

United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service
Commodity Procurement Staff
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Room 3522-S, STOP 0239
Washington, DC 20250-0239

Information

Description: **AG-FMIS-S-16-0010**
Bid invitation number: **2000003654**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

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Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 10/22/2015 15:00:00
Offer Due Date : 11/05/2015 13:00:00

Opening date: 11/05/2015 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Bulk Potatoes, SOLICITATION NO: 2000003654

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Bulk Potatoes pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the National School Lunch Program and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, November 19, 2015. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2016 and June 30, 2016.

Offerors who intend to use more than one processing plant and shipping point for contracts awarded under this solicitation, other than the processing plant and shipping point entered in their bids, may submit a list of their approved processing plants and shipping points on a separate sheet of paper to be uploaded in WBSCM, and to be submitted with their bids.

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh fruit are required to undergo the USDA AMS FVP Fresh Products Branch Good Handling Practices (GHP) certifications process, and must score at least 80% on EACH of the following element: House Packing; Storage and Transportation; and Traceback.

In addition to the GHP, vendor or subcontractors/suppliers are also required to undergo the Good Agricultural Practices(GAP)certification process. This requirement must be met prior to bid opening. Brokers are exempt from this requirement.

The Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program can be accessed at the following website:
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbgapghp.htm>

In order to verify that the contractor is in compliance with GAP/GHP certification, contractors are required to:

- a. Submit a list of all certified GAP/GHP suppliers to be used in the performance of the contract with their bid, including a copy of each supplier's certification. Certifications must be uploaded with their bids in WBSCM;
- b. Contact USDA/AMS after contract award to request that additional GAP/GHP certified suppliers be added to the approved list on the purchase order and include a copy of each suppliers certification;

If USDA/AMS finds that suppliers used by the contractor are not in compliance with AMS GAP/GHP certification requirements after the product is delivered, the following courses of action will apply:

1. The first time non compliance occurs AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries
2. The second time non compliance occurs:

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- a. USDA/AMS will deduct a 50% discount from the invoice for all noncompliant deliveries;
- b. The contract will be terminated for default; and
- c. The contractor will be suspended from participating in all future USDA/AMS fresh fruit and vegetable solicitations for a period of one (1) year from the date of contract termination.

This Solicitation may show multiple stops on some line items; however, the number of stops will be limited to a maximum of three. To determine the number of destinations review the "Tendering Text" for the lot, which will indicate the City and State for each stop. Also, note that each lot for the split shipments must have the same price.

For offshore destinations (Puerto Rico, Hawaii, etc.), offerors have the option to choose to enter their bids direct to the offshore destination or to the port.

Purchases will be made on an f.o.b. destination basis to cities on this Solicitation. Destination quantities listed are estimates and subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient needs, market conditions, and program operations.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

Offers must be submitted electronically via the Web-Based Supply Chain Management System (WBSCM). Offers submitted by any means other than WBSCM will be deemed nonresponsive. Offerors must be active in WBSCM and have the required bidder roles in order to submit offers under this Solicitation. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions or call (202) 720-4517 for assistance.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated April 2014; Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated June 2014; or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Room 3522-South; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20250-0239. Telephone: (202) 720-4517. FAX: (202) 720-2782.

The USDA prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay

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See attached documents:

- 1 . BULK PRODUCTS AMENDMENT NO 2 MAY 2013
- 2 . BULK PRODUCTS AMENDMENT NO1 JUNE 2012
- 3 . BULK PRODUCTS FOR FURTHER PROCESSING AUG 2012
- 4 . AMS MASTER SOLICITATION APRIL 2015
- 5 . AMENDMENT 01 MASTER SOLICITATION APRIL 2015

Attributes :

OFFEROR CERTIFIES THAT THE OFFER IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE MASTER SOLICITATION; COMMODITY SUPPLEMENT AND/OR SPECIFICATION(S); THIS SOLICITATION; THE AGRICULTURE ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (AGAR) AND THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (FAR).

Timely performance: Offeror and any subcontractor have completed required performance of any USDA contract prior to this bid opening.

- Permitted values:
- Have been delivered
 - Have not been delivered
 - Have not been delivered, but the Offeror has notified the Contracting Officer
 - There are no existing contracts/purchase orders

OFFEROR REQUESTS HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE. APPLIES ONLY TO FIRMS CERTIFIED IN THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION#S HUBZONE PROGRAM (FAR SUBPART 19.13).MUST BE THE MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER OF THE PRODUCT TO RECEIVE A PRICE PREFERENCE

Furnish name, title, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address of person submitting this bid (must be an officer of the company or a person authorized to execute contracts/purchase orders on behalf of the bidder).

IS THE OFFEROR AN ENTITY THAT HAS FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IN ONE OF THE FIFTY STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR THE VARIOUS TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES? YOU MUST ANSWER THE NEXT 3 QUESTIONS IF THE ANSWER FOR THIS QUESTION IS YES.

HAS THE OFFEROR BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

HAS THE OFFEROR HAD ANY OFFICER OR AGENT OF OFFEROR CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION FOR ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF OFFEROR UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

DOES THE OFFEROR HAVE ANY UNPAID FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY ASSESSED, WHICH ALL JUDICIAL

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AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED/LAPSED, THAT IS NOT BEING PAID IN A TIMELY MANNER PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING IT?

Offeror acknowledges receipt of the amendment(s) to the solicitation. Select N/A if no amendment was issued to the solicitation.

