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Information

Description: 12-3J14-18-B-0480

Bid invitation number: 2000005625
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time

Start Date: 09/11/2018 15:00:00 Offer Due Date : 09/18/2018 13:00:00

Opening date: 09/18/2018 13:00:00

Invitation Type: Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header:

Frozen Vegetables, SOLICITATION NO: 2000005625

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen 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, September 18, 2018. Deliveries are to be made between January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019.

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 the Master Solicitation dated April 2017; the Commodity Specification for Frozen Vegetables dated June 2017; Commodity Specification for frozen vegetables amendment 1 dated April 2018; Commodity Specification for frozen vegetables amendment 2 dated May 2018 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 . SPECIFICATION FOR FROZEN VEG AMENDMENT 1 APRIL 2018
- 3. SPECIFICATION FOR FROZEN VEGETABLES JUNE 2017
- 4 . SPECIFICATION FOR FROZEN VEG AMENDMENT 2 MAY 2018

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).

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.

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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 C	Quantity				
10 VEGETABLE, FROZEN									
20 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB									
30 LOT: 316774921 FORT MILL SC / LEXINGT									
	Tendering text - Item: LOT: 316774921 FORT MILL SC / LEXINGTON SC /								
40	110481	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	01/01/2019-01/15/2019	29715	990.000 CS				
50	110481	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	01/01/2019-01/15/2019	29072	330.000 CS				
	Total Quantity for CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB								
60 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB									
70 BERKELEY IL									
80	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/01/2019-02/15/2019	60163	1,320.000CS				
90	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	03/16/2019-03/31/2019	60163	1,320.000CS				
100 VINELAND NJ									
110	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/01/2019-01/15/2019	08360	1,320.000CS				
120 MOOSIC PA									
130	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	01/16/2019-01/31/2019	18507	1,320.000CS				
140	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/01/2019-02/15/2019	18507	1,320.000CS				
150	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	02/16/2019-02/28/2019	18507	1,320.000CS				
160	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	03/01/2019-03/15/2019	18507	1,320.000CS				
170	110480	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB	03/16/2019-03/31/2019	18507	1,320.000CS				
Total Quantity for CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-30 LB cs									

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Item Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity					
180 SPINACH CH	OPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)			10,560.000					
190 CREEDMOOR NC									
200 110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2019-01/15/2019	27522	1,902.000CS					
210 NEWARK NJ									
220 110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	02/01/2019-02/15/2019	07114	1,902.000CS					
230 VINELAND NJ									
240 110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2019-01/15/2019	08360	1,902.000CS					
250 WAYNENJ									
260 110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2019-01/15/2019	07470	1,902.000CS					
270 BROOKLYN NY									
280 110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2019-01/15/2019	11207	1,902.000CS					
290 110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2019-01/15/2019	11236	1,902.000CS					
300 JACKSON TN									
310 110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/16/2019-01/31/2019	38301	1,902.000CS					
320 110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	03/16/2019-03/31/2019	38301	1,902.000CS					
330 DALLAS TX									
340 110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2019-01/15/2019	75215	1,902.000CS					
350 110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	03/01/2019-03/15/2019	75215	1,902.000CS					
360 HOUSTON TX									
370 110425	SPINACH CHOPPED FRZ IQF CTN-20 LB (1902)	01/01/2019-01/15/2019	77028	1,902.000CS					
	1902)	CS 20,922.000							
	Total Quantity for Invitation			cs					
	-			32,802.000					

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