

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-FFRT-S-16-0011**
Bid invitation number: **2000003655**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 10/16/2015 10:00:00
Offer Due Date : 10/30/2015 13:00:00

Opening date: 10/30/2015 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000003655

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Fresh Vegetables 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 13, 2015. Deliveries are to be made between January 6, 2016 and June 29, 2016.

One hundred percent (100%) of the Potatoes Russet Fresh Bag-10/5 lb and Potatoes Round White Fresh Bag-10/5 lb will be set aside for Small Businesses (SB).

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

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2. The second time non compliance occurs:

- 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 2015, Amendment No. 1 to the Master Solicitation dated June 2015; Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated August 2014, as amended; 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.

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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 voice users)

See attached documents:

- 1 . AMS Master Solicitation April 2015
- 2 . AMS MASTER SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 1
- 3 . FRESH VEGETABLE SPECIFICATION OCTOBER 2014

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 AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED/LAPSED, THAT IS NOT BEING PAID IN A

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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 POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB						
30 LOT: 254778374 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 254778374 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE SC / NO CHARLESTON SC /						
40	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/04/2016-04/06/2016	29803	128	CS
50	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/04/2016-04/06/2016	29611	472	CS
60	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	04/04/2016-04/06/2016	29405	200	CS
Total Quantity for POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB					800	CS
70 POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB						
80 FORT PIERCE FL						
90	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/08/2016-02/10/2016	34947	800	CS
100 HOMESTEAD FL						
110	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	02/15/2016-02/17/2016	33033	800	CS
120	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/14/2016-03/16/2016	33033	800	CS
130	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	05/02/2016-05/04/2016	33033	800	CS
140	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/13/2016-06/15/2016	33033	800	CS
150 JACKSONVILLE FL						
160	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/04/2016-01/06/2016	32206	800	CS
170 RUTLAND VT						
180	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	03/14/2016-03/16/2016	05701	800	CS
190 LOT: 40675576 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE S...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 40675576 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE SC / NO CHARLESTON SC /						

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200	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/04/2016-01/06/2016	29803	128	CS
210	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/04/2016-01/06/2016	29611	472	CS
220	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	01/04/2016-01/06/2016	29405	200	CS
230 LOT: 73909698 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE S...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 73909698 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE SC / NO CHARLESTON SC /						
240	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/27/2016-06/29/2016	29803	128	CS
250	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/27/2016-06/29/2016	29611	472	CS
260	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	06/27/2016-06/29/2016	29405	200	CS
Total Quantity for POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB					7,200	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					8,000	CS



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