

United States Department of Agriculture
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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239
Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-17-S-0444**
Bid invitation number: **2000004977**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

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Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 09/12/2017 11:30:00
Offer Due Date : 09/19/2017 13:00:00

Opening date: 09/19/2017 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Dried Fruit, SOLICITATION NO: 2000004977

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Dried Fruit 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, September 26, 2017. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018.

USDA will accept product produced in calendar year 2016 and calendar year 2017 as long as it was produced according to The Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit and meets the requirements within.

All product supplied for this Solicitation must meet minimum packaging requirements and FDA labeling requirements as outlined in The Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit. Additionally, all labels must include at least two colors in addition to black and/or white.

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.

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. Bidders may submit different prices for each stop. However, a price is required on all line items within the lot.

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

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the Master Solicitation dated April 2017; the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated September 2017; 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 . Master Solicitation April 2017
- 2 . Commodity Specifications for Dried Fruit, Dated September 2017

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).

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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 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 | FRUIT, DRIED | | | | | | |
| 20 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | | | | | | |
| 30 | COMMERCE CA | | | | | | |
| 40 | 110622 | | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 90040 | 1,848 | CS |
| 50 | 110622 | | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 03/01/2018-03/15/2018 | 90040 | 1,848 | CS |
| 60 | LONG BEACH CA | | | | | | |
| 70 | 110622 | | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 06/16/2018-06/30/2018 | 90813 | 1,848 | CS |
| 80 | RIVERSIDE CA | | | | | | |
| 90 | 110622 | | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 06/16/2018-06/30/2018 | 92504 | 1,848 | CS |
| 100 | SACRAMENTO CA | | | | | | |
| 110 | 110622 | | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/16/2018-02/28/2018 | 95828 | 1,848 | CS |
| 120 | 110622 | | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 03/01/2018-03/15/2018 | 95828 | 1,848 | CS |
| 130 | 110622 | | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 03/16/2018-03/31/2018 | 95828 | 1,848 | CS |
| 140 | SAN BERNARDINO CA | | | | | | |
| 150 | 110622 | | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 06/01/2018-06/15/2018 | 92415 | 1,848 | CS |
| 160 | SAN DIEGO CA | | | | | | |
| 170 | 110622 | | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 03/01/2018-03/15/2018 | 92121 | 1,848 | CS |
| 180 | JACKSON MS | | | | | | |

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|---|----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|----------|----|
| 190 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 05/01/2018-05/15/2018 | 39201 | 1,848 | CS |
| 200 LUBBOCK TX | | | | | | |
| 210 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 79404 | 1,848 | CS |
| 220 SALEM VA | | | | | | |
| 230 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 01/16/2018-01/31/2018 | 24153 | 1,848 | CS |
| 240 LOT: 9078891 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE SC... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 9078891 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE SC / NO CHARLESTON SC / | | | | | | |
| 250 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 06/16/2018-06/30/2018 | 29803 | 296 | CS |
| 260 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 06/16/2018-06/30/2018 | 29611 | 1,090 | CS |
| 270 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 06/16/2018-06/30/2018 | 29405 | 462 | CS |
| 280 LOT: 11682165 BIRMINGHAM AL / HUNTSVI... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 11682165 BIRMINGHAM AL / HUNTSVILLE AL / THEODORE AL / | | | | | | |
| 290 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 05/16/2018-05/31/2018 | 35209 | 829 | CS |
| 300 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 05/16/2018-05/31/2018 | 35805 | 542 | CS |
| 310 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 05/16/2018-05/31/2018 | 36582 | 477 | CS |
| 320 LOT: 40653341 OAKLAND CA / SAN JOSE CA / | | | | | | |
| 330 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 94621 | 924 | CS |
| 340 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 95125 | 924 | CS |
| 350 LOT: 44221310 CHICAGO IL / GENEVA IL / | | | | | | |
| 360 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 04/01/2018-04/15/2018 | 60632 | 462 | CS |
| 370 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 04/01/2018-04/15/2018 | 60134 | 1,386 | CS |
| 380 LOT: 101983465 MAPLEWOOD MN / NEW HOP... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 101983465 MAPLEWOOD MN / NEW HOPE MN / | | | | | | |
| 390 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 01/01/2018-01/15/2018 | 55109 | 1,380 | CS |
| 400 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 01/01/2018-01/15/2018 | 55428 | 468 | CS |
| 410 LOT: 159984972 BAKERSFIELD CA / FRESN... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 159984972 BAKERSFIELD CA / FRESNO CA / | | | | | | |
| 420 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 05/01/2018-05/15/2018 | 93307 | 924 | CS |
| 430 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 05/01/2018-05/15/2018 | 93725 | 924 | CS |
| 440 LOT: 273193593 DELAWARE CITY DE / NEW... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 273193593 DELAWARE CITY DE / NEWARK DE / | | | | | | |
| 450 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 19706 | 853 | CS |
| 460 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 19713 | 995 | CS |
| 470 LOT: 288985974 KENT WA / SEATTLE WA / | | | | | | |

