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Information

Description: **12-3J14-18-B-0263**
Bid invitation number: **2000005349**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION
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Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 05/10/2018 10:00:00
Offer Due Date : 05/24/2018 13:00:00

Opening date: 05/24/2018 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Master

Additional requested information:

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CANNED AND FROZEN FRUIT PRODUCTS, SOLICITATION NO: 2000005439

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests offers to sell Canned and Frozen Fruit Products pursuant to the attached Invitation for Bids (IFB) solicitation 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 June 1, 2018, . Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2019, and June 30, 2019.

All offerors should reference the Fruit Invitation For Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000005349 document attached to the solicitation for more information.

QUESTIONS regarding this IFB are due on or before 3:00 pm Central Time, on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, via email only, to Colleen Nicholson, at colleen.nicholson@ams.usda.gov. Please use #Questions concerning Solicitation 2000005349 Canned & Frozen Fruit IDIQ# as the subject line. Vendors are required to submit all questions no later than the deadline specified above. Untimely question submissions may not be answered. Answers to questions will be issued in writing via an amendment to the solicitation.

A CONFERENCE CALL discussing this IFB will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 1:00 pm Central Time. The Call-in number is (888) 844-9904; Access code is 1693356#.

SET ASIDES:

100210,,APRICOT HALVES CAN- 24/300,,	SDVOSB,,10%
100211,,MIXED FRUIT CAN- 24/300 ,,	SDVOSB,,10%
100212,,MIXED FRUIT EX LT CAN- 6/10,,	SDVOSB,,10%
100218,,PEACHES CLING SLICES CAN- 24/300,,	SDVOSB,,10%
100219,,PEACHES CLING SLICES EX LT CAN- 6/10,,	SDVOSB,,10%
100220,,PEACHES CLING DICED EX LT CAN- 6/10,,	SDVOSB,,10%
100225,,PEARS DICED EX LT CAN-6/10,,	SDVOSB,,10%
100239 PEACHES FREESTONE SLICES FRZ CTN-20 LB SB 30%	
100241 PEACH FREESTONE DICED FRZ CUP-96/4.4 OZ SB 30%	SDVOSB 10%

Checkloading: The requirements for checkloading by USDA inspectors outlined in the Commodity Specifications for canned fruit are NOT applicable to contracts awarded under this solicitation, for the following products ONLY:

Canned Peaches, Canned Pears, Canned Apricots, and Canned Mixed Fruit

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Pack Year: USDA will accept product produced in calendar year 2018 and calendar year 2019 for deliveries made under resulting contracts.

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.

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.

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.

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See attached documents:

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- 1 . Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (April 2017)
- 2 . CommoditySpecificationCannedFruitMarch2018
- 3 . CommoditySpecificationsforFrozenFruitJune2017
- 4 . FrozenFruitAmendment1April2018
- 5 . Part B Schedule January 2019 - June 2019
- 6 . Exhibit 2 - Estimates Based on Current Orders for Canned and Fro
- 7 . Fruit IDIQ IFB 2000005349

Attributes :

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

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).

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

Permitted values: - Have been delivered

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

Bid invitation Item details

	Item Material	Description	Quantity	
10 FRUIT, CANNED				
20	100212	MIXED FRUIT EX LT CAN-6/10	292,752	CS
		Total Quantity for MIXED FRUIT EX LT CAN-6/10	292,752	CS
30	100219	PEACHES CLING SLICES EX LT CAN-6/10	172,368	CS
		Total Quantity for PEACHES CLING SLICES EX LT CAN-6/10	172,368	CS
40	100220	PEACHES CLING DICED EX LT CAN-6/10	306,432	CS
		Total Quantity for PEACHES CLING DICED EX LT CAN-6/10	306,432	CS
50	100224	PEARS SLICES EX LT CAN-6/10	92,112	CS
		Total Quantity for PEARS SLICES EX LT CAN-6/10	92,112	CS
60	100225	PEARS DICED EX LT CAN-6/10	258,096	CS
		Total Quantity for PEARS DICED EX LT CAN-6/10	258,096	CS
70	100226	PEARS HALVES EX LT CAN-6/10	5,472	CS
		Total Quantity for PEARS HALVES EX LT CAN-6/10	5,472	CS
110	100210	APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300	85,860	CS
		Total Quantity for APRICOT HALVES CAN-24/300	85,860	CS
120	100211	MIXED FRUIT CAN-24/300	366,120	CS
		Total Quantity for MIXED FRUIT CAN-24/300	366,120	CS
130	100218	PEACHES CLING SLICES CAN-24/300	358,020	CS
		Total Quantity for PEACHES CLING SLICES CAN-24/300	358,020	CS
140	100223	PEARS CAN-24/300	215,460	CS
		Total Quantity for PEARS CAN-24/300	215,460	CS

80 FRUIT, FROZEN

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
90	100239	PEACHES FREESTONE SLICES FRZ CTN-20 LB	7,600	CS
		Total Quantity for PEACHES FREESTONE SLICES FRZ CTN-20 LB	7,600	CS
100	100241	PEACH FREESTONE DICED FRZ CUP-96/4.4 OZ	323,400	CS
		Total Quantity for PEACH FREESTONE DICED FRZ CUP-96/4.4 OZ	323,400	CS
		Total Quantity for Invitation	2,483,692	CS

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Contracting officer

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