ports does the company recommend and why.
- The company's approach/history of dealing with claims, particularly in West Africa and/ or Asia (nature of claims, ultimate resolution).
- A description of one or more scenarios where the company has worked to minimize losses during bulk commodity discharge in the discharge port.
- A statement confirming the company's adherence to USDA's standard/established pay rate for freight agents.
- Any other information pertinent to this solicitation.

Additional details will be discussed post submission of proposals.