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## **Supplier Selected to Provide State Emergency Food Cache**

*Purchase of Emergency Food Products for the State of Alaska to Provide Food Security during Disasters*

**ANCHORAGE, AK** -- The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs has issued an intent to award to VF Grace, an Anchorage-based veteran-owned company, for the Purchase of Emergency Food Products. The Request For Proposal (RFP) #2014-0900-2302 solicited proposals to provide 40,000 Alaskans with emergency meals for seven days. The food items are shelf stable for 25 years, easy to prepare and consume, and have the capability to be stored in unheated, temporary shelters with minimal or no degradation of product or packaging. VF Grace's proposal identified freeze-dried Mountain House foods at a cost of \$1.24 million.

“We are happy to have identified a vendor that will be able to meet our shelf stable food requirements,” said Michael O’Hare, Deputy Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. “Now that we have identified the food items and the storage requirements, the next step in the process is to locate storage options within the state.”

Orders for emergency food will not be placed until appropriate storage facilities have been identified. At this time, the state plans to store one-half of the food in Southcentral Alaska and one-half of the food in the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

The intended contract will allow the state to reorder food items used during an emergency or to support a developing or on-going emergency situation. The state has one year to place an order for emergency food with VF Grace.

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