

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
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Washington, DC 20036

## Information

Description: **12-3J14-19-B-0031**  
Bid invitation number: **2000005688**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Livestock**

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 10/15/2018 13:00:00  
Offer Due Date : 10/24/2018 13:00:00  
  
Opening date: 10/24/2018 13:00:00  
  
Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

##### Tendering text - Header :

FROZEN BEEF PRODUCTS (Type 2), SOLICITATION NO: 2000005688

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen beef products 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 no later than midnight, Friday, November 2, 2018. Deliveries are to be from December 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

All line items for this solicitation are identified as Coarse Ground Beef - Type 2, which determines the level of microbial testing required. Please review Sections 320.9 and 321.7 for Type 2, of Supplement 211, dated August 2017 for more information.

This Solicitation is a fifty (50%) Small Business Set-Aside - See FAR 52.219-6 Notice of Small Business Set-Aside. NAICS Code 311611- Business size 1,000 employees or less apply to this requirement.

This Solicitation is a ten percent (10%) Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Set-Aside.

The 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.

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.

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.

In order to submit offers on this Solicitation, Offerors must be deemed eligible by the Contracting Officer. Product purchased under this Solicitation will be produced according to the applicable Federal Purchase Program Specification and eligible supplier's approved technical proposal.

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Offerors must reference their AMS designated laboratory in their technical proposal.

NOTE: All fees associated with microbial testing for boneless beef and ground beef items and fat analysis for ground beef products will be paid by AMS. 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 non-responsive. Offerors must be active in WBSCM and have the required bidder roles in order to submit offers under this solicitation. Once connected, follow the on-line 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 AMS Master Solicitation, dated April 2017; Supplement 211 to AMS Master Solicitation, dated August 2017; or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Room 3524-South; 1400 Independence Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20250. Telephone (202)720-4517; FAX: (202)720-2782.

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**See attached documents:**

- 1 . AMS MASTER SOLICITATION APRIL 2017
- 2 . Supplement 211 AUGUST 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

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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

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.

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		<b>BEEF, GROUND</b>			
20		<b>BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB</b>			
30		<b>SCRANTON PA</b>			
40	100154	BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	12/01/2018-12/15/2018	18504	LB
					294,000.000
		<b>Total Quantity for BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB</b>			LB
					294,000.000
		<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>			LB
					294,000.000



Contracting Officer  
 Commodity Procurement Division  
 United States Department of Agriculture