MEPNN Supplier Scouting Opportunity Synopsis

Section 1: General Information

Scouting Number	2026-655
Item to be Scouted	Contract Manufacturer / Co-packer
Days to be scouted	30
Response Due By	12/18/2026
Description	Rough is a new US brand of bone broth for dogs (shelf-stable pet food topper). We are looking for a US contract manufacturer (co-packer) that can, in the same plant: (1) make plain beef and/or chicken bone broth (bones + water), or

Section 2: Technical Information

Type of supplier being sought	spout pouch; (3) retort-sterilize the filled pouches for commercial sterility and 18 -24 months shelf life at room temperature. Contract manufacturer
Reason	New product startup
Describe the manufacturing processes (elaborate to provide as much detail as possible)	Broth cooking or bulk broth receiving; liquid filling and sealing of small flexible pouches (30 ml die-cut tear-notch pouch, 120 ml spout pouch); retort (thermal) sterilization of the sealed pouches as a low-acid food; coding, casing/palletizing.
Provide dimensions / size / tolerances / performance specifications for the item	30 ml pouch: die-cut shaped 3-side-seal pouch with tear notch, approx. 55 x 105 mm, retort-grade laminate (e.g. PET/AL/NY/RCPP). 120 ml pouch: stand-up/middle spout pouch, approx. 85 x 160 mm, retort grade. Product: plain bone broth (low-acid). Shelf life 18-24 months at ambient temperature after retort.
List required materials needed to make the product, including materials of product components	Beef and/or chicken bones (or bulk bone broth), water; retort-grade laminated film / pre-made die-cut pouches and spout pouches (we can supply pouches if needed); shipping cases.
Are there applicable certification requirements?	No
Are there applicable regulations?	Yes
Details	FDA animal food rules: facility registration, Preventive Controls for Animal Food (21 CFR 507), low-acid canned food rules (21 CFR 108/113: FCE registration and SID process filing for each product and container size), pet food labeling (21 CFR 501, AAFCO/state rules).
Are there any other stndards, requirements, etc.?	No
Additional Technical Comments	

Section 4: Business Information

Estimated potential business volume	No volume set yet. This will be our first production; we want to start at the manufacturer's MOQ and grow quickly (strong investor backing). Please tell us your MOQ.
Estimated target price / unit cost information (if unavailable explain)	No fixed target yet - please quote per filled pouch at your MOQ, for 30 ml and 120 ml separately.
When is it needed by?	2 months
Describe packaging requirements	Filled pouches packed in shipping cases (case count to be agreed), palletized for US distribution.
Where will this item be shipped?	TBD

Additional Comments

Is there other information you would like to include?	Contact: Mauricio Moas, Founder, Rough - mauricio@rough.pet - +1 352 444 9165.