

**United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service**
Commodity Procurement Staff
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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239
Washington, DC 20250-0239

Information

Description: **AG-FMIS-S-16-0021-P0001**
Bid invitation number: **2000003737**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 11/23/2015 14:20:00
Offer Due Date : 12/03/2015 13:00:00

Opening date: 12/03/2015 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Amendment Text :

11/25/2015: A01 Issued to:
Remove Items 390-400. Add back Material 100980 Item 680. Total quantity for this solicitation is 6,560,000 lbs.

Tendering text - Header :

Bulk Potatoes, SOLICITATION NO: 2000003737

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, December 11, 2015. Deliveries are to be made between January 16, 2016 and March 31, 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:

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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:
 - 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.

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See attached documents:

- 1 . AMS MASTER SOLICITATION AMENDMENT 1 JUNE 2015
- 2 . AMS MASTER SOLICITATION APRIL 2015
- 3 . Commodity Specification for Bulk Products for Further Processing
- 4 . Commodity Specification for Bulk Potatoes Amendment 1
- 5 . Commodity Specification for Bulk Potatoes Amendment 2
- 6 . 2000003737 Amended A01

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						
270 POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK						
280 BLACKFOOT ID						
290	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	83221	440,000	LB
300	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	02/01/2016-02/15/2016	83221	40,000	LB
310	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	02/16/2016-02/29/2016	83221	40,000	LB
320	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	03/01/2016-03/15/2016	83221	80,000	LB
330	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	03/16/2016-03/31/2016	83221	240,000	LB
340 IDAHO FALLS ID						
350	110227	POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	83402	40,000	LB
					Total Quantity for POTATO FOR PROCESS INTO DEHY PRD-BULK	880,000 LB
360 SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC						
370 DELHI LA						
380	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	01/29/2016-01/31/2016	71232	40,000	LB
680	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	02/13/2016-02/15/2016	71232	40,000	LB
410 PLOVER WI						
420	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	01/29/2016-01/31/2016	54467	40,000	LB
					Total Quantity for SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC	120,000 LB
430 POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ						

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
440 CALDWELL ID						
450	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	83605	360,000	LB
460	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/16/2016-02/29/2016	83605	120,000	LB
470 EASTON ME						
480	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	04740	240,000	LB
490	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/01/2016-02/15/2016	04740	680,000	LB
500	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/16/2016-02/29/2016	04740	520,000	LB
510	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	03/01/2016-03/15/2016	04740	400,000	LB
520	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	03/16/2016-03/31/2016	04740	320,000	LB
530 JAMESTOWN ND						
540	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	58401	80,000	LB
550 CONNELL WA						
560	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	99326	560,000	LB
570	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/01/2016-02/15/2016	99326	200,000	LB
580	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/16/2016-02/29/2016	99326	280,000	LB
590	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	03/01/2016-03/15/2016	99326	960,000	LB
600 PASCO WA						
610	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	99301	40,000	LB
620 PLOVER WI						
630	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	54467	40,000	LB
640	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/01/2016-02/15/2016	54467	160,000	LB
650	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	02/16/2016-02/29/2016	54467	160,000	LB
660	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	03/01/2016-03/15/2016	54467	400,000	LB
670	100506	POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ	03/16/2016-03/31/2016	54467	40,000	LB
Total Quantity for POTATO BULK FOR PROCESS FRZ					5,560,000	LB
Total Quantity for Invitation					6,560,000	LB

Amendment Details

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Date : 11/25/2015

Action	Item	Material	Description	Old Value	New Value	Type
		Field				UOM
DELETE	390		CONNELL WA			Bid/Offer item
DELETE	400	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC			Bid/Offer item
ADD	680	100980	SWEET POTATO BULK FRESH PROC			Bid/Offer item



Contracting Officer
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