- Permitted values:
- Yes
 - No
 - N/A

Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10 VEGETABLE, FRESH						
20 POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ						
30 CALDWELL ID						
40	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/01/2016-01/15/2016	83605	1,280,000	LB
50	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	83605	800,000	LB
60	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/01/2016-02/15/2016	83605	920,000	LB
70	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/16/2016-02/29/2016	83605	640,000	LB
80	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	03/01/2016-03/15/2016	83605	480,000	LB
90	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	03/16/2016-03/31/2016	83605	360,000	LB
100	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	04/01/2016-04/15/2016	83605	420,000	LB
110	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	06/16/2016-06/30/2016	83605	160,000	LB
120 EASTON ME						
130	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/01/2016-01/15/2016	04740	4,820,000	LB
140	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	04740	4,400,000	LB
150	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/01/2016-02/15/2016	04740	2,680,000	LB
160	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/16/2016-02/29/2016	04740	2,720,000	LB
170	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	03/01/2016-03/15/2016	04740	2,080,000	LB
180	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	03/16/2016-03/31/2016	04740	1,040,000	LB
190	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	04/01/2016-04/15/2016	04740	468,702	LB
200	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	04/16/2016-04/30/2016	04740	440,000	LB
210	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	05/01/2016-05/15/2016	04740	20,000	LB
220 JAMESTOWN ND						
230	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/01/2016-01/15/2016	58401	200,000	LB
240	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/16/2016-02/29/2016	58401	120,000	LB
250 CONNELL WA						
260	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/01/2016-01/15/2016	99326	2,980,000	LB
270	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	99326	1,800,000	LB

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280	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/01/2016-02/15/2016	99326	1,800,000	LB
290	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/16/2016-02/29/2016	99326	1,760,000	LB
300	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	03/01/2016-03/15/2016	99326	1,080,000	LB
310	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	03/16/2016-03/31/2016	99326	920,000	LB
320	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	04/01/2016-04/15/2016	99326	560,000	LB
330	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	04/16/2016-04/30/2016	99326	480,000	LB
340	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	05/01/2016-05/15/2016	99326	80,000	LB
350	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	05/16/2016-05/31/2016	99326	80,000	LB
360	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	06/01/2016-06/15/2016	99326	40,000	LB
370	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	06/16/2016-06/30/2016	99326	40,000	LB
380 PASCO WA						
390	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/01/2016-01/15/2016	99301	640,000	LB
400	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	99301	40,000	LB
410	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	04/01/2016-04/15/2016	99301	40,000	LB
420 PLOVER WI						
430	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/01/2016-01/15/2016	54467	4,780,000	LB
440	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	54467	2,680,000	LB
450	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/01/2016-02/15/2016	54467	1,920,000	LB
460	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/16/2016-02/29/2016	54467	2,040,000	LB
470	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	03/01/2016-03/15/2016	54467	800,000	LB
480	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	03/16/2016-03/31/2016	54467	1,480,000	LB
490	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	04/01/2016-04/15/2016	54467	1,971,298	LB
500	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	04/16/2016-04/30/2016	54467	880,000	LB
510	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	05/01/2016-05/15/2016	54467	440,000	LB
Total Quantity for POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ					53,380,000	LB
520 POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK						
530 BLACKFOOT ID						
540	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	01/01/2016-01/15/2016	83221	1,880,000	LB
550	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	83221	520,000	LB
560	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	02/01/2016-02/15/2016	83221	940,000	LB
570	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	02/16/2016-02/29/2016	83221	560,000	LB
580	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	03/01/2016-03/15/2016	83221	400,000	LB

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		PRD-BULK				
590	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	03/16/2016-03/31/2016	83221	360,000	LB
600 IDAHO FALLS ID						
610	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	01/01/2016-01/15/2016	83402	240,000	LB
620	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	83402	160,000	LB
630	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	02/16/2016-02/29/2016	83402	120,000	LB
640	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	03/01/2016-03/15/2016	83402	60,000	LB
650 MOSES LAKE WA						
660	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	98837	80,000	LB
670	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	02/01/2016-02/15/2016	98837	40,000	LB
680	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	02/16/2016-02/29/2016	98837	40,000	LB
Total Quantity for POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK					5,400,000	LB
690 SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC						
700 DELHI LA						
710	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	01/13/2016-01/15/2016	71232	240,000	LB
720	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	01/29/2016-01/31/2016	71232	200,000	LB
730	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	02/13/2016-02/15/2016	71232	160,000	LB
740	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	02/27/2016-02/29/2016	71232	80,000	LB
750	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	03/13/2016-03/15/2016	71232	120,000	LB
760	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	03/29/2016-03/31/2016	71232	80,000	LB
770	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	04/13/2016-04/15/2016	71232	80,000	LB
780 GRAND FORKS ND						
790	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	01/13/2016-01/15/2016	58203	280,000	LB
800	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	01/29/2016-01/31/2016	58203	80,000	LB
810 PLOVER WI						
820	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	02/13/2016-02/15/2016	54467	3,010,000	LB
830	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	02/27/2016-02/29/2016	54467	3,140,000	LB
840	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	03/13/2016-03/15/2016	54467	1,743,781	LB

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850	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	03/29/2016-03/31/2016	54467	2,020,000	LB
860	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	04/13/2016-04/15/2016	54467	2,226,219	LB
Total Quantity for SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC					13,460,000	LB
Total Quantity for Invitation					72,240,000	LB



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