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Information

Description: **12-3J14-17-S-0267-P0001**
Bid invitation number: **2000004733**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION Master/Shortfall Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 05/25/2017 12:20:00
Offer Due Date : 06/12/2017 13:00:00

Opening date: 06/12/2017 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Master

Additional requested information:

Amendment Text :

6/5/2017 - Amendment A01 - This amendment makes corrections to the RFP Document and Exhibit 2, and answers questions to vendor questions.

Tendering text - Header :

CANNED AND FROZEN VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, SOLICITATION NO: 2000004733

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests proposals to sell Canned and Frozen Vegetable Products pursuant to the attached Request for Proposals (RFP) document for use in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and other Federal food and nutrition assistance programs.

Awards will be announced by midnight, Friday, July 14, 2017. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2018, and September 30, 2018.

Interested offerors shall carefully read applicable documents and instructions located in the RFP document concerning the content, format, and submission of proposals.

Questions regarding this RFP shall be submitted in writing to Colleen.Nicholson@ams.usda.gov, no later than 12:00PM EST (11:00AM CST) on Wednesday May 31, 2017. Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will host a telephone conference call on Thursday, June 1, 2017, at 12:00PM EST (11:00AM CST). During the call, AMS Commodity Procurement staff will explain the program requirements and field any questions industry may have. To participate in the call, dial 1-888-844-9904. The access code for the call is 1693356#.

Material 100331 is a fifty percent (50%) Small Business Set-Aside, and Material 100307 is a twenty-five percent (25%) Small Business Set-Aside - See FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Small Business Set-Aside. NAICS Code 311421 -Business size 1,000 employees or less apply to this requirement.

Materials 100306 and 100307, Canned Green Beans, shall be REGULAR cut style only.

NOTE: Canned products will be accepted for up to 18 months from date of inspection.

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 proposals.

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

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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.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver.

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.

 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 voice users).

See attached documents:

- 1 . CANNED VEG SPECIFICATIONS MAY 2017
- 2 . FROZEN VEGETABLES SPECIFICATIONS JUN 2014
- 3 . FROZEN VEGETABLES SPEC AMENDMENT 1 MAR 2015
- 4 . FROZEN VEGETABLES SPEC AMENDMENT 2 MAR 2015
- 5 . FROZEN VEGETABLES SPEC AMENDMENT 3 JAN 2016
- 6 . FROZEN VEGETABLES SPEC AMENDMENT 4 JAN 2016
- 7 . FROZEN VEGETABLES SPEC AMENDMENT 5 MAY 2016
- 8 . FROZEN VEGETABLES SPEC AMENDMENT 6 MAR 2017
- 9 . Part B - Schedule Jan 2018 - Sep 2018 FINAL
- 10 . UPDATED RFP Document 2000004733 Canned & Frozen Vegetables
- 11 . SF30 Amendment A01 - Corrections and Questions
- 12 . REVISED Exhibit 2- ESTIMATES BASED ON CURRENT ORDERS

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Attributes :

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 TIMELY MANNER PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING IT?

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

Offeror certifies that the offer is made subject to the USDA Specification; this solicitation; the Agriculture Acquisition Regulations (AGAR); and the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR).

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).

Insert name, title, fax number and telephone number(s) of person submitting the offer.

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 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	Quantity
10	VEGETABLE, CANNED	
20	100310 CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300	89,100 CS

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		Total Quantity for CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300	89,100	CS
30	100311	CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300	605,880	CS
		Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300	605,880	CS
40	100306	BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300	643,140	CS
		Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300	643,140	CS
50	100314	PEAS CAN-24/300	346,680	CS
		Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-24/300	346,680	CS
60	100320	VEG MIX CAN-24/300	367,740	CS
		Total Quantity for VEG MIX CAN-24/300	367,740	CS
70	100328	TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300	421,200	CS
		Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300	421,200	CS
80	100331	POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300	316,710	CS
		Total Quantity for POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300	316,710	CS
130	100307	BEANS GREEN CAN-6/10	270,864	CS
		Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-6/10	270,864	CS
150	100315	PEAS CAN-6/10	31,008	CS
		Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-6/10	31,008	CS
160	100329	TOMATO DICED CAN-6/10	52,896	CS
		Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-6/10	52,896	CS
210	100313	CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10	207,936	CS
		Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10	207,936	CS
110 VEGETABLE, FROZEN				
120	110763	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	36,960	CS
		Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	36,960	CS
170	100350	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	60,720	CS

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		Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	60,720	CS
180	100351	BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	101,640	CS
		Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	101,640	CS
200	100348	CORN FRZ CTN-30 LB	266,640	CS
		Total Quantity for CORN FRZ CTN-30 LB	266,640	CS
220	100352	CARROTS FRZ CTN-30 LB	89,760	CS
		Total Quantity for CARROTS FRZ CTN-30 LB	89,760	CS
		Total Quantity for Invitation	3,908,874	CS

Amendment Details

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Date : 06/05/2017

Action	Item	Material	Description	Type
		Field	Old Value	New Value
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See comments in the amendment header text for specific details.

David M. Mumford

Contracting officer

Commodity Procurement Division

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