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Information

Description: **12-3J14-18-B-0311**
Bid invitation number: **2000005405**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

SOLICITATION Master/Shortfall Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 06/06/2018 12:30:00
Offer Due Date : 06/19/2018 13:00:00

Opening date: 06/19/2018 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Master

Additional requested information:

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CANNED AND FROZEN VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, SOLICITATION NO: 2000005405 (ROUND 2)

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) requests offers to sell Canned and Frozen Vegetable 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, Thursday July 12, 2018. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019.

All offerors should reference the Vegetable Invitation For Bids (IFB) IDIQ 2000005405 document attached to this solicitation for more information.

Note: Due to the recent changes in SAM.gov policy regarding the appointment of an authorized Entity Administrator, USDA/AMS may allow bidders to be considered for award pending SAM.gov processing of the notarized letter. This exception is considered for new/expired SAM registrations impacted by notarized letter processing delays only. In order to be considered for an exception, the vendor must have submitted the required notarized letter to SAM.gov (per the directions provided in the link below) and must submit a copy of the notarized letter to the cognizant contracting officer.

https://www.fsd.gov/fsd-gov/answer.do?sysparm_kbid=d2e67885db0d5f00b3257d321f96194b&sysparm_search=kb0013183

Note that all other terms associated with requirements of Sam.gov registration, including those that impact payment, remain in full force and affect. (see MSCP dated April 2017, clause 52.212-1(k))
(k) System for Award Management. Unless exempted by an addendum to this solicitation, by submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee shall be registered in the SAM database prior to award, during performance and through final payment of any contract resulting from this solicitation.#

QUESTIONS regarding this IFB are due on or before 3:00 pm Central Time, on Friday, June 8, 2018, via email only, to Barbara Nelson, at Barbara.Nelson@ams.usda.gov. Please use Questions Concerning Solicitation 2000005405 Canned & Frozen Vegetable 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 Monday, June 11, 2018, at 1:30 pm EST, or 12:30 pm Central Time. The Call-in number is (888) 844-9904; Access code is 1693356#.

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SET ASIDES:

100307- BEANS GREEN CAN- 6/10: Small Business, 25%
 100331- POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN- 24/300: Small Business, 50%

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

Frozen Corn CTN-30 LB (Material 100348) and Frozen Green Peas CTN-30 LB (Material 100350)

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.

 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,

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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 . Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (April 2017)
- 2 . Frozen Vegetables Amendment 2 May 2018
- 3 . Frozen Vegetable Amendment 1 Apr 2018
- 4 . Commodity Spec for Frozen Vegetables Jun 2017
- 5 . Canned Vegetable Amendment 1 Jan 2018
- 6 . Commodity Spec for Canned Vegetables May 2017
- 7 . Exhibit 2 Estimates
- 8 . Part B January to July 2019 Schedule
- 9 . Vegetable IDIQ IFB 2000005405

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

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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
 - 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	VEGETABLE, CANNED			
20	100307	BEANS GREEN CAN-6/10	149,568	CS
		Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-6/10	149,568	CS
30	100313	CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10	112,176	CS
		Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL(LIQ) CAN-6/10	112,176	CS
40	100315	PEAS CAN-6/10	10,944	CS
		Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-6/10	10,944	CS
50	100329	TOMATO DICED CAN-6/10	14,592	CS
		Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-6/10	14,592	CS
130	100306	BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300	515,160	CS
		Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN CAN-24/300	515,160	CS
140	100331	POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300	235,620	CS
		Total Quantity for POTATOES WHT SLICES CAN-24/300	235,620	CS
150	100314	PEAS CAN-24/300	312,660	CS
		Total Quantity for PEAS CAN-24/300	312,660	CS

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Item	Material	Description	Quantity	
160	100320	VEG MIX CAN-24/300	320,760	CS
		Total Quantity for VEG MIX CAN-24/300	320,760	CS
170	100328	TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300	311,040	CS
		Total Quantity for TOMATO DICED CAN-24/300	311,040	CS
180	100311	CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300	410,040	CS
		Total Quantity for CORN WHOLE KERNEL CAN-24/300	410,040	CS
190	100310	CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300	77,760	CS
		Total Quantity for CORN CREAM STYLE CAN-24/300	77,760	CS
60 VEGETABLE, FROZEN				
70	100348	CORN FRZ CTN-30 LB	162,360	CS
		Total Quantity for CORN FRZ CTN-30 LB	162,360	CS
80	100351	BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	58,080	CS
		Total Quantity for BEANS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	58,080	CS
90	100352	CARROTS FRZ CTN-30 LB	42,240	CS
		Total Quantity for CARROTS FRZ CTN-30 LB	42,240	CS
100	110763	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	15,840	CS
		Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	15,840	CS
110	110871	MIXED VEGETABLES FRZ CTN-30 LB	22,440	CS
		Total Quantity for MIXED VEGETABLES FRZ CTN-30 LB	22,440	CS
120	100350	PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	22,440	CS
		Total Quantity for PEAS GREEN FRZ CTN-30 LB	22,440	CS
		Total Quantity for Invitation	2,793,720	CS

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Contracting officer

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