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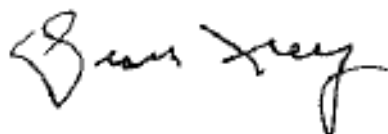
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|--|----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|----------|----|
| 480 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 03/01/2018-03/15/2018 | 98032 | 1,401 | CS |
| 490 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 03/01/2018-03/15/2018 | 98108 | 447 | CS |
| 500 LOT: 325040570 DES MOINES IA / WATERL... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 325040570 DES MOINES IA / WATERLOO IA / CONCORDIA KS / | | | | | | |
| 510 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 50316 | 462 | CS |
| 520 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 50703 | 462 | CS |
| 530 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 66901 | 924 | CS |
| 540 LOT: 337888254 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / LEX... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 337888254 ELIZABETHTOWN KY / LEXINGTON KY / LOUISVILLE KY / | | | | | | |
| 550 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/16/2018-02/28/2018 | 42701 | 616 | CS |
| 560 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/16/2018-02/28/2018 | 40511 | 616 | CS |
| 570 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/16/2018-02/28/2018 | 40228 | 616 | CS |
| 580 LOT: 357661915 CHICAGO IL / SPRINGFIE.. | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 357661915 CHICAGO IL / SPRINGFIELD IL / BRIDGETON MO / | | | | | | |
| 590 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 01/01/2018-01/15/2018 | 60632 | 924 | CS |
| 600 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 01/01/2018-01/15/2018 | 62703 | 462 | CS |
| 610 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 01/01/2018-01/15/2018 | 63044 | 462 | CS |
| 620 LOT: 418080635 DAVENPORT IA / CHICAGO... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 418080635 DAVENPORT IA / CHICAGO IL / | | | | | | |
| 630 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 06/01/2018-06/15/2018 | 52802 | 462 | CS |
| 640 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 06/01/2018-06/15/2018 | 60632 | 1,386 | CS |
| 650 LOT: 481502440 GARDEN GROVE CA / LONG... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 481502440 GARDEN GROVE CA / LONG BEACH CA / | | | | | | |
| 660 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 03/01/2018-03/15/2018 | 92841 | 924 | CS |
| 670 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 03/01/2018-03/15/2018 | 90813 | 924 | CS |
| 680 LOT: 495665238 AUSTIN TX / DALLAS TX / | | | | | | |
| 690 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 78744 | 924 | CS |
| 700 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 75236 | 924 | CS |
| 710 LOT: 650344950 FREDERICKSBURG VA / VE.. | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 650344950 FREDERICKSBURG VA / VERONA VA / | | | | | | |
| 720 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 03/01/2018-03/15/2018 | 22408 | 616 | CS |
| 730 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 03/01/2018-03/15/2018 | 24482 | 1,232 | CS |
| 740 LOT: 686009329 WASHINGTON DC | | | | | | |

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| 750 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 20017 | 1,164 | CS |
| 760 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 20017 | 684 | CS |
| 770 LOT: 710359658 EL PASO TX / ODESSA TX / | | | | | | |
| 780 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 01/01/2018-01/15/2018 | 79927 | 1,386 | CS |
| 790 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 01/01/2018-01/15/2018 | 79761 | 462 | CS |
| 800 LOT: 785330295 AUSTIN TX / DALLAS TX / | | | | | | |
| 810 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 04/01/2018-04/15/2018 | 78744 | 924 | CS |
| 820 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 04/01/2018-04/15/2018 | 75236 | 924 | CS |
| 830 LOT: 883100860 BEAUMONT TX / TYLER TX... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 883100860 BEAUMONT TX / TYLER TX / VICTORIA TX / | | | | | | |
| 840 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 05/16/2018-05/31/2018 | 77705 | 462 | CS |
| 850 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 05/16/2018-05/31/2018 | 75711 | 462 | CS |
| 860 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 05/16/2018-05/31/2018 | 77901 | 924 | CS |
| 870 LOT: 897739397 ALBUQUERQUE NM / EL PA... | | | | | | |
| Tendering text - Item : LOT: 897739397 ALBUQUERQUE NM / EL PASO TX / | | | | | | |
| 880 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 87109 | 924 | CS |
| 890 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 02/01/2018-02/15/2018 | 79927 | 924 | CS |
| 900 LOT: 924706832 LAREDO TX / PHARR TX / | | | | | | |
| 910 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 03/01/2018-03/15/2018 | 78041 | 460 | CS |
| 920 | 110622 | BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | 03/01/2018-03/15/2018 | 78577 | 1,388 | CS |
| Total Quantity for BLUEBERRY HIGHBUSH DRIED PKG-8/2 LB | | | | | 60,984 | CS |
| Total Quantity for Invitation | | | | | 60,984 | CS |



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