NOTICE OF OPEN TENDER

Independent bids are invited for rights to ship U.S.-origin rice to the Republic of Colombia dutyfree under a tariff-rate quota (TRQ) granted by the Republic of Colombia to the United States under the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

Bids must be submitted on Thursday, October 5, 2023 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) Shinmont Pariod: October 15 December 31, 2023

Shipment Period: October 15 – December 31, 2023

The following quantity is available:

| | | Total Volume for All HTS Numbers | |
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| | Colombian HTS Number | (metric tons, milled equivalent basis) | Colombian Duty |
| Rice in Husk (Hull), Except for Seed Husked (Brown) Rice Rice Semi-Milled or Milled, Whether Polished or Glazed Broken Rice | 1006.1090) 1006.2000) 1006.3000) 1006.4000) | 19,790 | Zero |

The product must be imported into Colombia between October 15 and December 31, 2023.

TRQ Certificates will be awarded to the highest bidder(s). Any person or entity incorporated or domiciled, with a legal address, in the United States is eligible to bid. Bid quantities should be submitted in metric ton, milled rice equivalent using the following conversion factors: rough rice (rice in hull) = 0.71; brown rice (hulled) = 0.89; broken rice = 1. The minimum bid price is 330.00/metric ton. Bids must be submitted in dollars and cents per metric ton.

Each bidder must submit a performance security in the amount \$50,000 or the total value of the bid(s), whichever is less. Potential bidders may obtain the required bid forms and bid instructions from:

COL-RICE Administrator TRQ Services, LLC 2001 L Street, N.W., Suite 500, #50122 Washington, D.C. 20036, USA Phone: (202) 987-2975 E-mail: <u>col-rice@trqservices.com</u> Website: <u>https://www.col-rice.org</u>

Bids must be submitted by e-mail at <u>col-rice@trqservices.com</u>. Submission of a bid constitutes acceptance of all bid instructions and conditions.