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Washington, DC 20036

Information

Description: **12-3J14-18-B-0291**
Bid invitation number: **2000005380**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

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Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 05/16/2018 13:00:00
Offer Due Date : 05/30/2018 13:00:00

Opening date: 05/30/2018 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

Fresh Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO:2000005380

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, June 13, 2018. Deliveries are to be made between August 1st, 2018 to December 15th, 2018.

Potatoes Russet Fresh Bag-10/5 LB (101017) is 100% Total Small Business Set Aside. NAICS Code 311991 with a size standard of 500 employees or less applies to this requirement.

Potatoes Round White Fresh Bag-10/5 LB (101019) is 100% Total Small Business Set Aside. NAICS Code 311991 with a size standard of 500 employees or less applies to this requirement.

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 vegetables are required to undergo and pass the USDA AMS SCP Specialty Crop Inspection Division (SCID) Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP) verification audits, and must score at least 80% on each of the following scopes for each product being offered:

GAP - Farm Review ; Field Harvesting & Field Packing Activities
GHP - House Packing Facility; and Storage & Transportation

All these requirements shall be met PRIOR to the bid opening date.

Brokers are exempt from the GAP/GHP requirements themselves, however its suppliers/subcontractors performing under the contract shall have the applicable USDA GAP/GHP certification(s).

Verification audits shall be performed by the USDA, AMS, SCP-SCID representatives only.

***** In order to verify that the contractor and/or its subcontractors/suppliers are in compliance with GAP/GHP certification, offerors are encouraged to submit GAP/GHP certificates for all scopes of the contract being performed and for all commodities being offered. Offerors shall submit a list of approved GAP/GHP suppliers and shipping points on a separate sheet of paper to be uploaded in WBSCM, and to be submitted with their bids.*****

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Offerors who do not intend to perform the contracts awarded under this solicitation must submit a list of their approved subcontractors/suppliers on separate sheet of paper to be uploaded into WBSCM to be submitted with their bids.

Offerors may contact USDA/AMS after contract award to submit a waiver request for additional suppliers to be added to the approved list on the contract and include copies of their GAP/GHP certificates to the waiver request. The Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program can be accessed at the following website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/gapghp.htm>

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
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. 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.

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Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated April 2017; The Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables dated October 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 . FRESH VEGETABLE SPECIFICATION OCTOBER 2014
- 2 . Master Solicitation April 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

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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 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		IRVINE CA				
40	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/13/2018-08/15/2018	92618	800	CS
50		BALTIMORE MD				
60	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/05/2018-11/07/2018	21227	800	CS
70		LAS VEGAS NV				
80	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/24/2018-09/26/2018	89115	800	CS
90		ODESSA TX				
100	101019	POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/13/2018-08/15/2018	79761	800	CS
		Total Quantity for POTATOES ROUND WHITE FRESH BAG-10/5 LB			3,200	CS
110		POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB				

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
120 EXETER CA						
130	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/08/2018-10/10/2018	93221	800	CS
140	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/12/2018-11/14/2018	93221	800	CS
150 FRESNO CA						
160	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/12/2018-11/14/2018	93725	800	CS
170	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/26/2018-11/28/2018	93725	800	CS
180 IRVINE CA						
190	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/10/2018-12/12/2018	92618	800	CS
200 SAN DIEGO CA						
210	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/13/2018-08/15/2018	92121	1,600	CS
220	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/10/2018-12/12/2018	92121	1,600	CS
230 PEMBROKE PARK FL						
240	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/10/2018-09/12/2018	33023	800	CS
250	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/08/2018-10/10/2018	33023	800	CS
260	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/12/2018-11/14/2018	33023	800	CS
270 ATLANTA GA						
280	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/27/2018-08/29/2018	30318	800	CS
290	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/22/2018-10/24/2018	30318	800	CS
300	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/12/2018-11/14/2018	30318	800	CS
310	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/03/2018-12/05/2018	30318	800	CS
320 CHICAGO IL						
330	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/01/2018-10/03/2018	60632	800	CS
340 GENEVA IL						
350	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/08/2018-10/10/2018	60134	800	CS
360 LAFAYETTE LA						
370	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/13/2018-08/15/2018	70505	800	CS
380	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/08/2018-10/10/2018	70505	800	CS
390	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/03/2018-12/05/2018	70505	800	CS
400 MONROE LA						
410	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/13/2018-08/15/2018	71203	800	CS
420	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/05/2018-11/07/2018	71203	800	CS
430 NEW ORLEANS LA						
440	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/13/2018-08/15/2018	70123	800	CS
450	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/24/2018-09/26/2018	70123	800	CS
460	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/05/2018-11/07/2018	70123	800	CS
470 BALTIMORE MD						

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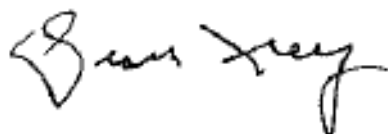
Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
480	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/22/2018-10/24/2018	21227	800	CS
490 HILLSIDE NJ						
500	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/29/2018-10/31/2018	07205	800	CS
510	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/26/2018-11/28/2018	07205	800	CS
520 PENNSAUKEN NJ						
530	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/29/2018-10/31/2018	08110	800	CS
540	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/26/2018-11/28/2018	08110	800	CS
550 ALBUQUERQUE NM						
560	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/01/2018-10/03/2018	87109	800	CS
570	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/15/2018-10/17/2018	87109	800	CS
580	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/26/2018-11/28/2018	87109	800	CS
590	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/03/2018-12/05/2018	87109	800	CS
600 LAS VEGAS NV						
610	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/27/2018-08/29/2018	89115	800	CS
620 PHARR TX						
630	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/24/2018-09/26/2018	78577	800	CS
640	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/29/2018-10/31/2018	78577	800	CS
650 SAN ANTONIO TX						
660	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/27/2018-08/29/2018	78277	800	CS
670	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/15/2018-10/17/2018	78277	800	CS
680	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/12/2018-11/14/2018	78277	800	CS
690 RICHMOND VA						
700	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/13/2018-08/15/2018	23220	800	CS
710 LOT: 16225238 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE S...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 16225238 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE SC / NO CHARLESTON SC /						
720	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/05/2018-11/07/2018	29803	128	CS
730	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/05/2018-11/07/2018	29611	472	CS
740	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	11/05/2018-11/07/2018	29405	200	CS
750 LOT: 233183506 PEORIA IL / EVANSVILLE..						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 233183506 PEORIA IL / EVANSVILLE IN /						
760	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/01/2018-10/03/2018	61605	400	CS
770	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/01/2018-10/03/2018	47711	400	CS
780 LOT: 267385443 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 267385443 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE SC / NO CHARLESTON SC /						

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790	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/03/2018-09/05/2018	29803	128	CS
800	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/03/2018-09/05/2018	29611	472	CS
810	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	09/03/2018-09/05/2018	29405	200	CS
820 LOT: 340186148 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 340186148 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA FL /						
830	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/10/2018-12/12/2018	33756	200	CS
840	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	12/10/2018-12/12/2018	33605	600	CS
850 LOT: 666782664 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 666782664 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA FL /						
860	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/15/2018-10/17/2018	33756	200	CS
870	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	10/15/2018-10/17/2018	33605	600	CS
880 LOT: 694216495 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA ...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 694216495 CLEARWATER FL / TAMPA FL /						
890	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/13/2018-08/15/2018	33756	200	CS
900	101017	POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB	08/13/2018-08/15/2018	33605	600	CS
Total Quantity for POTATOES RUSSET FRESH BAG-10/5 LB					38,400	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					41,600	CS



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