**Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program**

**Self-Screening Eligibility Guide**

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1. Are you independently owned and operated?  
   - Yes: You are eligible  
   - No: You are not eligible

2. Are you domestically owned?  
   - Yes: You are eligible  
   - No: You are not eligible

3. Do you process – or plan to process – one or more species subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA), the Poultry Product Inspection Act, or non-amenable species under voluntary inspection?  
   - Yes: You are not eligible  
   - No: Please Continue to Q6

4. Do you process – or plan to process – beef, pork, chicken, or turkey?  
   - Yes: Please Continue to Q6  
   - No: You are not eligible

5. Do you hold less than the fourth-largest market share in your respective meat market?  
   - Yes: You are not eligible

6. Does your proposal include further processing?  
   - Yes: Please Continue to Q8  
   - No: You are not eligible

7. Are your inputs the products of primary processing?  
   - Yes: You are not eligible

8. Are your meat and poultry processing facilities (existing or planned) physically located in the United States or its territories?  
   - Yes: You are not eligible

9. Is your processing facility (existing or planned) for commercial use, and not custom-exempt?  
   - Yes: You are not eligible

10. Will your project increase demand for animals, increase opportunities for producers to access value-added markets, or improve the viability of an existing processing operation?  
    - Yes: You are not eligible

11. Do you have – or plan to get – a Federal Grant of Inspection, a grant of inspection under a Cooperative Interstate Shipment Program, or a Tribal or state meat and poultry inspection program with standards at least equal to federal inspection at the time of application?  
    - Yes: You are not eligible

12. Will you have a System for Award Management (SAM) registration at the time of application?  
    - Yes: You are not eligible  
    - No: You are not eligible

13. Will your project comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)?  
    - Yes: You are eligible  
    - No: You are not eligible

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